



# Secondary School Profile

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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF HAMBURG



**Mission:** As an international community of learners we nurture inquiring minds, compassionate hearts and balanced lives.

**Vision:** ISH is a welcoming and inclusive community where innovative thinkers teach and learn together. We believe in the power of education to develop global citizens who lead lives of purpose and meaning.

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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 and is the oldest 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. It was expanded and remodeled in 2015. The school has over 720 students from more than 50 nationalities.



### THE FACULTY

The school employs 115 teachers. It is an experienced faculty with about around 30 % having been at ISH for more than 10 years. They come from 20 different countries with most from the USA, followed by the UK and Germany.



### THE STUDENTS

The student body is highly diverse with the most highly represented nations being the UK, the USA, India, Denmark, Spain, The Netherlands, Korea, Japan and Germany. Student enrolment for grades 9–12 is presently (September 2022) as follows:

**Grade 12: 69**      **Grade 11: 76**  
**Grade 10: 70**     **Grade 9: 57**

The average class size is 18.



### 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) and the IB Career Related Programme (IBCP) are offered in Grades 11 and 12. The majority of students take the full diploma, with a smaller cohort enrolled in the IBCP & courses (certificate) option. ISH has been an IB world school since the 1970s and we have an experienced faculty which includes IB examiners and workshop leaders. The MYP, CP 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). In addition, ISH is a member of the European Council of International Schools, the Northwest European Council of International Schools, the Association of German International Schools, the International ACAC and the International Baccalaureate Organisation. Through these, ISH is affiliated with over 600 international schools worldwide.



### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students complete 8 semesters, have satisfactory participation in the CAS programme (Grades 11 and 12), and earn a minimum of 24 credits in grades 9–12 in:

English	3 credits	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 (Visual Ed., Music, Theatre, ICT, etc.)

*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)
- Design (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 Language & Literature (HL/SL)
- German B (HL/SL)
- German ab initio (SL)
- History (HL/SL)
- Mathematics AA (HL/SL)
- Mathematics AI (HL/SL)
- Physics (HL/SL)
- Psychology (SL)
- Spanish B (HL/SL)
- Theatre (HL/SL)
- Visual Arts (HL/SL)

## IB CAREER-RELATED PROGRAMME (CP)

- BTEC Level 3 Certificate Business
- BTEC Level 3 Certificate Sport
- BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma Music

In addition to this, three, four or five diploma courses are taken. The CP core consists of personal and professional skills classes 3 times a week, 50 hours of service learning and 50 hours of language development over the two years.

## SAT RESULTS – GRADES 11 AND 12

SAT Reasoning Scores between 08/2021 and 05/2022 15 students, of which 67% are non-native English speakers, took the test.

SAT Summary	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	Math	Total
Mean Scores	575	591	1.166
Mid 50%	540–620	540–670	1.080–1.290

## GPA AND RANKING POLICY

We do not compute GPA or 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

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

### After School Activities (ASA)

- Ceramics
- Chess Club
- Theatre, School musical, Spring play
- Duke of Edinburgh’s Award
- Intramural Sports
- ISH Yearbook
- Model United Nations
- Sri Lanka and Tanzania Projects (CAS)
- Student Council

### Music Enrichment Programme (MEP)

ISH offers individual music lessons after the academic school day finishes, in a variety of instruments, including piano, guitar, percussion, voice, flute and brass. Students have the option of taking exams with the internationally recognised ABRSM (British) system, or playing for their own enjoyment. Both formal and informal performances are organised at least twice per year, for students learning instruments to present their skill for parents and staff. There are also a number of bands and ensembles that students may be part of including, Rock Bands, Concert Band, Choirs and a String Ensembles.

### Athletics

ISH Falcons sports teams compete with eleven other European International Schools in the NECIS (Northwest European Council of International Schools) conference in soccer, volleyball, basketball, tennis, golf, track and field, cross country and swimming. In addition an intramural sports programme is offered for students in a non-competitive environment.

## GRADING SYSTEM & SUGGESTED CONVERSION TO US SYSTEM

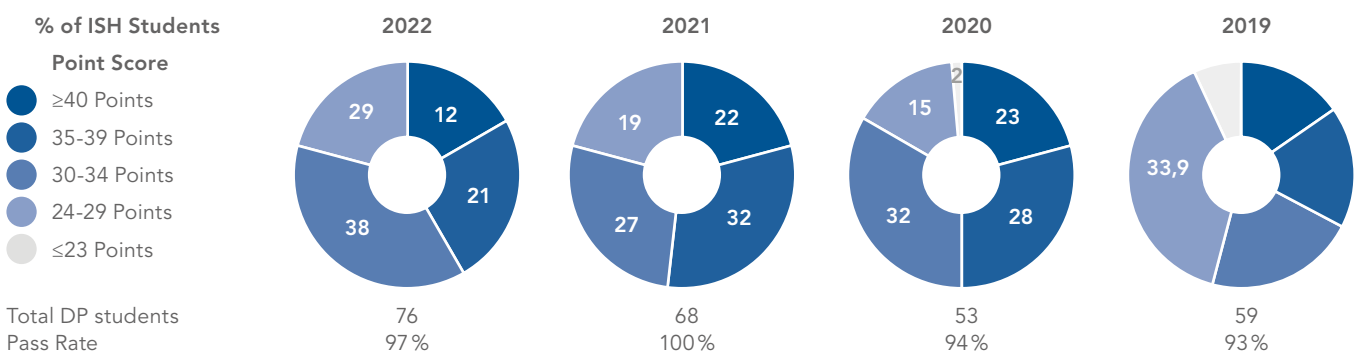
7	Excellent	A+
6	Very Good	A/A-
5	Good	B+
4	Satisfactory	B
3	Mediocre	C
2	Poor	F
1	Very Poor	F

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 DP students, we limit the number of classes to 3 higher level and 3 standard level classes.

