



FACT SHEET ISH
(Updated Aug 2015)

Official school name: International School of Hamburg

Official abbreviation: ISH

International School of Hamburg (ISH)

ISH was Germany's very first international school and still remains Hamburg's only educational institution accredited by the Council of International Schools. For more than half a century it is dedicated to a full-day, English-language education of its students aimed at turning them into responsible citizens of the world who unfold their full potential. More than 750 young people from over 50 nations currently visit ISH. They are divided into the Early Childhood Centre (age 3 to 5), Junior School (grade 1 to 5) and Secondary School (grade 6 to 12). About 100 highly qualified teachers from all over the world support them on their way to the International Baccalaureate (IB Diploma), which enables them to enter leading national and international universities. Since ISH uses the globally standardized educational systems IPC and IB, its students are able to seamlessly resume their education at thousands of schools worldwide, if necessary.

Legal status: State-recognized, independently-operated supplementary school

Further characteristics:

- Non-profit
- Full-day
- Co-educational
- Non-selective
- Very first international school in Germany
- Hamburgs very first IB World School
- Only educational institution in Hamburg accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS)
- Only strictly English-speaking school in Hamburg

Head of School: Mr Andreas Swoboda

Operator: Internationale Schule Hamburg e. V. (registered non profit association)

Board of Directors: 11 members, elected biennially by the members of the Association. Chair: Dr. Anke Frieling

Milestones of ISH history:

- *1957* Started out in the so-called Sloman-Villa on Harvestuder Weg with 50 students from 12 nations
- *1959* ISH moves to Waitzstrasse with 360 students
- *1973* ISH moves to Holmbrook in Othmarschen
- *1978* ISH is accredited as IB World School and introduces the International Baccalaureate Diploma
- *1999* New extension to accommodate the Early Childhood Centre (Kindergarten/Pre-School/Nursery)
- *2002* Six new classrooms built to accommodate the growth in the Junior School
- *2007* 50th anniversary
- *2010* ISH moves to Hemmingstedter Weg in Klein Flottbek
- *2013* ISH becomes candidate school for the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP)
- *Juli 2014* Start of West Wing construction
- *15. Jan 2015* West Wing topping-out ceremony
- *31. Juli 2015* Completion of West Wing
- *29. Aug 2015* West Wing Grand Opening

Language of education: English (German mandatory until grade 10)

Administrative language: English

Admission: All-year

Student numbers:

• Junior School (ECC + Grade 1-5):	334 (92 in ECC)
• Secondary School (Grade 6-12) :	422
Total	756

Average class sizes:

• Early Childhood Centre	18
• Junior School	17
• Secondary School (only applicable to grade 6-8)	15

Student nationalities: 52

Qualified teachers:

- Full-time: 78
- Part-time: 14

Teacher/Student ratio: 1:8

School-leaving qualifications:

- **International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB Diploma)**
- International Baccalaureate Certificates (IB Certificates)
- High School Diploma

Study fees: min. €10,100 (Primary 1) – max. €19,600 (grade 11/12) p.a. plus additional fees for application, admission etc.

Academic structure:

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Grade	Age	School Section	School	Curriculum	Admission		
P 1	3 yrs by Sep 1	Early Childhood Centre (ECC)	Junior School	International Primary Curriculum (IPC)	Anytime		
P 2	4 yrs by Oct 1						
P 3	5 yrs by Oct 1						
1	6 yrs by Oct 1	Junior School					
2	7 yrs by Oct 1						
3	8 yrs by Oct 1						
4	9 yrs by Oct 1						
5	10 yrs by Oct 1						
6	11 yrs by Oct 1	Middle School				Secondary School	IB Middle Years Programme (MYP)
7	12 yrs by Oct 1						
8	13 yrs by Oct 1						
9	14 yrs by Oct 1						
10	15 yrs by Oct 1		Pre-IB	Pre-IB Diploma Programme			
11	16 yrs by Oct 1		IB Diploma / IB Certificates / High School Diploma	IB Diploma Programme			
12	17 yrs by Oct 1						

Comparison to selected national school systems:

International School of Hamburg		UK System		German System		French System		
Grade Level	School	Gradel Level	School	Gradel Level	School	Gradel Level	School	
Primary 1	Early Childhood Center (Junior School)	Reception	Junior School	Vorschule	Vorschule	Petite	Maternelle	
Primary 2		Year 1		1. Klasse	Grundschule	Moyenne		
Primary 3		Year 2				2. Klasse		Grande
Grade 1	Year 3	3. Klasse				CP		
Grade 2	Junior School	Year 4		Senior School	4. Klasse	Gymnasium	CE1	Élémentaire
Grade 3		Year 5					5. Klasse	
Grade 4		Year 6	6. Klasse				CM1	
Grade 5		Year 7	7. Klasse				CM2	
Grade 6	Middle School (Secondary School)	Year 8	GSCE	8. Klasse	9. Klasse	6ème	Collège	
Grade 7		Year 9				10. Klasse		5ème
Grade 8		Year 10				11. Klasse		4ème
Grade 9		Year 11				12. Klasse		3ème
Grade 10	Pre-IB Diploma Program (Secondary School)	Year 12	A Levels	12. Klasse		2nde	Lycée	
Grade 11	IB Diploma Program (Secondary School)	Year 13				1ère		
Grade 12						Terminale		

Further reading on curricula and school-leaving qualifications

- <http://www.greatlearning.com/ipc/>
- <http://www.ibo.org/>
- <http://ishamburg.org/learning>

Accreditations:

- International Baccalaureate Organization (IB)
- Council of International Schools (CIS)
- New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)

Memberships:

- Association of German International Schools (AGIS)
- North-West European Council of International School (NECIS)
- European Council of International Schools (ECIS)

Size of school grounds: 41.000 sqm

Building ground surface: 16,000 sqm (main building)+ 3,100 sqm (West Wing)

Facilities:

(1) Main building

- Large outdoor soccer pitch with artificial lawn
- Double gym hall with bleachers and freeclimbing wall
- Fenced outdoor multi-purpose sports field for soccer, basketball etc.
- 2 separate outdoor playgrounds surrounded by lush greenery
- Outdoor playground hill with extra-long slide
- Library featuring approx 50,000 materials, maintained by 4 librarians
- Third floor outdoor patio
- Student lounge
- 375-seat aula with professional projection-, lighting and sound equipment
- Generously equipped home economics kitchen
- Onsite first aid room & nurse
- Cafeteria
- Professional photo studio
- Pottery oven
- 5 laboratories
- 3 media rooms with high quality Apple equipment

- Interactive whiteboards as default equipment for all classrooms
- Several practice rooms for music and performing arts
- Large selection of musical instruments, DJ-equipment
- Apple Mobile Learning Labs
- iPad-Programme

(2) West Wing (as of summer 2015)

- Room for 200-250 new students, thus taking ISH's max capacity up to approx. 950-1.000 students
- 12 new regular and 2 natural sciences classrooms
- One 27x16m gym hall with wooden floor and wooden side-impact paneling, including a 26x15m basketball court with 5 shooting stations, a volleyball court, 3 badminton courts, electrically operated gymnastic rings, ropes, 2 electrically operated multi-functional climbing frames, a scoreboard and a full range of portable equipment
- A fitness studio featuring 3 running machines, 2 cross-trainers, 2 rowing-machines, 2 cycles, free weights, a weight machine with 4 stations and a designated area for stretching
- A 161.5 sqm multipurpose room for meetings, examinations, conferences and dance lessons (one wall equipped with mirrors and ballett bar)
- Various offices, meeting-, locker- and storage rooms

(3) New outdoor sports facilities (as of summer 2015)

- 100m tartan surface 4-lane running track. The track will be marked out for sprinting, hurdles and relays
- 2 long jump/triple jump areas with a tartan run-up
- High jump, discus, shot put and ball throwing facilities
- A permanent volleyball court
- A street-soccer court with artificial grass and surrounding fence
- An additional basketball/soccer/volleyball court as an addition to the current existing multi-purpose sports area