



CARRAWAY CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING, LLC

## ISEE PREPARATION COURSE

Our goal at the Carraway Center is to understand students learn best and to equip them with specific strategies needed to be successful on the ISEE. We believe there are different approaches and strategies for different kinds of thinkers. We focus on getting to know how each individual student thinks, processes information, and recalls concepts. During instruction, we focus on building understanding of *how to* best approach the different kinds of questions and content presented on the ISEE. Because our goal is to develop critical thinking abilities, we teach students how to take different perspectives, how to look at questions analytically, and how to implement different approaches while solving problems. All instruction at the Carraway Center is based on the latest cognitive and neuroscience research on how the brain learns.

### Our experienced instructors:

- Teach students how to use their strengths to their advantage
- Work the problems with the students
- Model how to approach the questions
- Teach students to identify patterns and common types of problems
- Identify weak content areas and provide instruction in these domains
- Teach students to think like the test designers
- Help students create their own strategy notebook

### Strategies provided for:

- Vocabulary, Sentence Completion, Reading Comprehension, Writing & Math
- Eliminating wrong answer choices
- Time management
- Reading questions carefully
- Staying focused
- Thinking critically
- Dealing with test anxiety
- Developing a personal preparation plan for each student based on their strengths and weaknesses

The sessions are designed to provide a comprehensive overview of the ISEE. Sessions focus on specific strategies for each section of the ISEE, general standardized test-taking strategies, and suggestions for further preparation. Upon completion of the group sessions, the instructor will provide specific feedback to the student and the parent identifying how to best address the student's specific needs. Individual sessions can be scheduled during or following the group sessions to provide more concentrated teaching in specific areas of weakness.

### The following topics will be covered:

**Vocabulary:** Defining unfamiliar vocabulary; Sentence completion exercises; Study of word parts

**Critical Reading:** Efficiently reading passages; Decoding questions and answer choices; Questioning strategies

**Math:** Approaching open-ended questions; Eliminating incorrect answer choices; Reviewing commonly tested skills

**Writing:** Constructing an effective essay; Identifying grammar and punctuation errors; Recognizing concise and sensible writing

**COST:** \$250

### **SCHEDULE: All classes will be held at St. Paul Academy**

Session 1: Tuesday, October 3 – 5:45 - 6:45

Overview of the ISEE

Session 2: Thursday, October 5 – 5:45 - 6:45

Critical Reading Strategies

Session 3: Tuesday, October 10 – 5:45 - 6:45

Quantitative Reasoning Strategies

#### **\*No Thursday due to Fall Break**

Session 4: Tuesday, October 17 – 5:45 - 6:45

Verbal Reasoning Strategies

Session 5: Thursday, October 19 – 5:45 - 6:45

Mathematic Achievement Strategies

Session 6: Tuesday, October 24 - 5:45 - 6:45

Essay Writing

Session 7: Thursday, October 26 – 5:45 - 6:45

Complete ISEE Review & Parent Session

\*Parents Encouraged to Attend this final session



One-on-one sessions with a Carraway Center instructor. The first session includes an evaluation of the student's learning style and strengths and weaknesses on the specific sections of the ISEE. The following sessions are then tailored to the student's specific needs, and instruction is designed accordingly.

*\*Missed group sessions can be made up as individual sessions for an additional fee.*

**DATES:** Sessions individually scheduled

**COST:** \$ 70.00 per hour

### **Register Online or Pay by Check**

#### **Option 1: Register and pay online:**

<https://carraway.wufoo.com/forms/carraway-center-isee-prep-course-registration/>

#### **Option 2: Complete the attached registration form and mail it in with your payment.**

Complete the registration form and return it with your payment made out to The Carraway Center to:

The Carraway Center for Teaching and Learning  
4205 Hillsboro Pike, Suite 201  
Nashville, TN 37215

For any questions or for more specific information on the courses and style of instruction, please contact Kimberly Carraway at:

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\* Registration required 48 hours prior to the course. Class size is limited, first-come first serve.

\* Payments can be made the first day of class, but registrations must be made in advance.

The Carraway Center for Teaching & Learning is an educational consulting organization dedicated to helping students, teachers, and parents understand how learning occurs and to creating superior educational programs and courses. Developing specific learning strategies based on cognitive neuroscience research, the Carraway Center helps ensure academic success for every type of learner.

Based in Nashville, Tennessee, the Carraway Center works with schools, organizations, and individuals through private consulting, student workshops, parent seminars, and professional development courses. Through individual instruction and group workshops, students are taught to identify how they learn best and how to choose practical strategies that will enhance their individual learning process. The Carraway Center also provides the Carraway Summer Learning Institutes. The Institutes are summer education courses that teach specifically designed learning and study strategies and provide unique learning tools to middle to high-school aged students.



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## ISEE PREPARATION COURSE REGISTRATION FORM

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

ISEE Test Date Student is Registered for: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or Other Medical Concerns:

### Academic Strengths & Weaknesses:

Does your child historically struggle in or have a specific strength in a particular academic area or on specific parts of standardized tests? If so, please explain. This will help us know your child faster and enable us to provide more specific recommendations for preparation for the ISEE.

My child has historically struggled in school or on standardized tests in the following areas:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Verbal Reasoning (Vocabulary & Sentence Completions)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Math Word Problems
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mathematical Procedures (fractions, division, geometry, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Reading Comprehension
- \_\_\_\_\_ Writing Paragraphs and Essays