



THE AMERICAN SCHOOL
IN SWITZERLAND

SUMMER PROGRAMS

FOR AGES 4-17



LANGUAGES • CULTURE • SPORTS • ADVENTURE • TRAVEL • FRIENDSHIPS



Session 1: Sunday, June 23–Thursday, July 18, 2024 | **Session 2:** Sunday, July 21– Saturday, August 10, 2024

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM (HSP): AGES 14–17

1ST SESSION

Boarding: CHF 9500
Day: CHF 5700

2ND SESSION

Boarding: CHF 8000
Day: CHF 4800

English as an Additional Language, French, Academic Writing, Architecture & Design, Digital Photography, Fashion & Textile Design, Introduction to Investment, Filmmaking, Fine Art Portfolio, La Cucina Italiana, Lean Startup Masterclass, Next Stop: Broadway!, STEAM

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM (MSP): AGES 11–13

1ST SESSION

Boarding: CHF 9500
Day: CHF 5700

2ND SESSION

Boarding: CHF 8000
Day: CHF 4800

English as an Additional Language, French, Italian, Creative Writing, Digital Photography, Musical Theater, STEAM

LE CHÂTEAU DES ENFANTS (CDE): AGES 7–10

1ST SESSION

Boarding: CHF 9500
Day: CHF 4600

2ND SESSION

Boarding: CHF 8000
Day: CHF 4200

English, French, Italian

MINNOWS: AGES 4–6

1ST SESSION

Extended Day (17:30 pick-up): CHF 4600
Standard Day (15:00 pick-up): CHF 3700

English, French, Italian

2ND SESSION

Extended Day (17:30 pick-up): CHF 4200
Standard Day (15:00 pick-up): CHF 3300



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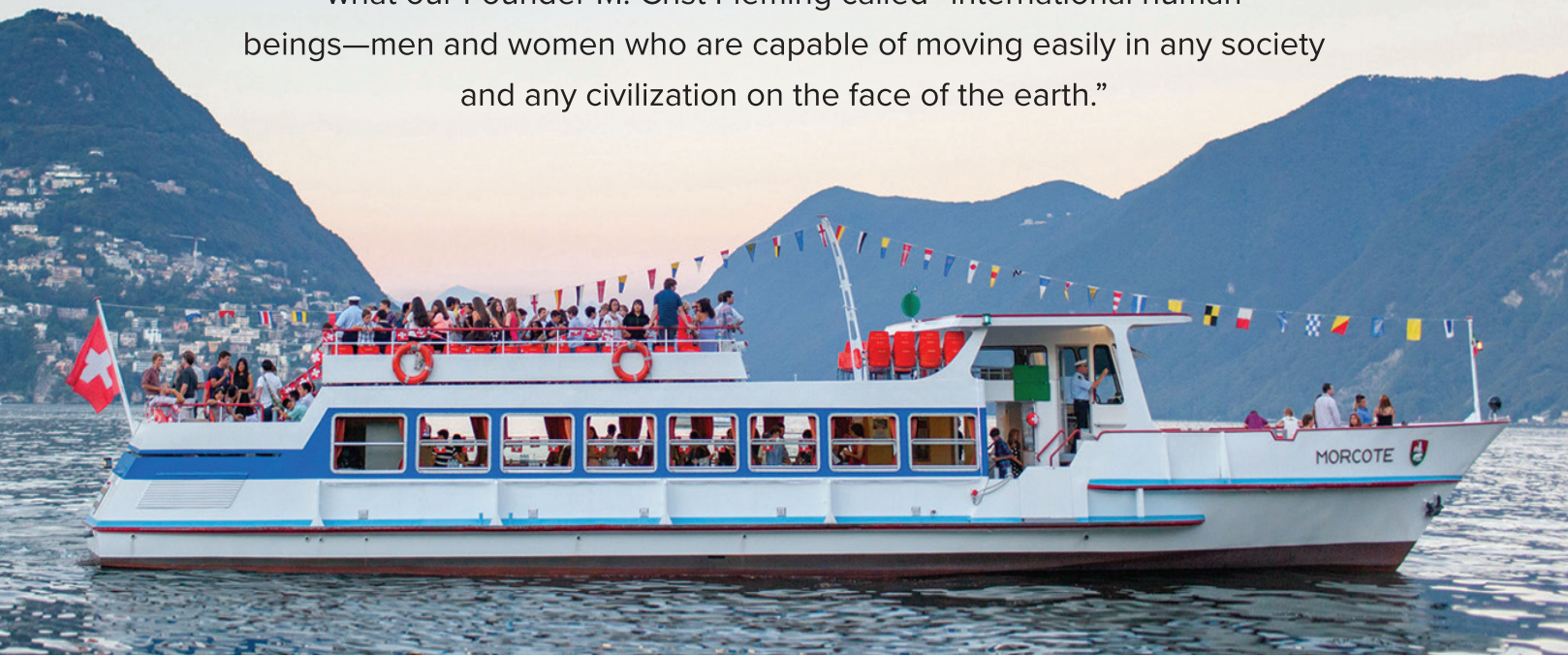
See our summer
viewbook

