



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF HAMBURG

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide our students with an international education, which seeks to develop their full potential and to foster understanding, respect for others, freedom of thought and expression, enjoyment of learning and personal responsibility.

THE SCHOOL

The International School of Hamburg (ISH) is a private, co-educational and non-selective day school enrolling students from Primary 1 (age 3) to Grade 12. It was founded in 1957 as the first international school in Germany. In 2010 the school moved to its present campus situated in a residential district approximately 30 minutes from the centre of Hamburg. The School has over 750 students from more than 50 nationalities.

THE FACULTY

The school employs 107 teachers. It is an experienced faculty with about one-third having been at ISH for more than 10 years. They come from 21 different countries with most from the USA, followed by the UK and Germany. The average class size is 16.

THE STUDENTS

The student body is highly diverse with the most highly represented nations being the UK, the USA, India, Korea, The Netherlands, and Germany. The secondary school enrolment for 2017-2018 is presently (October 2017) as follows:

Grade 12:	70	Grade 11:	72
Grade 10:	72	Grade 9:	71

ACADEMIC PROGRAMME AND CURRICULUM

The language of instruction at ISH is English. The IB Middle Years Programme is the framework for our curriculum in Grades 6 to 10. The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) is offered in Grades 11 and 12. The majority of students take the full Diploma, while a small number choose the Courses (Certificates) option, both in addition to earning the ISH High School Diploma. ISH has been an IB school since the 1970s and we have an experienced faculty which includes IB examiners and workshop leaders. Both the MYP and DP are led by Coordinators who assist the faculty in ensuring the best possible delivery of subject knowledge and skills to our students.

ACCREDITATIONS

ISH is accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS) and the New England Association of School and Colleges (NEASC). ISH is a member of the European Council of International Schools, the North-West European Council of International Schools, the Association of German International Schools, and the International Baccalaureate Organisation. Through these, ISH is affiliated with over 600 international schools worldwide.



IBDP SUBJECTS CURRENTLY OFFERED

Biology (HL/SL)
 Chemistry (HL/SL)
 Economics (HL/SL)
 English A Language & Literature, Literature (HL/SL)
 English B (HL/SL)
 Environmental Systems & Societies (Standard)
 French B (HL/SL)
 Geography (HL/SL)
 German A Literature, Language & Literature (HL/SL)
 German B (HL/SL)
 German ab initio (SL)
 History (HL/SL)
 Mathematics (HL/SL/Studies)
 Physics (HL/SL)
 Spanish B (HL/SL)
 Theatre (HL/SL)
 Visual Arts (HL/SL)

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Students can participate in the following activities and clubs

- School Band
 - Chess
 - Kids 4 Kids
 - Drama
 - Generation Euro Project
 - French Culture & Cuisine
 - The Tanzania and Sri Lanka Projects
 - CAS Cooking
- Model United Nations
 - Music Enrichment Programme
 - Music Theory
 - Student Council
 - Yearbook
 - 9th grade Internship
 - Peer mediation
 - After School Child Care
 - Intramural Sports

ISH sports teams compete with other European International Schools in the NECIS (North European Council of International School) conference in:

- Basketball
 - Golf
 - Soccer
 - Swimming
- Tennis
 - Track and Field
 - Volleyball

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In Grades 9-12 students complete 8 semesters, have satisfactory participation in the CAS programme (Grades 11 and 12), and earn a minimum of 24 credits towards graduation, including:

English	3 credits in 4 years	Creative Arts	2 credits
Science	3 credits	Social Studies	3 credits
Mathematics	2 credits	1 Foreign Language	2 credits
Physical Education	1.5 credits	Other (Electives)	7.5 credits (VisEd, Music, Drama, ICT, etc.)
TOTAL	24 credits		

In some cases, transfer students who meet the overall credit requirements may have certain course requirements waived.

GPA AND RANKING POLICY

We do not provide class ranking. There is no appropriate ranking system that would adequately take account of the mobility of international students, many of whom have transferred from schools in countries with different grading systems. Due to the challenging and demanding nature of IB Diploma Programme courses, they are considered to be honours-level courses, particularly the ones taken at the Higher Level. Students may obtain the IB diploma or DP courses (certificates), in addition to the ISH high school diploma. For IB diploma students, we limit the number of classes to 3 higher level and 3 standard level classes.

