

English Study Guide Placement into 7th-12th Grades August and January Admission

Although the standards for 7th-12th grade English are the same, the reading selections and questions are different for each grade level and are appropriate for the level of proficiency being tested.

The Reading Comprehension portion of the test will evaluate elements such as:

- ❖ Determine explicit causes or effects of events
- ❖ Determine explicit supporting detail
- ❖ Categorize, classify, compare, contrast details from the text
- ❖ Determine implicit details, action, or sequence of events
- ❖ Distinguish important from less important ideas
- ❖ Draw conclusions from details
- ❖ Extract implied theme or main idea
- ❖ Interpret character behavior, traits, motivation
- ❖ Analyze characteristics of genre
- ❖ Discern author's voice
- ❖ Discern literary devices
- ❖ Determine unknown words from context
- ❖ Determine if needed information is in text
- ❖ Interpret figurative language
- ❖ Provide support for conclusions
- ❖ Generalize beyond the text
- ❖ Analyze text structure
- ❖ Evaluate sufficiency of information
- ❖ Select appropriate reading strategy in given situation

The Language portion of the test will evaluate elements such as:

- ❖ Distinguish correct capitalization
- ❖ Identify correctly applied grammar
- ❖ Distinguish correct punctuation
- ❖ Distinguish clearly written sentences from sentences that contain errors
- ❖ Identify correctly written sentences
- ❖ Use brainstorm techniques, outlines, charts, and pictures
- ❖ Determine extraneous information
- ❖ Determine topic relevancy
- ❖ Organize information
- ❖ Combine sentences correctly
- ❖ Determine appropriate supporting sentences
- ❖ Determine appropriate topic sentences
- ❖ Determine appropriate language for audience
- ❖ Identify precise language

The LCA writing portion of the test:

Students will be asked to write a short essay in one of the following forms: descriptive, persuasive, compare/contrast, or literary analysis.

They will need to produce a multi-paragraph essay with a thesis statement, topic sentences, elaboration (examples) in response to a writing prompt which differs according to grade level.

Students will be evaluated with regard to their use of English conventions, vocabulary development, spelling and overall organization and execution of the essay.