Switzerland



Discover a vibrant global community of students who represent more than 60 nations and speak more than 30 languages.

The TESIS experience unlocks the unique potential of every student and produces what our Founder M. Crist Fleming called “international human beings—men and women who are capable of moving easily in any society and any civilization on the face of the earth.”



BUILD LASTING FRIENDSHIPS WITH STUDENTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD!

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DISCOVER THE BEAUTY OF SWITZERLAND AND BEYOND

The magic begins on our campus. Perched on a hillside in sunny southern Switzerland with commanding views of snow-capped mountains, palm trees, and Lake Lugano, our ever-evolving global village comprises 25 buildings dating from the historic 17th-century Villa De Nobili to the state-of-the-art Campo Science Center.

Capitalizing on our location in the heart of Europe, our travel program will introduce you to majestic natural settings—from the Swiss Alps to the Italian lakes to the Mediterranean coast—and to stunning European cities, including Basel, Florence, Milan, Nice, Rome, Siena, Venice, Andermatt, Zermatt, and Zurich.

WHERE WILL YOU GO?



RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

- Go canyoning in Cresciano • Raft down the Rhine River
- Hike the Jungfrau • Ice climb the Furka Glacier in Andermatt
- Ride an alpine slide on Monte Tamaro • Kayak on the Ticino River
- Waterski on Lake Lugano • Paddleboard on Lake Maggiore

WHAT ADVENTURES WILL YOU CHOOSE?



DEVELOP YOUR MIND

While our programs provide plenty of time to play and explore, most mornings are dedicated to traditional classroom learning with a first-rate team of dedicated educators. Among other options, you can take intensive courses in Italian, French, or

English as an Additional Language; build an academic writing portfolio; learn how to cook like an Italian; develop your own lean startup; and study robotics, science, STEAM, digital photography, architecture & design, fashion & design, or musical theater.

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?



CREATE YOUR MASTERPIECE

Our visual and performing arts programs are designed to build confidence and bring out the artist in every child. Whether you want to star in an original musical, learn a new instrument, perform a modern dance, write your own script

or song, paint a canvas of the campus, take the perfect photo, design a poster, build an architecture model, or create a culinary masterpiece, our devoted team of professional artists and educators will help you achieve your goal.

WHAT WILL YOU CREATE?



HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM (HSP): Ages 14–17

LEARN

Challenging. Inspiring. Engaging. HSP courses offer you the opportunity to stretch your mind alongside new friends from around the world. Each student selects one primary course and focuses on that subject for approximately four periods each weekday morning.

Below is a sampling of our course offerings, which typically include language classes and a variety of courses that allow students to challenge themselves and try something new. (You can always visit summer.tasis.ch to see our most updated list of courses, sports, and activities.) The teacher-to-student ratio in most courses is 1:12, and students are expected to work well both individually and in group environments. Please note that an appropriate level of English is required for project-based courses, and students who do not meet this prerequisite will be placed in the appropriate EAL class.

LANGUAGE-BASED COURSES

ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL)

English courses are structured to improve fluency and confidence in an immersive environment, and lessons

are reinforced through daily interactions with friends and counselors. Courses are offered for English language-learners of all levels.

FRENCH

The French program is focused on providing an accelerated environment for learning the language and learning about Francophone culture. Students develop speaking, reading, and writing skills and learn about French food, culture, songs, and films. Courses include beginner and intermediate levels.

In addition, most students select a morning Discovery class created by our teachers to share their passions, covering topics ranging from Japanese animation to creative writing to acoustic guitar. These are for language-based courses only.

PROJECT-BASED COURSES

Note that there is an English language requirement for these courses.