GRADING SYSTEM & CONVERSION TO US SYSTEM

7	Excellent	A+
6	Very Good	A/A-
5	Good	B+
4	Satisfactory	B
3	Mediocre	C
2	Poor	F

SAT RESULTS - Grades 11 and 12

SAT Reasoning Scores between 05/2016 and 01/2017

13 students, of which 54% are non-native English speakers.

SAT Summary	Mean Scores 2016/17	Mid 50%
Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	625	610-670
Math	650	600-690

DISTRIBUTION OF INDIVIDUAL IBDP SCORES

Point Score	% of ISH Students 2017	% of ISH Students 2016	% of ISH Students 2015	% of ISH Students 2014
40 Points	7.0%	13.5%	11.3%	4.6%
35-39 Points	30%	26.9%	28.3%	20.4%
30-34 Points	34%	17.3%	26.9%	25.0%
24-29 Points	22%	34.6%	28.3%	38.6%
23 Points	7.6%	7.6%	5.7%	11.4%
Class Total	100% (61 students)	100% (61 students)	100% (53 students)	100% (44 students)
Pass Rate	91%	93%	83%	82%

Average IBDP scores (May 2017)

International School of Hamburg: 32.5

World Average: 30

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

85% of ISH graduates matriculate at Colleges and Universities. Some students may decide to take a gap year, complete an apprenticeship or fulfill their military obligations prior to entering higher education. Over the past four years, ISH graduates have been accepted at the following institutions. **Universities marked with an asterisk* indicate Class of 2017 matriculation; ** denotes more than one student enrolled:**

Asia Pacific

Keio University, Japan*
Kyoto University, Japan
University of Tokyo, Japan
Waseda University, Japan
Yonsei University, Korea

Belgium

Ghent University

Canada

McGill University
University of British Columbia
University of Toronto
University of Western Ontario

France

American University of Paris
Parson School of Design, Paris

Ireland

Trinity College Dublin
University College Dublin

Italy

Bocconi University, Italy*
NABA Milan

Germany

European Medical School, Oldenburg
European Business College, Hamburg
Friedrich-Wilhelm University
HFBK Hamburg
Humboldt Universität
Jacobs University Bremen
Karlsruhe Institute of Technology
Kühne Logistics University**
Macromedia Hochschule MK
TU Hamburg-Harburg
Universität Hamburg
Universität Heidelberg

Netherlands

Delft University
Erasmus University
Leiden University*
Maastricht University College*
Rijksuniversiteit Groningen University*
Radboud University Nijmegen
The Hague U of Applied Sciences
University of Amsterdam**
VU University of Amsterdam**
Utrecht University

Poland

University of Gdansk*

Spain

IE University, Spain
Esade University

Sweden

Lund University
Stockholm School of Economics

Switzerland

École Hôtelière de Lausanne
Franklin University
Swiss Education Group

United Kingdom

Anglia Ruskin University*
Cambridge University
Chelsea College
City University London
University of Durham
University Exeter
Imperial College London**
King's College London*
Kingston University
London School of Economics
Oxford University
Oxford Brooks University**
Queen Mary University of London*
Regent's University London*
University of the Arts London*
London University College*
London University of Aberdeen
University of Aberdeen**
University of Bath
University of Birmingham
University of Brighton
University of Bristol
University of Cardiff
University of Durham
University of Essex*
University of Edinburgh*
University of Glasgow *
University of Hull
Hult University*
University of Kent*
University of London
University of Manchester*
University of Newcastle
University of St. Andrews
University of Strathclyde
University of Sussex
University of Wales
University of Warwick**

University of West Scotland
University of York

United States

Bard College
Boston University*
Clemson University
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Drexel University
Emerson College
Eugene Lang College The New School
Florida Institute of Technology
George Washington
University Georgia Tech
Harvard College
James Madison University
Laverne University*
Loyola University
Michigan State University
New York University
Northeastern University
Parsons School of Design-The New School
Robert Morris University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rutgers University
SCAD
St.John's University*
Texas A & M University
Tufts University*
University of Chicago
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
UC Berkeley
UC Davis
UC Santa Barbara*
UC Santa Cruz
UCLA
UC Riverside
University of LaVerne*
University of Maryland
University of Michigan, Dearborn*
University of Minnesota
Purdue University
University of Rochester
University of San Francisco
University of Tampa
Wayne State University