

IICS SECONDARY SCHOOL PROFILE 2021-22



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SCHOOL CALENDAR

The academic year is comprised of two semesters. **The first semester** begins in August and finishes at end of January. **The second semester** begins at the beginning of February and finishes in mid-June.

OUR MISSION

Through its challenging curriculum and strong staff-student relationships, IICS provides a caring environment that inspires each student to excel and to be inquisitive, creative, compassionate, balanced and international-minded.

SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

In addition to being one of the oldest international schools in the world, Istanbul International Community School is among Europe's most noteworthy. Founded in 1911 to educate the children of the Robert College faculty, the school has maintained a tradition of academic excellence for a century. IICS is a private, non-profit, secular, coeducational pre K-12 day school serving the educational needs of Istanbul's international community (holders of non-Turkish passports). The school has two divisions: the Primary School (PK-6th grades) and the Secondary School (7th-12th Grades). The language of instruction at IICS is English.



Established in 1911. Over a century of academic excellence.



Globally accredited by CIS and NEASC.



Registered 501 (c) (3) non profit. All proceeds reinvested into education.



99% of graduates proceed to university



Among first in the world to be IB authorized for all 3 programs: PYP, MYP, DP.



IICS is an English medium international school. All students must hold a non-Turkish passport.



IICS is an inclusive, full IB curriculum school. IICS does not offer the Turkish national curriculum.



Student Directed Learning blocks incorporated into DP & MYP schedules for teacher mentoring or independent study.

DIVERSE STUDENT BODY AND FACULTY

STUDENT BODY COMPOSITION

47 Nationalities in Grades 7-12
17 Nationalities in Class of 2022

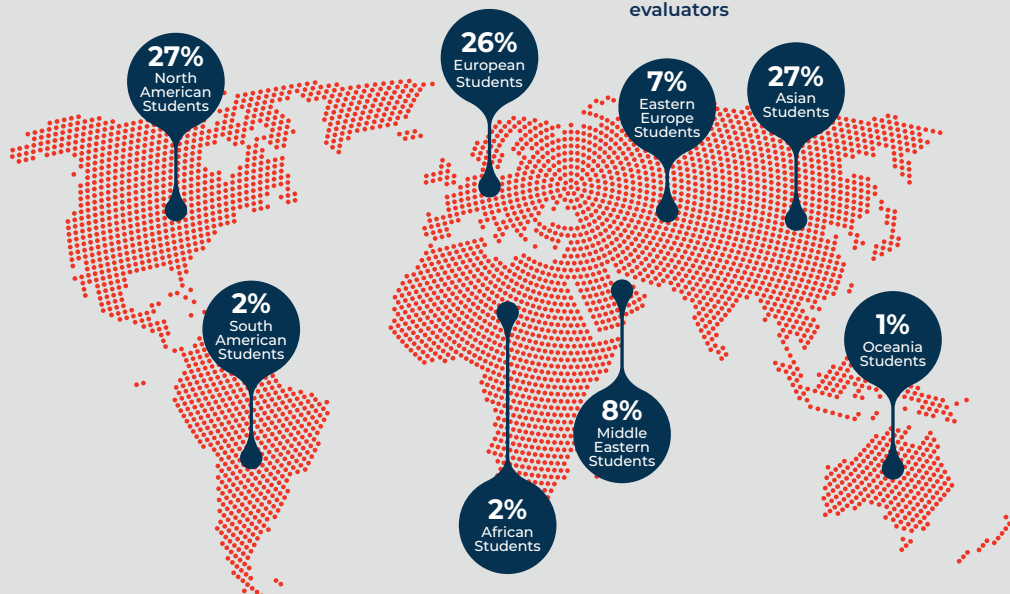
Total Number of Girls Students per Grade Boys

17	Grade 7	35	18
20	Grade 8	42	22
18	Grade 9	38	20
15	Grade 10	44	29
15	Grade 11	30	15
19	Grade 12	31	12
TOTAL		220	



FACULTY COMPOSITION

17 Nationalities on faculty from 6 continents
14 Average years teaching experience
68% of faculty hold Master's degree or PhD
19 IB Trainers, Examiners, Curriculum Reviewers, Authorization evaluators
7:1 Student to Teacher Ratio
6 Continents