ACADEMIC WRITING

Students practice the various forms of writing that are expected at quality international schools and universities.







A TYPICAL WEEKDAY AT HSP

8:15–9:00	Breakfast
9:15–9:30	Morning meeting
9:35–14:35	Class and activity periods with a break for lunch
14:45–18:00	Afternoon sports
18:25–19:00	Dinner
19:30–19:45	Evening meeting
19:45–22:00	Evening activities and/or free time
22:00	Return to dorms, check-in
23:00	Lights out



Classes focus on structuring and writing narrative, expository, persuasive, and research essays, and students leave with a portfolio of work that will enhance their school applications. This course is limited to native speakers or near-fluent students who are taught primarily in English during the academic year.

ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

This course introduces students to the disciplines of architecture and design. Classwork includes studying and sketching architecture of the 19th and 20th centuries from slides and creating several models that are displayed during the Summer Arts Festival. A required weekend trip takes the class to Weil-am-Rhein, Germany, to explore the renowned Vitra Design Museum. *There is an additional cost of CHF 800 to cover the cost of this trip.*

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

This course is an introduction to the technical and aesthetic properties of digital photography with an emphasis on using a digital camera as a tool for self-expression. Students learn how to process images with the tools offered in Adobe Creative Cloud, and trips around the region provide opportunities to practice shooting among some of the most beautiful and dramatic scenery in Europe. Students must bring their own DSLR camera.

FASHION & TEXTILE DESIGN

This course introduces students to the fascinating world of fashion design and illustration. Students gain an understanding of the design process by engaging in fashion illustration, natural indigo dyeing, silk painting, and block printing while becoming more confident in design. They also develop an awareness of major sustainability issues in today's industry and learn ways to be more conscious consumers. The class has the opportunity to visit local fashion offices, textile factories, and museums.

INTRODUCTION TO INVESTMENT

Learn investment techniques and strategies in the home of global banking. Students use virtual capital to create their own investment portfolio and discuss their daily progress. Theoretical sessions cover the

"The strongest aspects of the program are the friendships they make and the extracurricular activities. We love how the program naturally has the students interact. Thank you for the amazing memories and the unbelievable dedication from your staff. It is not easy managing teenagers and they did an amazing job!"

– HSP parent

principles of investing, risk profiles, diversification, and investment options such as bonds, foreign exchange, gold, and cryptocurrency. This course is designed for students who are 15 and older.

FILMMAKING

Students participate in a variety of intensive filmmaking units, honing their production skills to create an original short film. They craft their own original short film script in the Screenwriting unit, learn the basics of acting on film in the On-Screen Acting unit, and learn the craft of film production both on and off screen during the Filmmaking Lab. Students need not have any previous experience—only an interest in the process of making a story come to life through film.

FINE ART PORTFOLIO

This intensive drawing and painting course offers young artists the opportunity to learn and practice techniques that have been taught for centuries. The classic approach allows students to enhance both their artistic skills and portfolios and is an excellent option for students preparing to enter art school or for those studying AP or IB Art. Applicants are required to submit a recommendation from an art teacher.

LA CUCINA ITALIANA

Taught by professional chefs, this course inspires students to create their own Italian meals. Students visit markets to source local ingredients and visit local producers and a historical mill. Classes meet in a professional kitchen in downtown Lugano where students learn knife skills, food safety and hygiene, and basic principles of cooking. They leave with knowledge of the food culture of Italy and with recipes to share with friends and family.

LEAN STARTUP MASTERCLASS

Guided by an experienced teacher and the build-measure-learn feedback loop, students learn the basic principles of the lean startup approach, examine how the digital innovation explosion has changed the way an entrepreneur must approach starting a new business, identify which skills are most important in this new landscape, and ultimately develop their own ideas into a startup. This course is recommended for students who are 15 and older.



NEXT STOP: BROADWAY!

Students lift their musical theater skills in this comprehensive course taught by our performing arts team. This course concentrates on high-quality music, dancing, and acting classes that help prepare the students for an original musical experience, crafted for and by them. Opportunities extend beyond performance to backstage, focusing on costume and set design, stage management, lighting, and direction. This one-of-a-kind musical theater program includes a demanding rehearsal schedule and elevates the performers to reach beyond their limits to create a unique summer arts experience. Open to anyone with an interest in musical theater—no previous experience is required!

