



# ILLINOIS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

125 WEBSTER AVENUE, JACKSONVILLE, IL 62650

- 🐾 The Illinois School for the Deaf (ISD), founded in 1839, is located on a 50-acre campus in Jacksonville, approximately 35 miles west of Springfield.
- 🐾 The Mission of the Illinois School for the Deaf is to engage students in a supportive, safe and nurturing environment to achieve personal excellence academically, socially, physically and emotionally.
- 🐾 ISD is a state-supported school and accredited by AdvancED, the Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf, and is in compliance with state and federal policies that guarantee all students receive a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) which are monitored by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).
- 🐾 Students are required to have an educational disability of Deaf or Hard of Hearing and be an Illinois resident to be considered for admission.
- 🐾 Comprehensive educational programs are provided for students age 0-21.
- 🐾 A Transitional Living Program is available for students who have met their high school graduation requirements but have elected to postpone acceptance of their diplomas as they desire more preparation to transition to employment or post-secondary education.
- 🐾 A college preparatory and Career & Technical Education curriculum are emphasized in the upper grades.
- 🐾 State of the art technology, such as tablets, interactive whiteboards, document readers and LCD Projectors, is used by all educators.
- 🐾 Accessible visual communication is used in all programs.
- 🐾 Currently 210 students are enrolled and class size is normally limited to a student-faculty ratio of 5 to 1.
- 🐾 Extracurricular activities include athletic, scholastic, and recreation programs for all students. ISD is a member of the Illinois High School Association and the Illinois Elementary School Association.
- 🐾 Employment opportunities are available for students both on-campus and off-campus.
- 🐾 Spanish Translation Services are provided for parents.
- 🐾 Students go home every weekend.

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