CLASS OF 2021 SAT RESULTS

IICS IS AN OFFICIAL TEST CENTER



Reading and Writing Ave.
610
Range
440-780



Math Ave.
650
Range
480-750



Total Score Ave.
1260
Range
940-1530



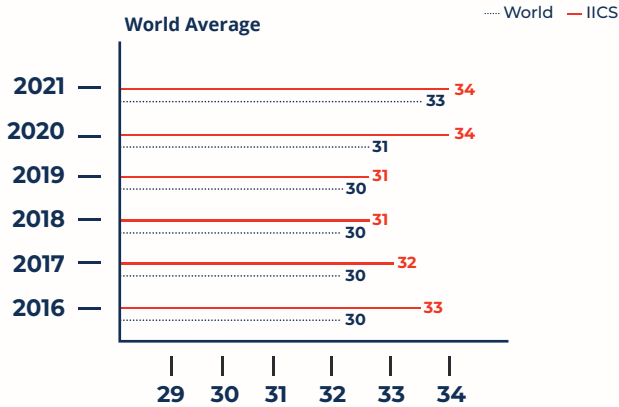
16 Test Takers,
of Whom
7 Were non-Native
English Speakers

IB GRADING SCALE & GPA EQUIVALENT

MYP/DP courses are graded 1-7.
The Grade Point Equivalent (weighted over 4.00) is:



IB DIPLOMA AVERAGES



IICS HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

IICS High School Diploma requires completion of a minimum 26 credits (1 credit=1 Full Year).
A typical minimum credit distribution would be:

English	4
Science	3
Mathematics	3
Humanities	3
<i>(Social Studies)</i>	
Foreign Languages	2
Physical Education	2
Arts / Design	2
Personal Project	1
Electives	6
TOTAL	26

All students graduate with two Core Class credits which include TOK, CAS, Extended Essay / Research Paper, and Guidance in our Grade 11 and 12.

Electives are courses completed from any discipline.

IB DIPLOMA PASS RATES

The 2011 - 2020 IICS pass rates compared to the world averages are listed below.
IICS is a non-selective school and encourages all students to study the IB program.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
IICS Pass Rate %	81,0	86,0	92,0	88,0	85,0	89,0	88,0	82,0	91	92
World Pass Rate %	78,5	79,0	79,3	80,8	79,3	78,4	78,2	77,8	79,1	89

2022 26 full IB Diploma candidates

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

ATHLETICS

- Football
- Cross-Country
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Tennis

ARTS

- IICS Band
- IICS Choir
- IICS Strings
- Drama

ACTIVITIES

- MUN
- Speech and Debate
- Knowledge Bowl
- Mathematics

CLUBS

- Refugee Outreach Club
- Teen Empowerment Club
- The Splash (*publication*)
- Animal Welfare
- Dolphin Squad
- STUCO
- GSA
- Math Club
- PSAT Club

PATH TO GRADUATION

Students have the option to earn one of the following combinations by the end of Grade 12. The graduation pathway is determined based on students' choice, their academic history, faculty recommendations, and the university path they plan to pursue.

The options include:

1. IICS High School Diploma and IB Diploma
2. IICS High School Diploma and IB Certificates
3. IICS High School Diploma

At IICS, we encourage most of our students to be full IB Diploma candidates, and the majority of them choose this path; however, IB Certificates and High School Diploma options are equally valid as an appropriate path to further education.

In order to attain the IICS High School Diploma, students must earn minimum of 26 credits throughout their 4 years of high school (grades 9-12). In Grades 11 and 12, students have the option of taking all their courses in Standard Level. Extended Essay is not a requirement for IB Certificates and/or IICS High School Diploma candidates, however reduced core requirements must be fulfilled. The IICS High School Diploma is the US equivalent of a leaving certificate and is recognized for entry directly to many university systems when combined with appropriate standardized testing (SAT, ACT, TOEFL, IELTS).

IICS IB COURSES OFFERED

Note that the availability of these courses depend on the student numbers.