STEAM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ARTS, MATH)

This course focuses on investigating the scientific concepts and principles present in our everyday lives, from homeostasis to ice cream! Based in our state-of-the-art Campo Science Center, the course includes laboratory work, creative group projects, and discussions about chemistry, biology, and physics. Students grow more familiar with scientific language and concepts and choose a scientific phenomenon to investigate and explain to others. They showcase their knowledge by creating posters and projects shared during the Summer Arts Festivals held at the end of each session.

"My daughter had the most wonderful time. She came home ecstatic about the program as a whole. She learned so much in her writing course, made tons of friends from around the world, and enjoyed all of her weekend trips. The strongest aspects of the program for her were her independence, friendships, and cultural awareness. Overall your program was amazing!!! A+."

– HSP parent



EXPLORE

Hike the Jungfrau. Sketch in Venice. Climb a glacier. Eat in Rome. Explore Nice. Go canyoning, whitewater rafting, or kayaking. With a location in the heart of Europe, the HSP travel program introduces you to beautiful and exciting destinations—from the Italian lakes to the Swiss Alps to the Mediterranean coast.

Students can spend their weekends visiting cities, traipsing through the Swiss countryside, or touring world-class museums. Choose from overnight trips to destinations in Switzerland, France, and Italy or from a variety of exciting day trips

Day trips focus on destinations that are a shorter drive from campus. City breaks to Milan, Zurich, or Lucerne include cultural tours and time to explore with friends. Adventurous students may choose from canyoning, canoeing, rafting, or caving. In addition, students can relax at a lido in Ascona, Locarno, or Tesserete. All trips are included in tuition, and students return to TASIS each night.

Overnight trips let students explore destinations further afield. Cultural trips may include Nice and Monaco, Venice, or Rome. Adventure trips explore the natural terrain around Zermatt, Interlaken, or Andermatt. Students stay for one or two nights. *These trips are at an extra cost.*

PLAY

Afternoons at HSP are devoted to sports, the arts, outdoor adventures, and other activities. Go windsurfing, paddleboarding, sailing, or swimming on Lake Lugano; play tennis, soccer, basketball, or volleyball; or improve your fitness and flexibility with yoga or Pilates.

Most students take part in singing classes and learn songs to perform at the HSP Talent Show at the end of the program. They also gather in the Palmer Cultural Center for *tutti singing*, a Karaoke-style event with a live band, one evening per week.

Sports Clubs

Sports clubs are available at an extra cost. Students may choose to participate in sports such as **Milan Academy Scuola Calcio**, which offers the opportunity to work with coaches from the renowned AC Milan Club; in **CrossFit**, a program consisting of aerobic exercise, calisthenics, and weightlifting; in **Tennis Academy** with first-rate instructors in personalized lessons; and in **Golf** by playing beautiful courses in Italy and Switzerland. And new for this year, **The World of Formula 1** explores the exciting world of racing. Sports clubs are dependent on sufficient enrollment.

GROW

One of the most important aspects of HSP is friendship, and global friendships help us become global citizens. Where else can students meet peers from more than 60 countries who quickly become a second family?

The boarding program at HSP reflects the tradition of TASIS as one of the world's most exclusive boarding schools. Students are housed in spacious dorms on campus, and after a structured day of learning and sports, they enjoy an array of fun evening activities together.

Above all, HSP students are immersed in the values that TASIS holds most dear—culture, wisdom, knowledge, and truth—as they strive to unlock their full potential.

THE SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL

We welcome parents to join us for the **TASIS Summer Arts Festival** on the final day of each session. View student artwork, watch a variety of performances, and get to know the campus.



"My daughter had the time of her life. She enjoyed it to the fullest. Organization was fantastic. She enjoyed her Filmmaking class as well as windsurfing and hiking. What she loved the most, though, was the diverse backgrounds of the students and the friendships she forged."

— HSP parent

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM (MSP): Ages 11–13

LEARN

Stretch your mind and develop new skills with first-rate teachers and inquisitive students from around the globe. Each student selects one of the following courses and focuses on that subject for 10–15 hours per week. Students also choose an afternoon Discovery class created by our teachers to share their passions, covering topics ranging from health and well-being to book club to podcasting.

LANGUAGE-BASED COURSES

ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL)

MSP offers students the chance to improve their confidence and skills in English. The program language is English, so TASIS offers an immersive language experience for children. Our teachers make learning fun by providing interactive, challenging activities, and the MSP environment compels students to practice their English during sports, activities, meals, and excursions. Courses cater to all levels.

