LINK’S ISLAND SCHOOL EXPEDITION 2023
What is The Island School?

Educational facility located in Eleuthera, The Bahamas
The Island School provides experiences for students to:

• participate in primary marine biology research
• work with sustainable systems
• learn about the island habitat and culture
• perform outreach in the local community
• experience the outdoors – swimming, boating, hiking, and beach camping

These are the exposures that Link scholars will have at The Island School!
Where is The Island School located?
What is involved with Link’s The Island School Expedition?

Students will:

• Experience a one week island adventure, receiving instruction and guidance by The Island School staff

• Travel together, as arranged by Link Education Partners, with two Link staff members as chaperones

• Live in dorms with chaperones

• Eat all meals on campus but one, which will be at a local restaurant

• Participate in chores such as dish duty at meal time, cleaning dorm rooms, etc.
How is the trip funded?

Link Education Partners funds the bulk of the expense—over $4,000 per student – travel costs, tuition, insurance

Parents pay a registration fee of $100 after their children are selected

Parents secure and pay for their children's passport
When will the expedition take place?

We plan to head out on April 30th, pending airline availability.

Students will miss school for the week, but be expected to make up work when they return.
What are the travel arrangements?

Link Education Partners will make arrangements for a bus to take all students from Link to Newark airport (and vice versa on the return) and plane reservations to and from The Bahamas. Arrangements will be made after students are selected, and then shared with parents.
How do students apply?

By application, due December 14th

Applications available on the school website and in the Main Office as of tomorrow

Application includes:

• two student essays
• one parent essay
• A photocopy of the students’ passport or official receipt showing application for a passport

Note: If a student has a passport from another country, a Visa may be needed, so please speak to Mrs. Machrone to see if a Visa would be required.)
How are students selected?

Link staff provides ratings of applicants on the following criteria:

- Openness to new ideas/eagerness to learn/intellectual curiosity
- Ability to work in a group/get along with peers
- Responsible for self, for work, and for belongings
- Respect for adults
- Ability to follow directions

The student will also be assessed on:

- Quality of the application and essays (content, format)
- Academic standing
- Personal development/Behavior record
- Proof of passport or receipt for application for passport submitted on or before December 14th.
- Willingness to participate actively and enthusiastically in an elective class with a Link staff member to prepare for the trip
When will students learn if they are accepted?

By the second or third week of January, students will receive letters indicating whether they were accepted or not.

Accepted students will join in a third quarter elective on The Island School Expedition beginning the end of January.