



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 co-educational 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 105 teachers. It is an experienced faculty with about one-third having been at ISH for more than 10 years. They come from 20 different countries with most from the US, 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 2016-2017 is presently (October 2016) as follows:

Grade 12:	62	Grade 11:	72
Grade 10:	67	Grade 9:	62

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 (IB) Programme is offered in Grades 11 and 12. The majority of students take the full Diploma, while a small number choose the Courses option. 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.



IB 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)
 Music (HL/SL)
 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
- Model United Nations
- Music Enrichment Programme
- Music Theory
- Student Council
- Yearbook
- 9th grade Internship
- Peer mediation

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

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

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In Grades 9-12 students must 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		

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
1	Very Poor	F

SAT RESULTS - Grades 11 and 12

SAT Reasoning Scores between 05/2015 and 01/2016

12 students, of which 83% are non-native English speakers.

SAT Summary	Mean Scores 2015/16	Mid-Range
Critical reading	549	550
Math	605	600
Writing	564	640

DISTRIBUTION OF INDIVIDUAL GRADES

Point Score	% of ISH Students 2016	% of Students Worldwide 2016	% of ISH Students 2015	% of ISH Students 2014	% of ISH Students 2013
≥40 Points	13.5%	7.28%	11.3%	4.6%	8.3%
35-39 Points	26.9%	18.96%	28.3%	20.4%	29.2%
30-34 Points	17.3%	27.78%	26.4%	25.0%	27.1%
24-29 Points	34.6%	29.71%	28.3%	38.6%	29.2%
<23 Points	7.6%	16.16%	5.7%	11.4%	6.2%
Class Total	100% (61 students)	100%	100% (53 students)	100% (44 students)	100% (48 students)
Pass Rate	82%	79.9%	88%	82%	85%

Students may also receive individual IB Certificates

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

85% of ISH graduates matriculate at Colleges and Universities. Some students may decide to take a gap year 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 depicted in bold indicate Class of 2016 matriculation:**

Asia Pacific

Keio University, Japan

Kyoto University, Japan

University of Tokyo, Japan

Waseda University, Japan

Yonsei University, Korea

Belgium

Ghent University

Canada

Brescia University College

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

Israel

Tel Aviv University Intern.

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

Rijks University

Radboud University Nijmegen

The Hague U of Applied Sciences

University of Amsterdam

VU University of Amsterdam

Utrecht University

Russia

MGIMO Institute of International Relations

Spain

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Esade University

Univ. de Europea de Madrid

Sweden

Lund University

Stockholm School of Economics

Switzerland

École Hôtelière de Lausanne

Franklin University

Swiss Education Group

United Kingdom

Cambridge University

Chelsea College

City University London

University of Durham

University Exeter

Imperial College London

Kingston University

London School of Economics

Oxford University

Queen Mary University of London

Regent's University London

University of the Arts

London University College

London University of Aberdeen

University of Bath

University of Birmingham

University of Brighton

University of Bristol

University of Cardiff

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 Plymouth

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 College

Clemson University

Cornell University

Dartmouth College

Drexel University

Emerson College

Eugene Lang College The New School

Florida Institute of Technology

George Mason University

George Washington

University Georgia Tech

Harvard College

James Madison University

Loyola University

New York University

Northeastern University

Parsons School of Design-The New School

Rochester Institute of Technology

SCAD

St. John's University

Texas A & M University

University of Chicago

University of Colorado, Boulder

Tufts University

U of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

UC Berkeley

UC Davis

UCLA

UC Riverside

University of Houston

University of Maryland

University of Michigan

University of Minnesota

University of Oregon

Penn State

Purdue University

University of Rochester

University of San Francisco

University of Tampa