ITALIAN

Ticino, the only Italian-speaking Swiss canton, is the perfect environment for learning conversational Italian. Students build their vocabulary and learn to write about topics in the areas of fashion, food, art, and culture. Courses include beginner and intermediate levels.

FRENCH

Students learn from native speakers who are dedicated to helping them gain confidence in their skills. They have the opportunity to go on trips to the French-speaking part of Switzerland that provide a chance to use the language with locals.

PROJECT-BASED COURSES

Each of these courses are designed with experiential learning at the heart. Students leave with a new skill or portfolio that they can use outside of TASIS, and they also choose a Discovery Hour class. Note that there is an English language requirement for these courses.

CREATIVE WRITING

Designed for native speakers and students who attend a school where the primary language is English, this course encourages young writers to express themselves in English. Students learn about literary devices, shaping narratives, and persuasive writing, and they practice writing fiction, essays, and poetry. They also strengthen their creative thinking skills with discussions on AI and the importance of original and creative thinking.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

An experienced photographer works with students who are looking to make every photograph a better one. The curriculum focuses on camera features, composition, lighting techniques, and image processing, and the class takes various trips to scenic locations around Ticino. Students must bring their own DSLR camera.

A TYPICAL WEEKDAY AT MSP

07:30–08:15	Breakfast
08:25–08:30	Morning meeting
08:30–11:30	Classes
11:30–12:05	Lunch
12:05–13:30	Discovery Hour
13:30–17:00	Afternoon activities
17:00–17:30	Dinner preparation
17:30–18:15	Family-style dinner
18:15–20:30	Evening activities
20:30–20:45	Dorm meetings
20:45–21:45	Free time/showers
21:45–22:00	Quiet time
22:00	Lights out



"My son's experience was excellent. It was his first time away from home and the staff did a great job of helping him adjust and get comfortable during the first week."

— MSP parent



MUSICAL THEATER

In this one-of-a-kind course, students engage in high-quality acting, singing, and dancing classes, working alongside professional teaching artists. Students who are more interested in the production side of theater may choose to focus on costume design, lighting, sound design, and production design. All students are encouraged to be involved in the final performance at the Summer Arts Festival. *Note that there is a minimum language requirement for this course.*

STEAM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ART, AND MATH)

This STEAM course integrates concepts that are usually taught as separate subjects and emphasizes the application of knowledge to real-life situations following a project-based learning approach. Classes are based around finding solutions and connections to real-world problems. Students will create a digital Engineering Notebook to inspire them and work with every day in class as they approach obstacles, learn new skills,





and examine components that shape their lives in electronics, coding, and engineering design. Projects include developing a 3D-printed micro-drone and programming Arduino boards.

DISCOVERY HOUR

Every day after lunch, students participate in Discovery Hour, a time to explore a passion or learn a new skill. The topics vary, as they are proposed by our teaching staff who have a special interest in an area not necessarily related to their subject. Past topics have included drama skills, nature lovers, xylophones, jewelry making, stagecraft, Italian for everyday life, health and wellbeing, and podcasting.

EXPLORE

Climb up a mountain and take a zip-line down. Jump off a rock while canyoning. Pose with a peacock in a garden on Lago Maggiore. Watch an opera in Verona's Roman amphitheater. Taste fresh cheese and olive oil in Tuscany. MSP offers travel experiences that open your mind and broaden your world.

Day trips include exciting destinations a short drive from campus. Cultural tours include cities like Lucerne and Milan, the Alpine village of Engelberg, and the lush, genteel Borromean Islands and Villa Balbianello. Adventurous students can enjoy rafting, canyoning, and hiking trips. Or students can relax while visiting

"The quality of the courses, the beautifully organized weekend trips, incredible staff and counselors, a wonderful social program (boat parties, tutti singing, etc...). It is a wonderful program and has provided some of my children's best summers ever. They have forged lifelong friendships. A really wonderful way to spend three weeks."

– MSP parent



the Brissago lido or swimming at Val Verzasca. All day trips are included in the cost of tuition, and students return to campus at the end of the day.

Overnight trips, available at an extra cost, give students a chance to explore destinations further afield. Trips might include ice climbing and hiking in the Alpine village of Andermatt, attending an opera in Verona, or spending time on the beautiful Italian Riviera.