GROUP 1 STUDIES IN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

- English A Literature
- Spanish A Literature
- French A Literature
- German A Literature
- Turkish A Literature
- Self-taught Language A Literature

Students may elect to study their native language as a school-supported, self-taught literature program at Standard Level only.

GROUP 2 LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

- French B
- Spanish B
- English B
- Spanish ab initio (SL only)

Students may also elect to study a second language A and earn a bilingual diploma.

GROUP 3 INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETIES

- Economics
- Geography
- History
- Environmental Systems and Societies (SL only)

GROUP 4 EXPERIMENTAL SCIENCES

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Environmental Systems and Societies (SL only)

GROUP 5 MATHEMATICS

- Mathematics Analysis & Approaches SL
- Mathematics Analysis & Approaches HL
- Mathematics Applications & Interpretations SL

GROUP 6 THE ARTS

- Visual Arts
- Theater Arts

A SELECTION OF EXTENDED ESSAY RESEARCH QUESTIONS *Class of 2021*

- To what extent did The Ottoman Public Debt Administration (OPDA) lead to the decline of the Ottoman Empire?
- To what extent did eradication policies under Fifth Brazilian Republic impact social status of Rio de Janeiro's favelas?
- To what extent are the antibacterial properties of different concentrations of fresh garlic (*Allium sativum*) inhibiting the growth of *Lactobacillus acidophilus*?
- To what extent has the growth of cattle farming in the Northern Panhandle Region of Texas, USA impacted water quality in the Canadian River?
- To what extent has the increase in the special consumption tax for vehicles in Turkey implemented in 2020, impact the sales of new and second-hand cars?
- To what extent did the implementation of negative interest rates in Japan affect the profitability of the automobile industry in the Japanese market since 2016?
- How effective is *Zingiber officinale* in inhibiting the growth of *Lactobacillus* bacteria?
- How does the experience of the persona in Wilfred Owen's "Mental Cases" and Robert Graves' "Recalling War" reflect the effect of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder on World War 1 soldiers?
- De quelle manière la mort et les malheurs peuvent changer la psychologie et la vision des personnages du roman *La Peste*?
- What is the effect of rising sea levels on the rate of lunar recession in the Earth-Moon system?
- To what extent can the island nations of Iceland and New Zealand exemplify environmental sustainability to other high income countries?
- How are male characters presented in the novels, *Out of Africa* by Isak Dinesen and *Wuthering Heights* by Brontë?

RECENT DISTINCTIONS

- 1 CIS International Student Award Winner
- 1 National motocross champion
- 1 Men's Basketball player at Duke University in NCAA Division I
- 1 Olympic Competitor, Captain of Azerbaijan National Equestrian Team Competed at 2008 Beijing & 2012 London Olympics
- 1 Student 3rd and 10th place in Turkish National Swimming Team and 6th and 7th places swimming for Istanbul Technical University (U18)



- 2 National Outdoor Leadership School Graduates
- 3 Duke of Edinburgh Gold medalists
- 4 Turkish National Team athletes: Ski Team, Equestrian Team
- 4 National Equestrian Junior Champions
- 5 Internationally competitive tennis players
- 10 Students in Waterloo University Math contests scoring 25% worldwide among 20,000 competitors

UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

In the recent years, students from Istanbul International Community School have been accepted to the following universities and colleges:

* Universities where our students have been accepted in the last 2 years.

- UNITED STATES**
- American University***
Amherst College
Bard College
Barnard College
Bennington College
Bentley College
 - Boston College***
Boston University
Brandeis University
 - Brigham Young University***
Brown University
Bryant University
Chapman University
Clark University
College of William and Mary
Colorado State University
Columbia College
Columbia University
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
DePaul University
Dickenson University
 - Drew University***
 - Drexel University***
 - Duke University***
Elon University
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
 - Emerson University***
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Fordham University
Franklin and Marshall College
 - George Washington University***
Georgetown University
Georgia Tech University
 - Hobart and William Smith Colleges***
Hofstra University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Ithaca College
 - Johns Hopkins University***
Knox College
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
Loyola Marymount University
Lynn University
Maryland Institute College of Art
Michigan State University
 - New York University***
Northeastern University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Pace University
 - Parsons The New School For Design***
 - Pennsylvania State University***
 - Pepperdine University***
 - Pratt Institute***
Princeton University
 - Purdue University***
Reed College
Rhode Island School of Design
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rollins College
Rutgers University
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
Skidmore College
Stanford University
State University of New York
Suffolk University
 - Syracuse University***
Temple University
Texas A & M University
 - Tufts University***
OTIS College of art and design
 - Tulane University***
University of Arizona
University of California, Los Angeles

