

ISD

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Senior School Profile 2018/2019

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VISION

Leading innovation in learning for a better world

MISSION

We inspire our students to be confident, creative and critical thinkers.

We work together to challenge and support our students to be successful and responsible in an evolving world.

We are an international community of learners.

THE SCHOOL

ISD is an independent, non-profit, university-preparatory school, founded in 1968 to serve the educational needs of the international community in and around Düsseldorf. The school has approximately 1.025 students enrolled from Reception to Grade 12. More than 650 students are enrolled in the Senior School (6–12) and represent close to 60 nationalities, with German (29%), U.S. (14%), Japanese (10%), Dutch (5%) and UK (5%) comprising the five largest groups. The language of instruction is English.

FACULTY

The Senior School faculty consists of 99 teachers representing 17 nationalities. 49 hold master's degrees or the equivalent, and 5 hold PhDs. The student-faculty ratio is 7 to 1 with an average class size of 14.

CURRICULUM

ISD is an International Baccalaureate World School offering three IB programmes: Primary Years (Reception–Gr. 5), Middle Years (Gr. 6–Gr. 10) and Diploma (Gr. 11–Gr. 12). Students in grades 9–12 follow a university-preparatory programme leading to the IB Diploma or DP Courses (Certificates), in addition to earning the ISD High School Diploma.

ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL)

EAL students usually spend three semesters in the EAL programme, with three to four EAL classes per day. While in the programme, students attend mainstream mathematics and science classes at grade level. Depending on proficiency, these students follow a full schedule of mainstream classes after one to four semesters. After completing the EAL programme, students must attend mainstream classes for one full year in order to graduate. Although formal EAL classes are not offered in grades 11 and 12, the EAL Department does provide targeted individual support for DP students. In addition, the DP English B HL/SL course is taught by EAL specialists.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

ISD offers an array of sporting, cultural, service and personal enrichment activities including, but not limited to:

- Fine & performing arts
- Individual & team sports
- Student Council
- Speech & Debate
- Sound & Lights
- Habitat for Humanity
- World Volunteer Laos
- Gaming Club
- Green Team
- Mentoring Programme
- International Honour Society
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- Student Academic Advisory Committee
- Global Issues Network
- Model United Nations
- Environmental projects
- Judicial Board
- Yearbook Team
- Project Tanzania
- Friends of Nepal
- ISMTF math competitions
- ISDifferences
- Band, choir & music ensembles
- Peace Village International
- SMART Moves Ambassador Team
- Mother Tongue Language Lessons
- Student-Athlete Advisory Board

DISCIPLINE REPORTING POLICY

We believe that error leads to learning, so we strongly encourage our students to report any serious disciplinary infractions when and where required on a college or university application. Except in the case of expulsions, the penalties for serious infractions are always accompanied by elements of restitution to the community and we consider such penalties to be "spent" by the time of graduation.

EVALUATION SCHEME

ISD conforms to the IB Diploma Programme system with grades ranging from 7 (high) to 1 (low). We use this system for internal assessment, external assessment, and on official transcripts. In grades 9 and 10 we report on achievement once per year (June). In grades 11 and 12 we report on achievement twice per year (January and June). The January grade indicates progress until December, while the June grade indicates achievement for the year.

ISD HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

To be awarded the ISD High School Diploma (HSD) a student must:

- Complete four years of education in grades 9–12 or their equivalents.
- Take at least one year of mainstream English.
- Take three consecutive years of the same foreign language.
- Study German to a minimum competency level equivalent to ISD's "Phase 3" (normally three years).
- Successfully complete grades 9 and 10. At ISD this means having followed years 4 and 5 of the IB MYP, with no more than two final academic achievement grades below '3' in either year.
- Earn a minimum total of 40 points over grades 11 and 12. A student may not have more than four final academic achievement grades below '3', of which no more than two may be earned in 12th grade.
- Students not taking the IB Diploma who opt to write an Extended Essay will earn 3 points toward their HSD on successful completion.
- Successfully complete the MYP Service as Action (grade 9–10) and/or DP Creativity / Activity / Service (grade 11–12) requirements.
- **Most ISD courses last one full year and are equivalent to a 1.0 credit course.**

GRADE DESCRIPTORS

7 | The student demonstrates:

- A consistent and thorough understanding of the required knowledge and skills.
- Ability to apply required knowledge and skills routinely in a wide variety of situations.
- Consistent evidence of analysis, synthesis and evaluation where appropriate.
- Frequent originality and/or insight as appropriate.
- Work of high quality on a regular basis.