PLAY

During afternoons, MSP students have sports tracks. Options may include archery, tennis, windsurfing, climbing, waterskiing, volleyball, and more, ensuring that students spend time exercising and being active. Students choose two sports per week and build their skills throughout the session.

Those looking to take their athletic skills to the next level can join an **MSP Sports Club**. Students

can train with professional soccer coaches from the renowned AC Milan Club in the Milan Academy Scuola Calcio, refine their tennis skills, or hone their golf games. *Participation is at an extra cost.*

Most students also take part in singing classes three times per week to prepare songs to perform at the Summer Arts Festival at the end of the session.

Every evening, students participate in activities that are fun and challenging and offer them a chance to get to know their peers better. These include cultural events, games, sports, and a semi-formal dance.

GROW

Meet new friends from around the globe while exploring some of the most beautiful and exciting areas in Europe, challenging yourself physically, and expanding your horizons in the classroom. MSP will broaden your world.

*"What an amazing experience this summer was for my child! We can't stop talking about it!
It is not an exaggeration to say it was life-changing! Looking forward to next summer!"*

– MSP parent

Each week at MSP we focus on a theme that encourages age-appropriate growth and development. Week one focuses on teamwork, week two centers on challenging yourself, and week three gives students a chance to share their work or talent with others.

The boarding program at MSP reflects the tradition of TASIS as one of the world's most exclusive boarding schools. Students are housed in dormitories that give them the opportunity to be away from home in a nurturing, structured environment. Roommates are from countries and cultures different from one another, encouraging cultural exchange and global friendships.

THE SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL

We welcome parents to join us for the **TASIS Summer Arts Festival** on the final day of each session. View student art, design, and science exhibits; watch the MSP Musical; and enjoy songs and dances performed by our MSP community.



LE CHÂTEAU DES ENFANTS (CDE): Ages 7–10

LEARN

Diverse. Nurturing. Fun. At CDE, our goal is to encourage your natural curiosity. Learn alongside new friends from around the world while being immersed in languages, music, science, movement, and the arts.

Every CDE student studies one of our **three language offerings** for about two hours each day with passionate educators from around the world. Classes are highly active, student-centric, and cooperative, and they include cultural elements alongside language use.

ENGLISH

CDE offers a truly immersive English-language learning experience. English is the language of instruction and communication program-wide, and the courses offer students time to practice and build on their existing skills. Class sizes are small and cater to beginning, intermediate, and advanced learners.

FRENCH

This course introduces students to a variety of French-speaking countries and cultures while focusing on vocabulary and phrases that help students build their confidence. It is designed for beginning or intermediate learners.

ITALIAN

CDE Italian classes are immersed in the culture and language of Ticino, the only Italian-speaking Swiss canton. This course teaches vocabulary and phrases that children can use when off-campus (learning how to order *gelato* is a favorite) and also covers Italian culture. It is designed for beginning or intermediate learners.

STEAM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ART, AND MATH)

All children also attend an hour of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics—or STEAM—every afternoon, focusing on creative thinking. Guided by their language teachers, students use vocabulary and problem-solving skills in the target language.

EXPLORE

Observe the skies at a local planetarium. Hike high above beautiful Lake Lugano. Explore the depths of an ancient cave. Visit the historic Bellinzona castles. CDE gives students the unique opportunity to explore Switzerland while forming strong bonds of friendship with peers from around the world.

All students take part in **weekday excursions** that explore beautiful Ticino. Taken with their language



teacher and classmates, these field trips connect to the classroom curriculum. Past favorites have included visiting the Locarno Falconeria, seeing the bear caves on Monte Generoso, taking nature walks on San Salvatore, and pedal boating on Lake Lugano.

On Saturdays, boarding students take **weekend trips** where they travel to destinations further afield. Destinations change each summer but have included the Swiss Transport Museum in Lucerne, the Parco San Grato botanical gardens in Corona, Lido Locarno, and a rainy-day favorite, the Splash & Spa water park in Rivera! On Sundays our boarders take part in two half-day **weekend clubs** that allow them to play and learn in creative and exciting ways. Popular clubs have included tie-dying t-shirts, nature photography, kayaking, creating board games, and a DIY spa day. Also on offer are stand-up paddleboarding (SUP) and horseback riding, available at an additional cost.