- UNITED STATES**
- University of Chicago***
University of Colorado
 - University of Denver***
University of Florida
University of Illinois
University of Indiana at Bloomington
 - University of Iowa***
University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts
 - University of Miami***
University of Michigan
University of Oregon
University of San Francisco
University of South Carolina
University of Texas at Austin
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin at Madison
Utah State University
Vanderbilt University
 - Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University***
Wake Forest University
Wesleyan University
Wheaton College
- UNITED KINGDOM**
- Aston University
Aberystwyth University
American College Dublin
Bath Spa University
 - Birmingham City University***
Bournemouth University
Brunel University
Canterbury Christ Church University
 - Cardiff University***
 - City University***
 - Durham University***
 - Goldsmith's College, University of London***
Hult International Business School
 - Imperial College/ London***
 - Keele University***
Kingston University
Lancaster University
London College of Fashion
London Metropolitan University
 - London School of Economics***
Loughborough University
Middlesex University
Nottingham-Trent University
Oxford Brookes University
 - Regents University***
 - Richmond University***
 - Royal Holloway, University of London***
 - Sheffield Hallam University***
Southampton University
St. Andrews University
Swansea University
The University of Liverpool
University College London
 - University of Aberdeen***
University of Bath
 - University of Birmingham***
University of Brighton
 - University of Bristol***
University of Buckingham
University of Cambridge
University of Central Lancashire
University of Chester
University of Durham
University of East Anglia

- UNITED KINGDOM**
- University of East London
University of Essex
 - University of Glasgow***
University of Greenwich
University of Hull
 - University of Kent***
 - University of Leeds***
 - University of Liverpool***
 - University of London***
 - University of Manchester***
 - University of Newcastle***
 - University of Nottingham***
 - University of Oxford***
University of Plymouth
University of Reading
University of Sheffield
 - University of Southampton***
 - University of Surrey***
 - University of Sussex***
University of the Arts London
University of the West of England
 - University of Warwick***
University of West London
 - University of Westminster***
University of Winchester
University of Wolverhampton
University of Worcester
University of York
- CANADA**
- Bishop's University
Carleton University
 - Concordia University***
 - Dalhousie University***
 - Humber University***
McGill University
McMaster University
Memorial University
 - Queen's University***
Ryerson University
Simon Fraser University
 - Trent University***
 - University of British Columbia***
University of Guelph
University of Saskatchewan
 - University of Toronto***
University of Victoria
University of Waterloo
University of Western Ontario
Wilfrid Laurier University
York University
- ASIA**
- City University of Hong Kong
Hanyang University
 - Hong Kong University of Technology***
KAIST University
Keio University
Korea University
Meiji University
Rikkyo University
Seoul National University
Sogang University
Sophia University
Waseda University
 - Yonsei University***

- EUROPE**
- American University of Paris
American University of Rome
 - Bocconi University***
Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne
Erasmus University
ETH Zurich
European University
Franklin University
Gllon
Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Hogeschool Van Amsterdam
Hotel School of the Hague
 - IE University***
Istituto Marangoni
John Cabot University
Leiden University
Les Roches International School of Hotel Management
 - Maastricht University***
NHTV Breda University Of Applied Science
Nyenrode Business University
Rheinische Friederich-Wilhelm Universitaet Bonn
Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences
SAE Institute
Sorbonne
SRH Hochschule Berlin
Stenden University
The Hague University
Tilberg University
Toulouse Business School
Universita Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
 - Universiteit Leiden***
 - Universiteit Utrecht***
 - University of Groningen***
University of Leuven
University of Szeged
 - Utrecht University College***
Vesalius University
Webster University
- TURKEY**
- Boğaziçi University
Bahcesehir University
Bilgi University
 - Sabanci University***
 - Koc University***

