ISEE Score Report Worksheet

This free printable PDF is an ISEE score report worksheet for parents who have just received a report. It explains the three numbers given for each scored section, the scaled score, the percentile and the stanine, and includes a band-by-band table of stanines and percentiles. A fill-in table holds the four scored sections side by side. The worksheet also lists points to keep in mind when reading results, the three decisions families usually face after the report, and space for questions to raise with an advisor.

The three numbers for each section

Students at the Lower, Middle and Upper Level receive a scaled score, a percentile and a stanine for each of Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning, Reading Comprehension and Mathematics Achievement.

Measure	Range	What it answers
Scaled score	760–940	The raw result in one section, converted to a common scale so that different test forms can be compared
Percentile	1–99	The share of students applying to the same grade over the past three years whose score is equal to or lower than the student's; not the share of questions answered correctly
Stanine	1–9	Which of nine bands the percentile falls into, from lowest to highest

> The scaled score has the same meaning whichever test form a student took, but on its own it does not show where a student stands among other applicants. Percentiles and stanines do, which is why admissions offices tend to refer to them first. The comparison group is recompiled each year.

Stanine and percentile, band by band

E3n (formerly ERB) describes the distribution this way: stanines 4, 5 and 6 cover the middle 54 percentile points, while stanines 1–3 and 7–9 each cover 23 points at the bottom and top of the group.

Stanine	Percentile range	Share of test takers	Band
1	1–3	4%	Lower
2	4–10	7%	Lower
3	11–22	12%	Lower
4	23–39	17%	Middle
5	40–59	20%	Middle
6	60–76	17%	Middle

Stanine	Percentile range	Share of test takers	Band
7	77–88	12%	Upper
8	89–95	7%	Upper
9	96–99	4%	Upper

Each stanine is a range, so two students who share a stanine of 7 can differ by several percentile points, and a one-band difference between two sections is often ordinary variation. The top band is narrow: a stanine of 9 covers only percentiles 96–99, so it is a demanding result and not an expectation for any student. A stanine of 9 on all four scored sections, sometimes called 9999, does not mean every question was answered correctly and is not a condition of admission anywhere.

Fill in: this report

Test date, level and test format

Section	Scaled score	Percentile	Stanine	Notes
Verbal Reasoning				
Quantitative Reasoning				
Reading Comprehension				
Mathematics Achievement				

The four stanines side by side: which section stands apart, and by how many bands

A spread of three bands between the strongest and weakest section is large enough to be worth a closer look. The family could review the question-type breakdown on the report to see whether lost points cluster in one area, such as a particular math topic or the final reading passages. A difference of a single band between two sections would usually not call for the same attention.

Points to keep in mind

- No total score: the four sections are reported separately, with no total, average or composite. The useful comparison is section by section.
- The essay is not scored: families do not see the essay text in the report; only the schools the family chooses as score recipients receive a copy.
- Percentile is relative position: a percentile of 70 means the student scored as well as or better than 70% of the comparison group, not that 70% of questions were correct.

- A stanine of 5 sits in the middle of the comparison group.
- No score settles an application on its own: ISEEPrep lists no cut-off scores, and schools consider results together with grades, recommendations, interviews and their own priorities.
- Balance can matter as much as a single high number: each school decides how much weight to give each section, and the admissions office is the reliable source for this.
- Timing: online results usually arrive in 3–5 days and paper results in 5–10 days. Schools can be added in the parent account after results are released at no extra fee.

What families usually decide after the report

Once the report is in hand, the options are generally three. Tick the one that fits.

- [ ] Send the results: all four sections sit in a range the family considers appropriate for the target schools and no section stands apart. Confirm recipients and send.
- [ ] Test again in a later season: one or two sections are clearly below the others and the cause can be named, such as limited time or a specific question type. Prepare in a targeted way, then retake, if a later season still falls before the deadline.
- [ ] Keep the result and strengthen the rest of the application: time is short, or the scores already reflect the student's steady level.

> The ISEE allows one attempt per testing season and up to three in a school year, and a retake can move a section in either direction. Leave enough days for results to arrive before the earliest school deadline. To learn how a school uses ISEE results, ask its admissions office.

Schools to receive scores, with each application deadline

Questions for an advisor

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