

LYCÉE INTERNATIONAL DE  
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF  
BOSTON

Teaching the World

# PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

TPS (2-YEAR-OLD PROGRAM) • PRE-K (3-YEAR-OLD PROGRAM) • MID-K (4-YEAR-OLD PROGRAM)  
K (5-YEAR-OLD PROGRAM)



## A UNIQUE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

ISB's Maternelle—Preschool and Kindergarten—offers a distinctive and unique bilingual (French and English) environment beginning at age 2. Daily activities establish the foundation for all future learning and give your children the opportunity to safely explore the world around them. Art, music, drama and gross-motor skills activities allow children to discover their innate abilities to feel, act, question, reflect and imagine.

Some children enter our Preschool speaking hardly any English, and knowing little or no French. They speak a third language at home which adds diversity to our classrooms. French and English are not required to enter ISB, but we suggest that non-francophone children begin the program as early as possible. Our teachers understand that acquiring a new language is a process that takes time and they work with the students every day, often collaboratively, to foster a bilingual learning environment.

Based on the official French national curriculum, the Maternelle program provides a well-planned pedagogical approach to children at a young age, one that is

maintained and reinforced each year at ISB. The program focuses on the following areas:

1. Using language in all its dimensions (both oral and written)
2. Acting, expressing and understanding through physical activity
3. Acting, expressing and understanding through art
4. Developing the first tools to structure thoughts
5. Exploring the world

In addition to the regular school day, the Maternelle offers both an extracurricular program (Monday–Friday) that includes a wide array of activities, as well as vacation programs when school is not in session.

When it is finally time to move on, Maternelle students begin Lower School with a great sense of resourcefulness and independence, thanks to their blossoming bilingualism and their increased confidence and self-esteem.



# LOWER SCHOOL

## GRADES 1 THROUGH 5



### BUILDING A SOLID FOUNDATION IN BOTH FRENCH AND ENGLISH

Lower School is one of the most exciting and foundational periods in our young students' lives. It is when we celebrate and explore their natural curiosity and acceptance of new ideas as we build a solid foundation of skills through our interdisciplinary, bilingual approach to learning.

Lower School includes grades 1 through 5, or CP through CM2 in the French educational system. Led by passionate, engaged, and culturally diverse and competent teachers, Lower School's dual-language curriculum incorporates reading and writing, mathematics, sciences, social studies, the arts, information technology and physical education.

During a student's first two years in the Lower School, the focus is on expanding their knowledge of French. After 2nd grade, the curriculum transitions from an emphasis on French to a more balanced program—approximately 50% of the program is in French and 50% is in English. This balance continues through the 5th grade. To further support our students on this road to bilingualism, everyone in the Lower School embraces the philosophy that all teachers, regardless of subject, are language teachers.

French is not required for entry in the Lower School.

### BUILDING AN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

As students are adapting to their ever-increasing language skills and the academic challenges of the Lower School, they are also mastering how to effectively interact and work with their international classmates. In so doing, they develop the ability to see a problem from differing viewpoints.

By the end of 5th grade, Lower School students advance with not only a high level of bilingualism and academic competence, but also a sincere appreciation and understanding of different cultures.



# MIDDLE SCHOOL

## GRADES 6 THROUGH 8



### A DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM

In the 6th through 8th grades, Middle School students follow a dual language program that is in line with the official program of the French Ministry of Education. Students take academic classes taught in French and English and thus don't merely learn two languages but rather *learn in two languages*. Students think, reason, and communicate in French and English, enhancing their critical thinking skills and intellectual flexibility. The majority of students are fluent in both French and English and take native-level language courses. Students who are still in the process of acquiring either French or

English receive small group instruction appropriate to their level of language acquisition. The goal is for those students to slowly integrate into the native-level courses as they progress in their second language. In the 6th grade, students begin to learn a third language, Spanish or German, and in 8th grade, they may add a fourth language, Latin.

French is not required for entry in the Middle School.

