



Secondary School Profile

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.

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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, and was expanded and remodeled in 2015. The school has over 740 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 18.



THE STUDENTS

The student body is highly diverse with the most highly represented nations being the UK, the USA, India, Denmark, Spain, The Netherlands, and Germany. The secondary school enrolment for 2018-2019 is presently (September 2018) as follows:

Grade 12: 66
Grade 11: 67
Grade 10: 72
Grade 9: 54

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.



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.

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 (SL)
- 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

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

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

SAT RESULTS – GRADES 11 AND 12

SAT Reasoning Scores between 05/2017 and 03/2018 13 students, of which 77% are non-native English speakers, took the rest.

SAT Summary	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	Math	Total
Mean Scores	632	624	1.256
Mid 50%	580–690	570–750	1.150–1.440

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

Testing Restrictions on international students & US citizens abroad

In recent years, and particularly this year, our students have had less access to SAT/SAT Subject and ACT tests because of fewer test dates abroad, fewer sites offering the test, score cancellations, technology difficulties, and higher fees. We ask that all higher education institutions take this into account when evaluating our students' applications.

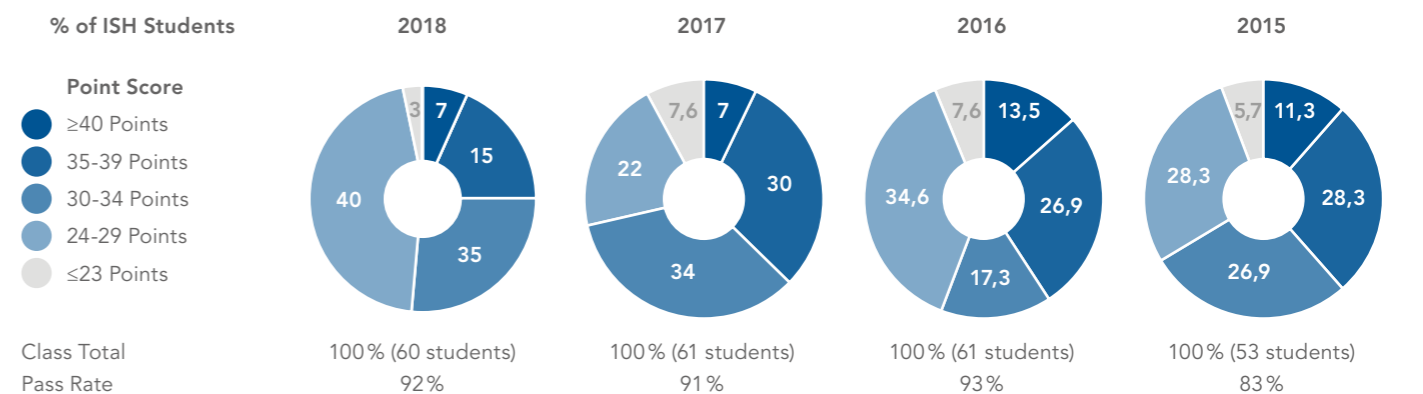
GPA AND RANKING POLICY

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF INDIVIDUAL IBDP SCORES

Average IBDP scores (May 2018), International School of Hamburg: 30.7 • World Average: 29.8



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 2018 matriculation; **denotes more than one student enrolled:**

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

SWEDEN
 Lund University
 Stockholm School of Economics

DENMARK
 DTU Copenhagen*

SWITZERLAND
 École Hôtelière de Lausanne
 Franklin University
 Swiss Education Group

ITALY
 Bocconi University, Italy*
 NABA Milan

POLAND
 University of Gdansk

ASIA PACIFIC
 Keio University, Japan
 Kyoto University, Japan
 University of Tokyo, Japan
 Waseda University, Japan
 Yonsei University, Korea

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
 Loyola University
 Manhattan College*
 Marquette University
 Marymount Manhattan College*
 Michigan State University
 New York University
 Northeastern University
 Nova Southeastern University
 Parsons School of Design-The New School
 Quinnipiac 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 San Diego
 UC Santa Barbara
 UC Santa Cruz
 UCLA
 UC Riverside
 University of Arizona*
 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
 Wagner University
 Wayne State University
 College of William & Mary

IRELAND
 Trinity College Dublin
 University College Dublin

UNITED KINGDOM
 Anglia Ruskin University
 Cambridge University
 Chelsea College
 City University London
 University of Durham
 University of Exeter
 Imperial College London*
 King's College London*
 Kingston University
 London School of Economics
 Oxford University
 Oxford Brookes 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 Canterbury*
 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

BELGIUM
 Ghent University

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

GERMANY
 European Medical School, Oldenburg
 Humboldt Universität
 Jacobs University Bremen
 Karlsruhe Institute of Technology
 Kühne Logistics University
 SAE Institute Hamburg
 TU Hamburg-Harburg
 Universität Bad Honnef
 Universität Hamburg**
 Universität Heidelberg
 Universität Leipzig*

FRANCE
 Parson School of Design, Paris

SPAIN
 IE University, Spain
 Esade University



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