



**SUMMER 2026**

# WISE | Whitfield Institute of Summer English

*Located on the campus of The Whitfield School*

**Master English. Discover America. Experience Whitfield.**

**St. Louis | Chicago**



**ST. LOUIS**



**CHICAGO**

Hosted on the beautiful **Whitfield School** campus—known for its **inclusive community, innovative teaching, and strong academic tradition**—**WISE** provides students with an **inspiring environment** where **language learning and cultural discovery** come to life.

Grounded in **WIDA-aligned instruction**, **WISE** combines full **EAL** (English as an Additional Language) and **AED** (Academic English Development) support, **hands-on learning**, and **real-world language practice** to build academic **English proficiency and cultural confidence**.



## Whitfield Institute of Summer English (WISE)

Located on the campus of **The Whitfield School** in St. Louis, the **Whitfield Institute of Summer English (WISE)** is an immersive academic and cultural program designed for multilingual learners. Through community engagement, social interaction, and a cultural extension to Chicago, students experience authentic American life while gaining the skills to thrive in global educational settings.

### READING, WRITING, LISTENING, SPEAKING & GRAMMAR.



WISE Classroom

#### Academic Framework

The WISE curriculum is grounded in WIDA-aligned instruction, integrating the five language domains—**Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking, and Grammar**—through interactive, experience-based learning.

Students strengthen academic communication, **critical thinking**, and real-world **English fluency** while engaging in the **Whitfield American Cultural Immersion Curriculum**, which explores **four central themes**:

- **American History** – U.S. presidents, inventions, and historical milestones
- **American Geography** – Regional diversity, climate, and major cities
- **American Traditions** – Holidays, sports, and cultural values
- **American Economics** – U.S. currency, innovation, and major global companies

#### Language Support

Curriculum designed for non-native English speakers, focusing on accessible, **experience-based learning**. **WIDA framework** would be used for **pre-assessment and post-assessment**, as well as to inform instruction. All students would be asked to submit **Duolingo or TOEFL** scores prior to arrival so that we can tailor the program to the appropriate language levels.

#### Cultural & Experiential Learning

- WISE extends learning beyond the classroom through **community engagement, service projects, student clubs, and university tours**.
- Daily interaction with **host families** and peers provides **authentic exposure to American life**, enhancing **cross-cultural understanding, leadership, and confidence** in both **academic and social English**.
- Guided prompts **during excursions** and daily activities turn every outing into **real-world English practice** with **peers and community members**.

#### Program Outcomes

Upon completing the **WISE – Whitfield Institute of Summer English**, students will:

- **Strengthen proficiency** across all five WIDA-aligned language domains
- **Gain confidence** in academic and conversational English
- **Develop critical thinking**, communication, and leadership skills
- **Deepen understanding** of American culture and education
- **Build readiness for success** in U.S. and international academic settings

### WISE Program Overview

#### Monday thru Friday

**8:30 a.m. Students Arrive at Whitfield**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. WIDA-Aligned Academic English Development (AED)** (*interactive classes focused on reading, writing, listening, speaking, and grammar*)

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch & Leisure Time with Peers**

**1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Discover St. Louis & Chicago** (*Guided cultural, historical, and community-based excursions*)

#### Weekend Experience

On **Saturdays and Sundays**, students participate in **full cultural immersion with their host families**—exploring local attractions, attending community events, sharing meals, and **experiencing authentic American life**. These weekends are a **cornerstone of the WISE experience**, allowing students to **apply English** naturally in everyday settings **while forming meaningful cultural connections**.

#### Academic Standards & Frameworks

The **WIDA Framework** provides the research-based foundation for developing and assessing English proficiency among multilingual learners.

Programs of this model uphold the professional and academic standards set forth by the **Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA)** and the **American Association of Intensive English Programs (AAIIEP)**, ensuring excellence and integrity in English language education.





# Preparing students to succeed in American Universities

## LOCATIONS & DATES (July 12-August 1, 2026)



### Scheduled Campus Visits



- STEM Day at **Washington University** in St. Louis
- Health Sciences Day at **Saint Louis University**
- Design & Innovation Day at **Northwestern University**
- Economics Day at the **University of Chicago**



### DISCOVER ST. LOUIS

(3 week session | July 12-August 1, 2026)  
Airport: Lambert International Airport

Known as the “**Gateway to the West**,” St. Louis blends rich **history**, modern energy, and **Midwestern warmth**. Framed by the **Mississippi River** and crowned by the 630-foot Gateway Arch, the city stands as a symbol of **exploration and opportunity**.

#### Explore & Experience

Students can visit the world-famous **St. Louis Zoo**, **City Museum**, **Science Center**, and **Art Museum**—all within beautiful **Forest Park**, one of the largest urban parks in the nation. Thrill-seekers will love nearby **Six Flags St. Louis**, packed with **roller coasters and rides**. Enjoy **live jazz** in the Soulard District, outdoor musicals at **The Muny**, or a **St. Louis Cardinals** game downtown.

#### Taste & Thrive

Famous for **toasted ravioli**, gooey butter cake, and **award-winning restaurants**. St. Louis offers unforgettable dining alongside a **growing creative food scene**.

#### A City that Inspires

With **top universities**, **global companies**, and the innovative Cortex community driving science and technology, St. Louis gives international students an **authentic American experience**—rich in **learning, culture, and discovery**.



### DISCOVER CHICAGO

(3/day, 2/night excursion)  
Transportation: Chartered Bus or Vans & Train

Known as the “**Heart of the Midwest**,” Chicago is a vibrant, **world-class city** that combines **stunning lakefront views**, remarkable architecture, and warm Midwestern charm.

#### Explore & Experience

Students can stroll through **Millennium Park** to see the famous **Cloud Gate (“The Bean”)**, visit the **Art Institute of Chicago** or **Field Museum**, and enjoy shopping along the **Magnificent Mile**. Take an architecture **river cruise** or spend a fun day at **Navy Pier**, filled with rides, restaurants, and entertainment.

#### Taste & Thrive

From **deep-dish pizza** and Chicago-style hot dogs to **global cuisine** from every corner of the world, the city’s food scene is second to none. Chicago is a **global food capital**—famous for its deep-dish pizza. **Chicago-style hot dogs**, and diverse **international cuisine**. Whether dining in cozy neighborhood cafés or Michelin-starred restaurants, **every meal is a discovery**.

#### A City that Inspires

With **top-ranked universities**, **major tech** and business centers, and a thriving **arts and theater** community, Chicago offers international students an unforgettable American experience—**alive with learning, culture, and adventure**.



# ST. LOUIS & CHICAGO

**3-WEEK** (July 12-August 1, 2026)

**ALL INCLUSIVE PRICE**

**\$8,400/all inclusive\***

**What is included:**

- Placement exam
- Weekly assessments
- Tuition, books and class materials
- Technology fee
- Three meals each day
- Medical insurance
- Host family accommodation and management
- Coordinators and guides for all activities
- Transportation to and from the WISE campus daily
- Transportation to and from all activities
- Entrance fees/tickets to all activities
- Airport pickup and drop-off
- Transportation and hotel accommodations to and from St. Louis to Chicago
- Visa & Travel Support (applications and guidance)
- Health and safety protocols

*\*does not include airfare*



**Fully Vetted  
ED Homestay Host Families**



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