### ENRICHING THE MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

The Middle School experience at ISB is enriched through the **Student Exploration Program**, a project-based hands-on learning experience. Each semester teams of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students explore a theme or topic in a weekly two-hour session. Topics are very diverse and include Robotics, Health and Wellness, Design Thinking, and "Into the Wild." Under the mentorship of a faculty member, students plan and create a project related to the larger topic. Each semester includes a field trip, or "Exploration Day," when all Middle School students have the chance to explore the many wonderful resources around the city of Boston, ranging from a robotics workshop at M.I.T. to a lobster boat in Plymouth Harbor.

The Middle School program is further enriched through interdisciplinary projects, local and overnight field trips, as well as partnerships with area universities. The Advisory and Wellness Programs are the foundation of our strong community and support students in learning to make healthy and productive choices. Art, Drama, Music, and Physical Education round out the program and offer the students opportunities to be both creative and active.



# UPPER SCHOOL

## GRADES 9 THROUGH 12



**Upper School** prepares students to thrive in universities across every continent, embracing the unique challenges and boundless opportunities of our interconnected world.

In addition to its truly international student body and faculty, we are the only school in New England that not only offers an American High School diploma, but also gives our Upper School students the choice between two internationally recognized diplomas: the **French Baccalaureate** taught in French or the **International Baccalaureate (IB)** taught in English.

### CHOOSE BETWEEN TWO INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED DIPLOMAS

#### FRENCH BACCALAUREATE TRACK

Created in 1808, the French Baccalaureate (the *Baccalauréat* in France) is administered and managed by the French Ministry of Education. The program ensures broad general and cultural knowledge by the number and variety of its required subjects.

In France, the Baccalaureate is considered the first university level diploma. This is why the Bachelor degree in France is granted after three years, while in the U.S. it takes four years. Recognized as one of the most demanding programs, the French Baccalaureate gives graduates access, and often credits, to higher education systems worldwide.

In the 11th grade, students choose between three core areas of study—Economics and Social Sciences, Literature and Philosophy, Sciences and Mathematics. Students may also choose the *Option Internationale du Baccalauréat* (OIB). The OIB offers a bilingual and bicultural syllabus within the framework of the classic French curriculum. This option is especially interesting to our students who are fully bilingual in French and English.

#### INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) TRACK

The International Baccalaureate (IB) program also officially begins in the 11th grade. Taught in more than 4100 schools worldwide, the IB is globally recognized for its unique combination of academic rigor and emphasis on each student's personal development. IB students are encouraged to think independently and drive their learning. Furthermore, the IB aims to do more than other curricula by developing inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who are motivated to succeed.

9th grade students who wish to pursue the IB enroll in the International Program (IP). Other than foreign language classes and the possibility of taking science in French, all of the International Program's classes are taught in English. 9th and 10th grade students research global issues and, through the Model United Nations (MUN) class, gain an in-depth understanding of the functions of the United Nations, parliamentary procedure, speechmaking, and working in committees. The MUN class participates in at least three regional Model UN conferences each year. This class is in addition to core classes in Math, Science, World Languages, English Literature, Art, Music, and Theater.



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## GRADES 9 THROUGH 12



### OUTREACH & TRAVEL

All ISB Upper School students are required to take part in service activities and encouraged to invest their time in creative, active and service-based projects. In addition to community service, Upper School students participate in The Global Issues Program (GIP), which helps International Program students become active global citizens by focusing on developing international mindedness, research, thinking, communication and self-regulation skills.

ISB not only teaches the world, but also gives students the opportunity to travel the world. We have developed exchange programs with Argentina, Martinique, the

Netherlands and Austria, while also coordinating several community trips to places such as Vietnam, Peru and New Orleans. In addition, ISB students have led culturally immersive trips to China, Spain, and Iceland.

Our graduates attend universities around the world, thanks to our international approach to College Counseling. ISB is well known locally and nationally, but also has relationships with the best universities around the world. Our graduates have attended universities throughout the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, France, Ireland, Spain, Germany, and Australia.

### IMMERSIVE HOMESTAYS AT ISB

Each year, ISB offers several I-20 Visas to exceptional high school students from around the world. These students are welcomed into our community and reside with a local family, as arranged by ISB. Our warm, safe and comfortable households open their doors to international students for one or more years and give them a truly immersive experience!