\*(DP or career-related CP)

## DISTRIBUTION OF INDIVIDUAL IB CP & DP SCORES

IBCP Pass Rate: 100% · Career-Related Pathways: BTEC Art & Design, BTEC Sport. Total number of students registered for the IBCP: 8  
Average IBDP scores (May 2022), International School of Hamburg: 32.6 • World Average: 31.98



# College Placement

85% of ISH graduates matriculate at Colleges and Universities worldwide. Some students may decide to take a gap year. Others go on to 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 2022 matriculation; \*\*denotes more than one student enrolled:**

## CANADA

McGill University  
University of British Columbia\*  
University of Toronto  
University of Waterloo\*

## UNITED STATES

American University  
Boston University  
Clemson University\*  
College of William & Mary  
Dartmouth College  
Drexel University  
Emerson College  
Eugene Lang College The New School  
Fordham University  
Georgetown University  
George Washington University  
Hobart & Williams Smith Colleges  
Kenyon College  
Lynn University  
Macalester College  
Manhattan College  
Marist College\*  
Miami-Dade University\*  
Miami University (OH)  
Michigan State University  
New York University  
Northeastern University  
Nova Southeastern University  
Pace University  
Parsons School of Design/The New School  
Pennsylvania State University  
Purdue University  
Quinnipiac University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Rutgers University  
SCAD  
Scripps College  
Skidmore College  
The New School\*  
Tufts University  
University of Arizona  
University of Chicago  
University of Colorado, Boulder  
University of Connecticut  
University of Delaware  
University of Michigan, Dearborn  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Rochester  
UC Riverside  
UC San Diego  
UC Irvine  
UCLA  
Vanderbilt University  
Virginia Tech  
Xavier University

## IRELAND

Trinity College Dublin  
University College Cork\*  
University College Dublin

## UNITED KINGDOM

Aberystwyth University  
Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge  
Arts University Bournemouth  
Bangor University  
Birmingham City University  
Bournemouth University  
Brunel University  
Buckinghamshire New University  
Cambridge University  
Central Saint Martins College of Art & Design\*  
City University London\*  
Durham University  
Goldsmiths University of London

Heriot Watt University  
Hult University  
Imperial College London\*  
Institute of Contemporary Music Performance  
King's College London\*  
Kingston University\*  
London College of Communication\*  
London School of Economics and Political Science\*  
Loughborough University  
Middlesex University  
New College of the Humanities  
Oxford University  
Oxford Brookes University\*  
Queen Mary University of London\*  
Regent's University London  
SOAS U of London\*  
St Mary's University Twickenham  
Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance\*  
University College London\*\*  
University of the Arts London\*\*  
University of Aberdeen  
University of Bath  
University of Birmingham  
University of Brighton\*  
University of Bristol  
University of Cardiff  
University of Chichester  
University of Creative Arts  
University of Derby  
University of Durham  
University of Edinburgh\*\*  
University of Essex  
University of Exeter\*  
University of Glasgow\*  
University of Greenwich\*  
University of Kent\*  
University of Leeds  
University of Liverpool  
University of London  
University of Manchester  
University of Newcastle  
University of Nottingham  
University of Sheffield  
University of Southampton  
University of St. Andrews\*\*  
University of Strathclyde\*  
University of Surrey  
University of Sussex\*  
University of Warwick\*\*  
University of West London  
University of Westminster\*  
University of York\*

## BELGIUM

University of Antwerp  
KU Leuven

## BULGARIA

Medical University Sofia

## DENMARK

Aarhus University  
Copenhagen Business School  
DTU Copenhagen  
University of Southern Denmark  
VIA University College

## FRANCE

Parson School of Design, Paris  
Sciences Po  
The American University of Paris\*

## GERMANY

Frankfurt School of Finance & Management  
Humboldt Universität

IUBH University of Applied Sciences in Germany\*  
Jacobs University\*  
Karlsruhe University of Applied Sciences  
Kühne Logistics University\*\*  
Macromedia University of Applied Sciences, Berlin\*  
Munich Business School  
Technische Universität Darmstadt\*  
TU München  
University of Bremen  
Universität Heidelberg  
Universität Leipzig  
WHU Otto Beisheim School of Management

## ITALY

Bocconi University  
Politecnico di Torino

## NETHERLANDS

Eindhoven University of Technology  
Erasmus University Rotterdam\*  
HAN University of Applied Sciences  
Hanze U of Applied Sciences\*  
Leiden University\*  
Leiden University College  
Maastricht University\*  
Maastricht University College  
Tilburg University\*  
TU Delft  
University of Amsterdam\*\*  
University of Groningen\*  
University of Twente  
Van Hall Larenstein U of Applied S.  
VU Amsterdam  
Wageningen University and Research Centre\*

## SPAIN

ESADE University  
INSA Barcelona\*  
IE University\*\*

## SWEDEN

Kungl Tekniska Högskolan - Royal Institute of Technology  
Lund University  
University of Gothenburg\*  
Stockholm School of Economics

## SWITZERLAND

Cesar Ritz Colleges  
Franklin University  
UNIL

## ASIA

Chuo University, Japan  
Hitotsubashi University, Japan  
Keio University, Japan\*  
Seoul National University, Korea  
Sophia University, Japan  
University of Tokyo, Japan  
Waseda University, Japan  
Yonsei University, Korea

## AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

University of Sydney, Australia  
RMIT University, Australia\*  
University of Technology College, Sydney, Australia  
Queensland University of Technology, Australia  
Macquarie University, Australia  
Monash University, Australia  
University of Auckland, NZ  
University of Tasmania, Australia  
Victoria University of Wellington, NZ