Department of Human Services

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Illinois School for the Deaf

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- 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 ISD is to educate students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and prepare them to be responsible, self supporting citizens.
- ISD is accredited by the North Central Association, the Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf, and is in compliance with state and federal policies which are monitored by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).
- Students must have the primary disability of Deaf or Hard of Hearing and be an Illinois resident to be considered for admission.
- Comprehensive educational programs are provided for 0-3, pre-school, elementary, junior high, and high school.
- A college preparatory curriculum and extensive vocational/technical programs are emphasized in the upper grades.
- State of the art technology, such as smartboards, document readers and LCD Projectors, is used by all educators.

- Accessible communication (sign language) is used in all programs.
- Class size is normally limited to a student-faculty ratio of 7 to 1.
- Extracurricular activities include a full athletic, scholastic, scouting, and recreation programs for all children. ISD is a member of the Illinois High School Association and the Illinois Elementary School Association.
- Employment opportunities are available for students both on and off-campus.
- Residential students receive round-the-clock supervision and a well rounded calendar of activities.
- Services are provided at no cost to parents.
- Personal belongings, health care, and spending money are the responsibility of parents.
- Local school districts are responsible for transportation costs and one-on-one aides, if necessary.
- Spanish Translation Services

For more information, contact Illinois School for the Deaf, 217-479-4297

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