



# ILLINOIS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

## WHO WE ARE



### ***Our Communication Philosophy***

Illinois School for the Deaf is an accessible ASL/English bilingual community in which people who are deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing learn and work together without language and communication barriers.

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# ABOUT ISD

## HISTORY

- 1839 Legislation passed for the creation of a state supported school for the deaf
- 1846 The Illinois Asylum for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb opened
- 1849 Name changed to the Illinois Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb
- 1855 First class graduated
- 1871 Main Building as it stands today completed
- 1877 Alumni Association founded
- 1903 Name changed to Illinois School for the Deaf
- 1945 Parent Institute established
- 1957 Illinois State Board of Education recognized ISD's Educational Program
- 1983 Parent Infant 0-3 Program established
- 1988 Illinois Foundation for Deaf Children founded
- 1999 ISD begins North Central Association & Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf accreditation cycles
- 2019 Celebrated 180th Anniversary



## **MORE ABOUT ISD**

### **GOVERNANCE**

The school is governed by State of Illinois/Department of Human Services/Division of Rehabilitation Services. The work of the school is overseen by the school's superintendent who is appointed by the governor and approved by the Illinois Senate. A legislatively mandated Advisory Council meets quarterly to review school programs and make recommendations to the school's administration.

### **FACILITIES**

The campus is located in Jacksonville on 52 acres and has 15 buildings. The Outreach Department office is on the ISD campus with personnel traveling throughout the state offering technical support.





# WHY ISD

## **Because we educate the whole child!**

Challenged • Engaged • Supported  
Healthy • Safe • Secure

- All services on campus: nursing, audiology, counseling, speech language therapy, physical therapy and occupational therapy
- Certified deaf educators
- Offer educational option of mainstreaming classes in Jacksonville public schools
- Prepares students for work through the Student Work Experience Program
- Prepares students to live independently through the Transition Living Program
- Provides assistive technology including smart boards, message nets and videophones
- Excellent residential programs that include recreation activities
- Offers an encouraging environment for students to interact with their peers
- Offers high school students unique opportunities including participating in Jr NAD, LEO Service Organization, Academic Bowl



# MISSION & BELIEFS



## ***Our Mission***

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.

## ***Our Beliefs***

Safety  
Education  
Communication  
Success  
Self Esteem  
Service  
Shared Responsibility



# STUDENT POPULATION

## Student Enrollment

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| • 2015-2016 | 203 |
| • 2016-2017 | 200 |
| • 2017-2018 | 220 |
| • 2018-2019 | 222 |
| • 2019-2020 | 210 |
| • 2020-2021 | 190 |

## Student Demographics

|                              |     |
|------------------------------|-----|
| • <i>Gender Distribution</i> |     |
| • Male                       | 52% |
| • Female                     | 48% |
| • <i>Ethnicity</i>           |     |
| • White                      | 48% |
| • Black                      | 29% |
| • Hispanic                   | 18% |
| • Other                      | 5%  |

## PreK-Grade 12 (Ages 3-21) **144**

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| • Student Attendance Rate | 95% |
| • Residential Population  | 59% |
| • Receiving Free Lunch    | 80% |
| • Eligible for Medicaid   | 49% |
| • Annual Withdrawal Rate  | 2%  |
| • Student Work Experience | 62% |
| • Secondary Disabilities  | 65% |



# STAFF & FACULTY

## **Full-time Employees** **193**

- Educators/Instructors 39
- Related Service Providers 12
- Residential Life Staff 46
- Campus Support Staff 64
- Physical Support Staff 12
- Administrators 20
- Deaf or Hard of Hearing 50
  
- Doctorate Degree 1
- Education Specialist Degree 1
- Master Degrees 37
- Bachelor Degrees 74

## **Ethnicity**

- White 180
- Black 8
- Hispanic 4
- Asian 1



## **ALUMNI**

### **ILLINOIS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

The Illinois School for the Deaf Alumni Association (ISDAA) was founded in 1877 to provide a closer relationship between ISD alumni and the school. The group develops activities for reunions and ISD's Homecoming as well as promotes and preserves the school's history. The ISDAA Museum was founded in 1989 and is housed in the historical Main Building on the ISD campus.



## **IFDC**

### **ILLINOIS FOUNDATION FOR DEAF CHILDREN**

The Illinois Foundation for Deaf Children (IFDC) is a nonprofit organization established to promote and advance the education, employment, and welfare of children who are deaf and hard of hearing. IFDC's goal is to raise money to fund activities, services and the purchase of equipment that is not in the school's budget.