



# Frequently Asked Middle School Questions

## **How do I apply for my student to attend IC Imagine?**

Fill out an application for enrollment on our website at [icimagine.org/enrollment/](http://icimagine.org/enrollment/). Depending on when you apply, you will either be entered into the lottery or given a spot on the waitlist.

## **What are the school hours?**

Every year, we communicate the arrival and dismissal specifics for that year. We will be operating on a staggered start when we move into our new building. These details will be communicated to families in early Spring 2019. On Wednesdays we start school approximately an hour and a half later to provide additional collaboration time for teachers. On these late-start mornings, we do offer ASCEND early care. See information below about this opportunity.

## **Does IC Imagine offer before school and after school care?**

Yes. The ASCEND program operates daily until 6:00pm to provide care for students after school. On Wednesday mornings, ASCEND also offers before school care from 7:30 until 9:00am. For more information contact [ascend@icimagine.org](mailto:ascend@icimagine.org).

## **Does IC Imagine follow the Buncombe County Schools' or another local school district's calendar?**

No. We are on a modified year-round calendar. This involves 2 short breaks (one week in the fall and two weeks in the spring) and two longer breaks (one summer break and a winter break from Thanksgiving through New Years).

## **Do you offer camps during the breaks?**

Yes, the ASCEND program offers camps during our breaks. For more information contact [ascend@icimagine.org](mailto:ascend@icimagine.org).

## **Does IC Imagine follow Buncombe County Schools' or another local school district's decisions for inclement weather?**

No. We make a decision independently, evaluating the conditions in Buncombe County and the surrounding areas. Once we make a decision, we communicate school closings and delays on our website, Facebook page, via family email, and on News 13 WLOS.

## **What are my lunch options?**

We are a nut-free school. All lunches and snacks should not contain any nuts. Families are required to pack a lunch daily for their Champions. Please be mindful that we will not be able to heat food up for your child and that microwaves will not be accessible to Champions.

We offer boxed lunch options most months, this is an optional program for your convenience. Menus will be posted on the IC Imagine website and you will order for one month at a time. Prices vary depending on the meal served.

## **Will your school have a cafeteria?**

We will not have a traditional cafeteria on our campus. However, we are planning to use open areas for larger groups to gather and socialize during lunch.

## **Does IC Imagine offer transportation?**

Not currently. We have 2 busses that we use for field trips and extracurricular activities. Transportation to and from IC Imagine is the responsibility of each family. We hope to offer satellite stops in the surrounding community in the future. As we settle into our new campus and building this is something we hope to prioritize in the next couple of years.

## **What is the IC Imagine uniform?**

All Champions must be wearing the appropriate IC Imagine school uniform to school each day, including field trips. The IC Imagine uniform includes the following: navy, white, grey or black polo shirt, uniform style khaki bottoms, solid white, grey or black tights and for outerwear: solid black, grey, white, navy sweater or a black fleece. For more detailed information, see the enclosed Uniform information sheet or the IC Imagine school website.

## **New Facility Info:**

Our new 116,000 square foot facility is currently under construction and is on schedule to open in the Fall of 2019! The school will be located on McIntosh Road near West Asheville on 47 acres. We are already utilizing the outdoor space including a Cross Country and Mountain Biking Trail. The facility includes:

- 73 Kindergarten-Twelfth Grade Classrooms
- 2 Science Laboratories
- 3 Visual Arts Classrooms
- 2 Choral Classrooms
- Band Room
- Theater Room
- Gymnasium with Locker Rooms
- Fine Arts Performing Center
- Health Clinic
- Warming Kitchen
- Preschool Classroom

## **What athletics do you offer?**

We currently offer Men's/Women's Soccer, Men's/Women's Basketball, Co-ed Cross Country, Men's/Women's Mountain Biking and Cheerleading.

## **What clubs do you offer?**

Our current club offerings include; Adventure Club, Tennis Club, Destination Imagination, Math Counts, National Junior Honors Society, Junior Thespians, Yoga Club, and Ultimate Frisbee Club.

We continue to offer clubs based on student interest. Our Adventure Club has seasonal offerings for families of students of all ages that include Hiking, Mountain Biking, and Ski/Snowboarding. Our Middle and Upper School students can participate in a competitive mountain biking organization, as well.



### **What are Middle School Houses?**

Every Middle School student at IC Imagine is placed in one of six houses. Houses are comprised of students from grades 6-8. Houses meet weekly to discuss relevant information, play games, and participate in team building activities.

### **How do you ensure school to home communication to ensure each student's success?**

We send newsletters to families of Middle School students every week that detail what is happening at our school, in individual courses, and in our community. We also send a whole school newsletter (ImagiNATION Insider) each month. We send important reminders via email and post them to our school social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram. Our Parent Portal via PowerSchool also allows for parents or guardians and students to keep updated on their current grades and attendance. .

### **Do students have to audition for Fine Arts classes?**

Students do not have to audition for beginning level Fine Arts classes. If a student chooses to take beginner band, they will need to do an instrument assessment with a band director in order to make sure they are placed on an instrument where they are likely to be the most successful. Beyond the beginner level (typically 6th grade), students will then have the opportunity to audition or complete a portfolio in order to enroll in an advanced level course within their chosen Fine Art.

### **Can my child earn High School credit for Spanish in Middle School?**

Many of our students complete Spanish 1 by the end of their 8th grade year. These students earn one of their credits for Spanish by following this model and can choose to take additional credits of Spanish once they complete Spanish 2 while in Upper School.

### **What advanced classes are offered and how is it decided who participates in these courses?**

We use data and input from teacher recommendations to suggest the courses that students should take each year. Most of our students have their needs met in their typical grade level courses. However, there are some cases when an accelerated course may be offered to students with strengths in the area of Math.

### **How do you deal with bullying and discipline violations?**

As with any incident of student behavior, the IC Imagine administrators must exercise informed judgment as to whether a student's actions constitute a violation of Board policy and/or regulation. Consequences are actions taken by school administrators in response to a violation of the Code of Conduct. Moreover, if a behavior is deemed a criminal offense by local authorities and such offense is not identified in this Code of Student Conduct, the consequence may be expulsion from IC Imagine. Restitution for loss or damage will be required in addition to any other prescribed consequences. Repeated chronic or cumulative offenses may require higher levels of interventions/consequences. For serious violations, interventions/consequences may begin at a higher level.

Additionally, we are committed to providing tiered levels of intervention and support to students who struggle with behavior in the school setting. Interventions are aimed at reducing continued and/or escalation of inappropriate behaviors or violations of the code of conduct. Consequences and interventions may be used simultaneously.