6 | The student demonstrates:

- A consistent and thorough understanding of the required knowledge and skills.
- Ability to apply required knowledge and skills in a wide variety of situations.
- Consistent evidence of analysis, synthesis and evaluation where appropriate.
- Frequent originality and/or insight as appropriate.

5 | The student demonstrates:

- A consistently good understanding of the required knowledge and skills.
- Ability to apply required knowledge and skills in a variety of situations.
- Regular evidence of analysis, synthesis and evaluation where appropriate.
- Occasional originality and/or insight as appropriate.

4 | The student demonstrates:

- Satisfactory general understanding of the required knowledge and skills.
- Ability to apply required knowledge and skills effectively in typical situations.
- Occasional evidence of the skills of analysis, synthesis and evaluation where appropriate.

3 | The student demonstrates:

- Limited achievement against most of the objectives, or clear difficulties in some areas.
- Limited understanding of the required knowledge and skills.
- Ability to apply required knowledge and skills fully in typical classroom situations only with support.

2 | The student demonstrates:

- Very limited achievement against all objectives.
- Difficulty in understanding the required knowledge and skills.
- Inability to apply required knowledge and skills fully in typical classroom situations, even with support.

1 | The student demonstrates:

- Minimal achievement in terms of the objectives.

CLASS RANK AND GRADE POINT AVERAGE

- We calculate GPA on a 7.00 basis using ISD coursework only.
- We do not weight DP HL or SL courses, however, we consider all DP courses to be honours-level, particularly at HL.
- Due to the mobility of our students and the diversity of their educational backgrounds, it is difficult to provide an accurate or fair class rank.
- **Consistent with our educational philosophy and focus on student learning, ISD discontinued the practice of giving academic awards at the start of the 2017-2018 school year.**

Suggested U.S. GRADE POINT AVERAGE Equivalency Scale

ISD Grade/GPA	IBDP Descriptor	U.S. Grade / GPA
7/7.0	Exceptional	A+/4.5
6/6.0	Superior	A/A- /4.0
5/5.0	Very Good	B+/3.5
4/4.0	Satisfactory	B/3.0
3/3.0	Mediocre	C/2.0
2/2.0	Poor	D/1.0
1/0.0	Very Poor	F/0.0

SAT SUMMARY – MARCH 2016 to JUNE 2018

Section	Middle 50%	Mean	Students
EBRW	560 – 670	630	
Mathematics	570 – 740	640	
Total	1140 – 1410	1270	68

SAT SUBJECT TEST SUMMARY – MARCH 2016 TO JUNE 2018

Section	Middle 50%	Mean	Students
Biology - Ecology	540 – 650	600	2
Biology - Molecular	590 – 670	646	7
Chemistry	620 – 720	665	13
English Literature	470 – 670	610	5
German	650 – 800	743	3
Math Level I	510 – 740	660	3
Math Level II	660 – 790	720	23
Physics	670 – 750	703	13
Spanish	700 – 710	703	3
World History	600 – 650	625	2

ACT SUMMARY – NOVEMBER 2015 to JUNE 2018

Section	Middle 50%	Mean	Students
English	21 – 29	25.7	
Math	23 – 27	25.1	
Reading	23 – 32	27.0	
Science	22 – 28	26.4	
Composite	22 – 28	25.9	24

THE IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME (DP) AT ISD

The IB Diploma is an academically challenging and balanced two-year programme of education that seeks to develop students who have excellent breadth and depth of knowledge. The curriculum addresses the intellectual, social, emotional and physical well-being of students, preparing them for success in university and life beyond.