One of the highlights of the summer is a **camping trip** to a site in the foothills of the Alps, just 25 minutes from campus. The trip helps children build confidence as they help with setting up tents and preparing meals—and even learn to make S'mores by a campfire! Throughout the years, CDE has taken thousands of students camping, many for their very first time. All boarding students camp overnight while CDE day students have the choice to camp overnight at no additional cost.

PLAY

Play is an integral part of childhood. We believe in children having a choice of activities that, to quote TASIS Founder M. Crist Fleming, “stretch them in ways they never imagined.” Our activities are carefully curated to appeal to children of all personalities and interests with the goal of them trying new things too.

MORNING ACTIVITIES

Morning activities at CDE focus on fitness and movement. These include sports (kickball, dodgeball, cooperative games), outdoor activities (hiking, field games, local park visits), and swimming.





Sports Clubs

As an alternative to our morning activities, students can enroll in sports clubs that take place at the same time. These are at an additional cost and are in lieu of our morning activities. Possible options include **Milan Academy Scuola Calcio**, featuring coaches from the distinguished club AC Milan, and **Tennis Junior Camp** for beginner players with Lugano-based professional coaches. **Horseback riding** and **paddleboarding** are offered as Sunday activities for boarding students.

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

Afternoons at CDE are filled with creativity and hands-on learning through the arts and sciences. These activities allow children to grow in courage and confidence as they express themselves in new ways.

All students take part in regular *Tutti Singing* classes to prepare songs to perform at the end of the session.

Activities on offer have included Culinary Arts, Art, Crafts, Coding & Robotics, Construction & Design, Music Mixup, Dance, and Drama Games—all of which challenge children to try something new or learn a skill they can take home with them!

CDE Musical

Young performers may choose to audition for the CDE musical. Rehearsals take place at the same time as our afternoon activities. Parents with students in the musical are invited for a special performance during the Summer Arts Festival at the end of each session.

GROW

CDE is proud to attract students from dozens of countries, truly bringing the world to your child. Our young learners delight in learning about each other's cultures. They continuously grow in their understanding of their place in this world, as both individuals and as global citizens. Staffed by caring and dedicated educators, the CDE program is a vibrant and intimate community that reflects the ethos of the TASIS schools by encouraging children to respect and learn from one another.

THE SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL

We welcome parents to join us for the **TASIS Summer Arts Festival** on the final day of each session. View student art, design, and science exhibits; watch the CDE Musical; and enjoy songs and dances performed by our CDE community.

"My son loves the Italian program and spoke highly of his teachers. I think the way Italian was paired with STEAM activities and crafts, and recreating Da Vinci's inventions, was an incredible way of teaching and engaging the students."

– CDE parent



WE WELCOME DAY STUDENTS AND BOARDING STUDENTS.

The **day student** program is a unique, five-day program that includes classes, trips, and activities. Day students attend every weekday (Monday to Friday) from 8:30 to 17:30.

The **boarding student** program includes classes, trips, activities, and sports as well as three meals a day and dorm accommodation at night. Boarders also stay at TASIS on weekends, where they participate in off-campus trips and special activities that are included in the cost of tuition.

Boarding students are supported by our experienced counselors and become like family. They are assigned rooms with students from cultures and countries different from their own and enjoy a highly structured routine that helps them feel safe and encourages their independence.

CDE DAILY SCHEDULE

7:45	Boarding students: wake up, morning routine
8:00	Boarding students: breakfast & phone calls home (after the first week)
8:30	Day students are dropped off
8:40	All students: Morning Meeting
9:00	Language classes
10:30	Morning activities & sports clubs
12:30	Lunch
12:45	Rest time
13:45	Tutti Singing
14:30	STEAM Hour
15:30	Afternoon activities
17:30	Day students are picked up
17:30	Boarding students eat dinner
18:00	Evening activity (Popular activities include Cultural Night performances, water balloon Battleship, a Dorm Party, and Counselor Hide-and-Seek.)

"This was the first year for my two sons. Both of them had incredible experiences, and we are so happy that we chose TASIS. We will come again next year! Thank you to all the TASIS family!"

– CDE parent

MINNOWS: Ages 4–6



LEARN

It's never too early to become a global citizen! Minnows spend their days immersed in a creative, engaging, interactive classroom environment and quickly become a tight-knit community of diverse learners.