Homestay students are offered additional support on and off campus through our Homestay Coordinator. These supports range from organizing ESL needs, doctor visits, communication with families, Visa help and more.

Students interested in our Homestay Program should apply by following the process for all Upper School applicants (for non-native speakers of English, we

require the TOEFL). We encourage students, if possible, to visit the school. Otherwise, we organize a Skype conversation to both assess the student's level of English and determine their interest in ISB.

Once a student is accepted, ISB will begin the process of applying for a student Visa as well as organizing the homestay. All students are asked to complete a comprehensive homestay questionnaire with the goal of placing each student in a home that is the best fit.

All homestay students attend an initial orientation—a time to meet new classmates, learn about life in Boston, and life at ISB. This orientation is scheduled up to a week or few days prior to the start of the school year.



# TUITION AND FEES

## SCHOOL YEAR 2022–23



GRADES	ANNUAL TUITION
Half-Day for Preschool—Mornings Only (Toute Petite Section and Pre-K Only)	<b>\$23,600</b> TPS: Diapers to be provided by parents. Pre-K: All supplies included.
Preschool (Toute Petite Section, Pre-K, & Mid-K) and Kindergarten	<b>\$29,500</b> TPS: Diapers to be provided by parents. Pre-K, Mid-K and Kindergarten: All supplies included.
Lower School: Grades 1 to 5	<b>\$32,600</b> All supplies included.
Middle School: Grades 6 to 8	<b>\$34,400</b> Textbooks/Media billed separately.
Upper School: Grades 9 and 10	<b>\$41,000</b> Textbooks/Media billed separately.
Upper School: Grades 11 and 12	<b>\$41,000</b> Textbooks/Media and Examination Fees billed separately.

When a parent's employer or company linked to a student's family pays ISB directly for a student's tuition, a more flexible contract with different tuition rates than those listed above will apply.

## MATRICULATION FEE, DEPOSIT AND TUITION PAYMENTS

### MATRICULATION FEE

One-time, non-refundable, not applicable towards tuition

**\$2,000** per new student

**\$1,500** for the second child

**\$1,000** for any additional children

### ANNUAL RE-ENROLLMENT DEPOSIT

Non-refundable, applied towards tuition

**\$2,000** per student

### TUITION PAYMENT SCHEDULE

#### OPTION 1:

Payment of tuition in full by June 5th, 2022

#### OPTION 2:

Payment of tuition in two installments:

60% by June 5th, 2022, and 40% by November 5th, 2022

#### OPTION 3:

Payment of tuition in 10 installments from June 2022 to March 2023; a yearly flat fee of \$55, billed by TADS

All matriculation fees, deposit and tuition payments must be sent to **TADS**. Methods of payment accepted: checking/savings account drawn on a U.S. bank, wire transfer, or credit cards.



# TUITION AND FEES

## SCHOOL YEAR 2022–23

### OTHER FEES

#### TEXTBOOKS & EXAMINATION FEES

**Textbooks/Media** (grades 6–12) and **Examination Fees** (grades 11 and 12): billed separately according to grade, program and options.

##### Estimate of Textbooks/Media Prices

- **Grades 6–10 & Grades 11–12**  
French Program only: \$300–\$600 per year
- **Grades 11–12 International Baccalaureate:**  
up to \$1,000 covering two years

##### Estimate of Examination Fees

- **Grade 11 French Program:** \$225 registration fee
- **Grade 12 French Program:** \$277 registration fee, and \$200 for the International Option of the Baccalauréat (OIB)
- **Grade 12 International Baccalaureate:** \$861 (\$119 per subject, \$91 for the extended essay, \$46 for the theory of knowledge and \$10 for the creativity, activity, and service)

#### EXTENDED DAY

Garderie—Preschool to Grade 5: **\$12.00/hr**

#### STUDY HALL

Middle School: **\$15.00/hr**; or annual flat fee: **\$700.00**

#### EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/ OVERNIGHT TRIPS

Activities and trips organized by the School are billed upon participation. Cost varies.

#### PRIVATE ISB BUS SERVICE

is billed upon participation.

#### HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

is provided by an external catering company, and billed upon participation.

