

IICS SECONDARY SCHOOL

OUR VISION

To be an exceptional, forward-thinking international school community in every respect.

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 internationally-minded.

OUR VALUES

Integrity, Inquisitiveness, Caring, International Mindedness.

OUR SCHOOL

Founded in 1911, Istanbul International Community School (IICS) is one of the oldest international schools in the world and one of the most noteworthy in Europe.

IICS is a private, non-profit, secular, co-educational day school that serves the educational needs of Istanbul's international community.

Our diverse student and staff population represents over 75 nationalities. With a 6 to 1 Student to Educator ratio, we offer learner-centered, high-quality early childhood, primary, and secondary education for 500 students across two campuses.



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MIDDLE SCHOOL

AGES 11-13 & GRADES 6-8

HOLISTIC PERSONALIZED LEARNING

Holistic learning is vital because it nurtures the whole person, integrating cognitive, emotional, social, and physical development. It fosters well-rounded individuals who are equipped to navigate challenges, collaborate effectively, and thrive in diverse environments.

We also believe in personalized learning, which tailors education to each student's unique needs, strengths, and interests, ensuring they receive the support and opportunities needed to reach their full potential.

MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Learning with Peers

Learning with friends enhances social development, fosters collaboration, and creates a supportive learning environment experiencing different perspectives, and promoting interpersonal skills.

Our Family Partnership

We are committed to collaborating closely with families through mutual trust, open communication, and shared responsibility in supporting each student's growth and development.

Caring Educators

We prioritize nurturing each student's well-being and creating a supportive and inclusive environment where every student feels valued, understood, and empowered to succeed.

LOCAL & GLOBAL COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS (INTERNATIONAL MINDEDNESS)

We emphasize learning, celebrating, and sharing our local and global communities to foster empathy, respect, and a sense of global citizenship. We value mother tongue and multilingualism, incorporating programs and resources that expand language and cultural understanding. Through these efforts, students learn about and appreciate different cultures, enhancing their local, and global perspectives.

AUTHENTIC INQUIRY-BASED LEARNING

Authentic and inquiry-based learning in middle school combines real-world relevance with active investigation. Students explore meaningful questions and tasks through hands-on activities, fostering critical thinking, collaboration, and a deeper understanding of subjects by connecting classroom learning with practical, everyday challenges.



We are accredited by **NEASC & CIS** and follow their rigorous standards to ensure educational excellence, maintain high-quality programs, and promote continuous improvement.

This commitment provides assurance to families that our school meets high-quality benchmarks, fostering a superior learning environment for our students.



We use the **MYP (Middle Years Program)** framework because it promotes inquiry-based learning, critical thinking, and a global perspective.

It aligns with our commitment to educational excellence and helps create a dynamic and engaging learning environment.

HIGH SCHOOL



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HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Comprehensive and
Globally Recognized

IBDP DIPLOMA

Breadth and Depth
of Knowledge



INNOVATION DIPLOMA

Innovation, Personalization
& Real-Life Application



HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Accredited by CIS & NEASC, Assisted by the US Office of Overseas School

The high school diploma at IICS is accredited by CIS and NEASC and awards a globally recognized US diploma upon completion of 26 credits from Grades 9 to 12. The main subjects include Science, Social Studies, English, Language Acquisition, Physical Education, Mathematics, and a variety of elective courses. IICS is assisted by the US Office of Overseas Schools through the US State Department, ensuring that our diploma is apostilled in the United States and valid worldwide.

IBDP

Authorized by the IBO (International Baccalaureate Organization)

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) emphasizes both breadth and depth of knowledge, allowing students to excel in traditional academic subjects while exploring the nature of knowledge through its unique Theory of Knowledge course. The programme promotes intellectual, emotional, and ethical growth, fostering a comprehensive development that prepares students to succeed academically, through its rigorous curriculum and exams. Additionally, studying at least two languages enhances linguistic proficiency and cultural understanding, equipping students with the skills needed for a globalized world.

INNOVATION DIPLOMA

**Accredited by CIS & NEASC, in Collaboration with Global International Schools,
Assisted by the US Office of Overseas School**

Our Innovation Diploma is designed to inspire learning through real-life innovation and application, global exchanges with top international schools, dual enrollment courses assisted by prestigious universities, and rigorous AP courses and exams. Our program emphasizes practical experiences, entrepreneurship opportunities that foster creativity and initiative, and a focus on meaningful learning that equips students with the skills and agency to tackle real-world challenges. This holistic approach prepares students for academic success and cultivates leadership, collaboration, and a global perspective, empowering them to impact their communities and beyond.





A SAFE ENVIRONMENT THAT PROMOTES LEARNING

Our secondary school campus, located on 16 hectares north of Istanbul, is purpose-built to promote a holistic learning experience. It features digital and product design studios, art, music, and dance studios, podcast, film, and recording studios, a full theater, a black box theater, an amphitheater, two full gyms, a cardio/weight room, outdoor basketball and tennis courts, a professional-sized football pitch, a state-of-the-art library, a cafeteria and cafe, multipurpose rooms, a full-time health center, student learning pods, four science laboratories, and dynamic classrooms. Additionally, it offers outdoor learning spaces in a green and safe environment.



EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

Our school is the only school in Türkiye that is a full member of the Central & Eastern European School Association, placing us in an elite group of international schools. We compete in numerous sports tournaments, including football, basketball, tennis, volleyball, and cross country. We also participate in academic competitions like math olympics, knowledge bowl, speech and debate, and robotics, as well as cultural festivals such as choir, theater, and band, across over 20 European countries. Additionally, we are also founding members of the Turkish International School League where we compete with other international schools in Türkiye. We have middle school teams for grades 6-8 and high school teams for grades 9-12 and our athletics and activities teams participate in three different seasons: Fall, Winter, & Spring.



Kapadokya



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Antalya

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

We offer numerous learning experiences beyond the classroom, including after-school athletics, student-led clubs, PTA events, field trips, overnight camps, and cultural expeditions. Our **Türkiye Cultural and Connections Class Trips Program** is designed to help students build meaningful connections with each other and our host country. During this week, all secondary students travel on curated trips to different areas of Türkiye, engaging in service learning and cultural experiences that enhance their international mindedness and cross-cultural connections.



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