The DP organizes teaching and learning through six subject groups: Studies in Language & Literature; Language Acquisition; Individuals & Societies; Sciences; Mathematics; The Arts. These are underpinned by the DP Core (Theory of Knowledge, Extended Essay, and Creativity/Activity/Service). For most DP courses, students complete externally assessed coursework and then sit written exams at the end of the two years.

To be awarded the IB Diploma a student must earn a minimum of 24 points in their three HL and three SL subjects. Students who do not pursue the full IB Diploma but complete the externally assessed coursework and sit the written exams will earn individual DP Certificates for each successfully completed course.

IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME MEAN SCORES | CLASS OF 2018

ISD is a non-selective IB Diploma Programme school. Each year more than 90% of ISD students in grades 11 & 12 choose to enrol in the DP.

112 Sts | **93%** earned an IB Diploma | **35%** earned a Bilingual Diploma

Point distribution

40-45 pts | 11% 36-39 pts | 22% 32-35 pts | 29%
28-31 pts | 15% 24-27 pts | 11% Bonus (ToK/EE) | 1.6

Mean total score for IB Diploma Programme candidates (out of 45)
2018 | 34.0 2017 | 34.0 2016 | 34.0 2015 | 34.0 2014 | 33.2

Mean subject score for IB Diploma Programme candidates (out of 7)
2018 | 5.35 2017 | 5.40 2016 | 5.38 2015 | 5.37 2014 | 5.27

IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME RESULTS | CLASS OF 2018

HL: Higher Level | **SL:** Standard Level | **Scale: 7** (high) to **1** (low)

*School-Supported-Self-taught | **Sports, Exercise & Health Science

Subject	Grade Distribution							ISD Ø	World Ø
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
STUDIES IN LANGUAGE & LITERATURE									
English Lit HL			3	2				4.60	4.72
English Lit SL		2	1	1	1			4.80	5.02
German Lit HL	1	3						6.25	5.14
German Lit SL		1		1				5.00	5.15
Japanese Lit HL	1	8	3					5.83	6.09
Japanese Lit SL	1							7.00	6.04
Engl Lang/Lit HL	5	18	14	8				5.44	4.98
Engl Lang/Lit SL	2	22	10	5				5.54	5.10
Germ Lang/Lit HL	1	5	1	1				5.75	5.44
Germ Lang/Lit SL		3	9					5.25	5.34
*SSST Lit SL	2	2		2					
LANGUAGE ACQUISITION									
English B HL		7	4	2	2			5.07	5.75
English B SL			1		1			4.00	5.82
French B HL	1	4						6.20	5.17
French B SL	1	1	1					6.00	5.01
German B HL	4	3	1					6.38	5.78
German B SL	4	15	3	1				5.96	5.13
Spanish B HL	1	7	1					6.00	5.39
Spanish B SL	3	8						6.27	5.08
French ab init SL		2						6.00	4.93
German ab init SL	3	5	5	3	4			5.00	5.00
Spanish ab init SL	2		1	3				5.17	4.96
INDIVIDUALS & SOCIETIES									
Economics HL	9	19	12	11	2	1		5.35	5.13
Economics SL	3	7	7	2	1			5.45	4.69
History HL		9	7	1				5.47	4.73
History SL		6	2	2	1			5.18	4.55
ITGS HL		1	4	5	4			4.14	4.41
ITGS SL					1			3.00	4.22
Psychology HL	1	10	6	3				5.45	4.69
Psychology SL	1	6	8	1	1			5.29	4.36
SCIENCES									
Biology HL	5	7	7	9	6			4.88	4.35
Biology SL	1	3	7	4	3			4.72	4.22
Chemistry HL	1	5	2	1	3	1		4.77	4.46
Chemistry SL	2	3	4	5	2			4.88	3.99
Physics HL	3	5	6	7				4.91	4.65
Physics SL	2		1	2	3			4.50	4.05
**SEHS HL	1							7.00	4.94
**SEHS SL	2	3	4	4	2	1		4.75	3.90
MATHEMATICS									
Math Studies SL		7	9	11	5	1		4.48	4.21
Mathematics HL	3	5	2	4	3			5.06	4.75
Mathematics SL	8	12	15	12	11	1		4.85	4.26
THE ARTS									
Music SL		1		2				4.00	4.39
Visual Arts A HL		4	10	2				5.13	4.48
Visual Arts A SL				1				4.00	3.95
Theatre HL			2	2	1			4.20	4.88