#### ISB HOUSING PROGRAM

**Upper School international and domestic students staying with host families: \$22,000**

Room and board with host family, from August 22nd, 2022 to June 30th, 2023, supervised by ISB.

Includes one ISB extracurricular activity per trimester, monthly T-pass, Yearbook, and if applicable, College Tour, SAT Prep, and Orientation Program in August for **new students** (*mandatory*).

### ISB FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM / FRENCH GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL AID

Need-based financial aid is available for qualifying families through the **ISB Financial Aid Program**.

Students holding French citizenship may apply for the **Bourses Scolaires Françaises**, allocated by the French government. The ISB Financial Aid Program may sometimes supplement the amount granted by the French government. French citizens applying for ISB Financial

Aid must also apply for the **Bourses Scolaires Françaises**. In some circumstances, ISB may not know how much funding the French government will provide French families before the enrollment deadline.

Families with three or more children enrolled at ISB may qualify for a discount if they submit an application for ISB Financial Aid.

# ADMISSIONS



## ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Apply online to the **International School of Boston** at [isbos.org/admissions](http://isbos.org/admissions). See our website for required documents, depending on grade level. Interviews are required, preferably on campus, but for families abroad, via video conference.

The priority deadline is **FEBRUARY 15TH**. The Admissions Committee will still consider applications after this date.

ISB releases admissions decisions in early March to applicants who apply by the priority deadline. Admitted students have one month to accept the offer of admissions.

*Please note:*

- **Siblings** are given priority in the admissions process if their application is received before **DECEMBER 31ST**.
- Students applying to Pre-Kindergarten must be three years old by December 31st of their entry year. Students must be fully toilet-trained before entering school.

We strongly recommend that parents and applicants take a tour, attend an Open House or an Information Session.

When considering an applicant we recognize that every child is unique. However, we evaluate the applicant's overall academic and developmental readiness for the grade he/she is applying to and whether he/she will thrive in and benefit from the academic challenges of a bilingual French-English curriculum. We also consider the family's long term commitment to ISB's mission and program, and to its distinct multicultural and diverse setting.

Common entry points into our curriculum are: Maternelle (Preschool-Kindergarten), 6th and 9th grades.

Upper School students choose between a bilingual French-English program, or an English-only International Baccalaureate program.

## HAVE QUESTIONS?

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# SCHOOL CALENDAR 2022–23



As of 01/05/22



<b>AUGUST 2022</b>	24	Wednesday	New Faculty Meetings
	25–31	Thursday–Wednesday	All Faculty Meetings and Classroom Set-Up
	31	Wednesday	Orientation for All Students
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	1	Thursday	First Day of Classes for All Students
	5	Monday (Holiday)	Labor Day (no classes)
<b>OCTOBER</b>	10	Monday (Holiday)	Indigenous People's Day / Faculty In-Service Day (no classes)
	14	Friday (after 6pm)	Fall Break
	24	Monday	Classes Resume
	29	Saturday	All School Open House
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	10	Thursday	Parent-Teacher Conferences for TPS–Grade 5 (no classes, TPS–Grade 5)
	11	Friday (Holiday)	Veterans Day / Parent-Teacher Conferences for All Grades (no classes)
	22	Tuesday (after 6pm)	Thanksgiving Break / End of First Trimester
	28	Monday	Classes Resume
<b>DECEMBER</b>	15	Thursday (after 6pm)	End-of-Year Break
<b>JANUARY 2023</b>	3	Tuesday	Classes Resume
	16	Monday (Holiday)	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (no classes)
	17	Tuesday	Faculty In-Service Day (no classes)
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	15	Wednesday (after 6pm)	Winter Break for TPS–Grade 5
	16	Thursday	Parent-Teacher Conferences for TPS–Grade 5 (no classes, TPS–Grade 5)
		Thursday (after 6pm)	Winter Break for Grades 6–12
	17	Friday	Parent-Teacher Conferences for All Grades (no classes)
		Friday (after 6pm)	Winter Break for All Faculty
27	Monday	Classes Resume	
<b>MARCH</b>	10	Friday	End of Second Trimester
	17	Friday	Faculty In-Service Day (no classes)
<b>APRIL</b>	13	Thursday (after 6pm)	Spring Break
	14	Friday	Faculty In-Service Day (no classes)
	24	Monday	Classes Resume
<b>MAY</b>	29	Monday (Holiday)	Memorial Day (no classes)
<b>JUNE</b>	14	Wednesday (after 12pm)	Dismissal for Summer Break at 12pm / End of Third Trimester
		Wednesday (after 12pm)	Faculty In-Service
	15 & 16	Thursday & Friday	Last Days for Faculty