The Minnows language program uses a child-directed, whole-brain approach. Our small classes focus on the spoken language, and teachers are encouraged to be as creative as possible, using movement and hands-on activities. Children learn basic vocabulary and use words while on trips off-campus. Minnows also practice writing and can even learn to read simple sentences. The curriculum is constantly changing to accommodate how quickly the children are learning, with the aim of building confident language-learners.

Minnows can enroll in **Italian**, **French**, or **English** courses, and the ultimate goal is to make children excited about learning a foreign language and encourage them to want to learn more!

Students also have a weekly STEAM lesson provided by a STEAM-certified teacher during their language class time. They also participate in STEAM activities throughout the week.

Our Minnows program is suitable for children who are successful in group settings. Please note that our program and facilities are not equipped to support children with special needs who require one-on-one support.

EXPLORE

On campus, the Minnows choose from a variety of open-ended activities that are designed to support the vocabulary and themes presented in their language classes. These include arts and crafts, group games, singing, cooking, and playing in our outdoor playground. Special events such as Pirate Day, a Renaissance Fair, and a Science Fair are perennial favorites.

Off campus, Minnows take weekly field trips that explore the local area. Favorite field trips have included visiting an Alpine farm and learning facts about the animals, going on a nature walk in the Montagnola woods, touring downtown Lugano, visiting Swissminiatur Park, seeing the Bellinzona castles, and hosting a visit from the Apiary and discovering fun facts about bees.

Minnows have the opportunity to attend either as a Standard Day or Extended Day student:

Standard Day

Our Standard Day program is Monday–Friday from 8:45 to 15:00 in our beautiful Early Childhood Center, Al Focolare. Just 200 meters down the hill from the main TASIS campus, Al Focolare is a spacious and inviting location for learning.

Extended Day

Extended Day Minnows attend Monday–Friday from 8:45 to 17:30, and their days are very active with walks, trips, and science projects. Four- and five-year-old Minnows are welcome to try the Extended Day program, but if it is not a good fit they may be asked to shift to the Standard Day program.

PLAY

In the Minnows program, play and creativity are the key ingredients in our recipe for success. Both ingredients encourage interaction, problem-solving, teachable moments, experimentation, innovation, and, of course, laughter. Above all, play bonds children and enhances verbal and non-verbal communication.

Students have the opportunity for open-ended play during choice time, where they are encouraged to choose from a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. Outdoor choices focus on gross motor skills and may include playground play, sandbox construction, or kicking a soccer ball with a friend. Indoor choices focus on fine motor skills and are typically teacher-directed sensory and art experiences.

MINNOWS DAILY SCHEDULE

8:45–9:00	Arrival at Focolare
9:00–9:25	Morning Meeting
9:30–10:45	Language class
10:45–11:00	Snack
11:00–12:00	Morning Activities such as outdoor play, art, indoor play, and STEAM activities. Friday mornings are for special activities such as Circus Day, Pirate Day, Farm Day, Expedition Day, Renaissance Fair, and Science Fair.
12:00–12:30	Music
12:30–13:10	Lunch
13:15–13:30	Story time
13:30–14:15	Rest time
14:15–15:00	Free outdoor play
15:00	Standard Day dismissal
15:00–15:30	Outdoor play/Water play
15:30–16:15	Organized PM Activities such as working with clay, author studies, picture-book writing (for 6-year-olds), yoga, tinkering lab, science, STEAM, water games, scavenger hunt, obstacle course, drama, puppet-making, origami club, or visiting the public playground near to AI Focolare
16:15–16:30	Snack
16:30–17:15	Continue with organized PM activities
17:20–17:30	Extended Day dismissal at Focolare

GROW

It never ceases to amaze us just how much a young child can change and grow in only a few weeks. The children learn about each other and create their own community in which each child is valued and supported by one another. We look forward to welcoming you and your children to Minnows!

THE SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL

The Minnows Open House is the final week of the program. This event allows you to view student projects and meet your child's teachers.

We also welcome you to join us for the **TASIS Summer Arts Festival** on the final day of each session. View student art, design, and science exhibits and enjoy songs and dances performed by the Minnows and our CDE community!



"This is my daughter's third year as a Minnow and she has loved each summer. The staff are amazing. I was impressed by the depth of their STEAM lessons; my daughter came home telling me how lungs work and how bones fit together to form a skeleton. She also knows how to order gelato in Italian! The creativity and joy of the Minnows program is remarkable."

– Minnows parent

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