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Impact Global Citizens 

IMSA’s reputation as a world leader in developing talent and leaders continues to grow, both here in Illinois and throughout the United States and beyond. Our leaders in science, engineering and entrepreneurship are helping to create a world that respects and values diversity. IMSA is an internationally recognized and respected teaching and learning laboratory that has become a model for others around the world.

Three in a Supportive Community of Experts

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Gain Competition Benefits that Serve the Whole-Person

IMSA is anchored in values that serve the whole-person as we develop full-service programs that serve school systems throughout Illinois and global partnerships. IMSA is a leader in health, wellness and safety in science and technology education. We also have competitive benefits to support health and wellness needs. The benefits package includes:

• Medical and Dental Plans • Prescription Drug Plan • Life Insurance Plans • Disability Insurance Plan • Employee Assistance Program

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Embraces Distinctive Talents

It takes the best minds from all walks of life to create an exciting and learning laboratory. For the students of IMSA, the challenging and diverse program of studies are the key to their success. IMSA’s program provides the foundation for a lifetime of learning in all disciplines. Students, faculty, and administrators alike understand that IMSA is an important place to work because it is an important place to learn.

Influence Ground-Breaking Ventures

IMSA thrives in the “World’s Leading Teaching and Learning Laboratory for Imagination and Inquiry.” That’s why on a little land on the city’s northwest side, we have the finest minds in the country working on the cutting-edge. Our students are not just learning, they are inventing.

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Our faculty, staff, and students are experts in their respective fields. IMSA’s faculty and staff are engaged in ground-breaking research and educational programs that serve our society at large.

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Influence Global Citizens

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5. **Be Part of a Great Place to Live, Learn and Work**
   - IMSA strives to be the “World’s Leading Teaching and Learning Laboratory for Imagination and Inquiry.” Yes, that’s our core mission is to “ignite and nurture creative, ethical minds that advance the human condition.” That’s why our team members work with educational, business and research faculty to develop, test and share innovative ways to enhance teacher skills and inspire children, especially the underserved, to excel in mathematics and science.

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- **Fees and Charges**
- **Full-time Heritage Agreement**
- **Flexible Work Schedule**
- **Health and Wellness Programs**
- **Professional Development Programs**
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BEA’s dynamic strategic plan places people front and center. That’s why they are at the core of developing the whole person. They are at the center of shaping leaders who can learn and teach, and who can develop and learn from teaching and learning teams. Identifying, preparing, and utilizing leaders is central to building innovative teams of leaders capable of leading educational organizations and helping them develop in changing contexts.

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