# CAMPUS MAP

## INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BOSTON

*Preschool through Grade 12*  
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## TRANSPORTATION

### ISB private bus lines:

Route #1: Mattapan-South End-Back Bay-Charlestown-ISB

Route #2: Lexington-Belmont-Arlington-ISB

### MBTA bus stops:

On Massachusetts Avenue by Churchill Avenue: Bus # 77 Arlington Heights-Harvard

On Broadway Avenue by Endicott Street: Buses # 87-88-89

Clarendon Hill or Arlington Center-Sullivan or Lechmere

### Cambridge Public Schools bus:

Students aged 4 through Grade 8 with a home address in Cambridge can also ride the Cambridge Public Schools bus.



# FACTS & FIGURES

## ISB MISSION

We cultivate excellence through French-English bilingual and multicultural learning.

## HISTORY

**1962** Founded as a French language Kindergarten and expanded quickly into a bilingual elementary school.

**1983** Moved into the historic Parmenter School building in Arlington.

**1997** Opened the 19th century historic building in Cambridge, after making the decision to open the Middle School.

**1999** Began the Upper School. The first graduating class to earn their French Baccalaureate was in 2001.

**2006** Added the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program, graduating the first IB class in 2006.

**2019** Expanded Cambridge Campus footprint to include Maternelle, previously located in Arlington.

## One School

**Maternelle**  
*Preschool (starting at age 2) to K*

**Lower School**  
*Grades 1–5*

**Middle School**  
*Grades 6–8*

**Upper School**  
*Grades 9–12*

## 6:1 Student to Faculty Ratio



Over 75% of faculty hold advanced degrees



# FACTS & FIGURES

## 530 Students Enrolled

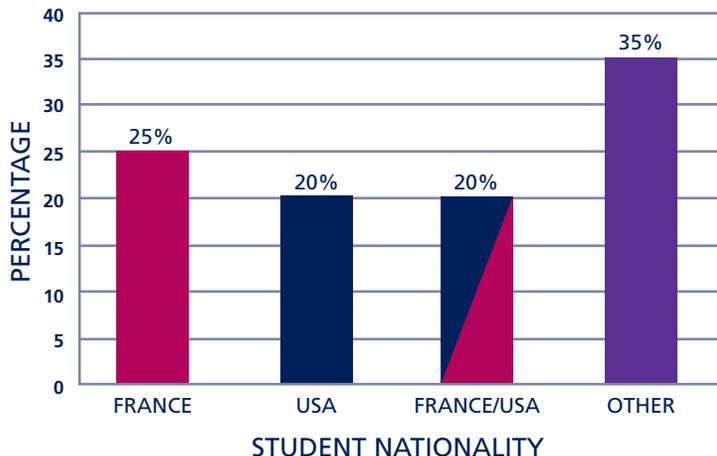
Maternelle = 84 students

Lower School = 206 students

Middle School = 134 students

Upper School = 106 students

## Student Diversity



Over **40 countries** represented

Over **30 languages** spoken schoolwide

## Financial Assistance

**23% of students** receive ISB Financial Aid or *French Bourses*.

## Examinations

ISB graduates are awarded a **High School Diploma** and earn either the **French Baccalaureate** or the **International Baccalaureate**.

## ACCREDITATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

ISB is accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS), the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO), and is a member of the Association of Independent Schools in New England (AISNE), and the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS).

ISB's French credentials include accreditation by the *Ministère de l'Éducation nationale*, as well as membership in the *Agence pour l'enseignement français à l'étranger* (AEFE), the Association of French Schools in North America (AFSA), and the *Mission laïque française* (MLF).



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