Approximately **90%** of ISD students pursue higher education within one year of graduation. The remaining students typically pursue volunteer and/or internship opportunities or fulfil military/civil service obligations. The following is a list of universities and colleges to which ISD students have been accepted over **the past four years**. Universities in bold indicate **Class of 2018** matriculation.

AUSTRIA | Sigmund Freud University | **BELGIUM** | Karel de Grote Hogeschool | **DENMARK** | University of Copenhagen | **FRANCE** | American University of Paris | IÉSEG School of Management | **Institut Vatel**

GERMANY | FH Aachen | Frankfurt School of Finance & Management | **Georg-Simon-Ohm-Berufskolleg** | HHU Düsseldorf | Hochschule Düsseldorf | International University of Applied Sciences, Bad Honnef | **Jacobs University** | Karlsruhe Institute of Technology | Kassel School of Medicine | LMU München | RWTH Aachen | **Studienkolleg Düsseldorf** | **TU München** | **Universität Bayreuth** | Universität Bonn | Universität Hamburg | Universität Heidelberg | Universität zu Köln | WHU – Otto Beisheim School of Management | **WWU Münster**

HUNGARY | University of Pecs | Semmelweis University | University of Szeged | **ITALY** | Università Bocconi | **Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore** | **Università di Pisa** | **LATVIA** | Rīga Stradiņš University

THE NETHERLANDS | **University of Amsterdam (2)** | **Amsterdam University College** | **Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences (2)** | **Erasmus University (5)** | Erasmus University College | **HAN University of Applied Sciences** | **Hotelschool The Hague** | **Leiden University** | **Leiden University College The Hague** | Maastricht University | **Rijksuniversiteit Groningen** | Royal Academy of Art | Stenden University of Applied Sciences | **TU Delft** | **TU Eindhoven (2)** | Tilburg University | University of Twente | **University College Roosevelt** | University College Utrecht | **Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam**

NORWAY | Kristiania University College | **University of Oslo** | **POLAND** | Medical University of Łódź | **SPAIN** | CEU Cardenal Herrera University | ESADE | IE University | **Les Roches International School of Hotel Management** | **Universidad CEU San Pablo** | Universidad Europea de Valencia | **Universitat Politècnica de València** | **SWEDEN** | Umeå University | **SWITZERLAND** | École Hôtelière de Lausanne | Universität St. Gallen | Glion Institute of Higher Education | ETH Zürich

UNITED KINGDOM | Arts University Bournemouth | Brunel University London | Cardiff University | City University | Durham University | Goldsmiths, University of London | **Imperial College London (2)** | **Istituto Marangoni** | **King's College London (2)** | Kingston University | Lancaster University | **London Metropolitan University** | London School of Economics & Political Science | **Loughborough University** | Newcastle University | Nottingham Trent University | Plymouth College of Art | **Queen Mary, University of London (2)** | **Regent's University London** | **Royal Holloway, University of London (2)** | **Sheffield Hallam University** | SOAS, University of London | The Glasgow School of Art | The Robert Gordon University | **Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music & Dance** | **University College London** | University of Aberdeen | **ual: Central Saint Martins** | **ual: London College of Fashion** | **University of Bath** | University of Birmingham | University of Brighton | **University of Bristol** | University of Cambridge | University of Dundee | University of East Anglia | **University of Edinburgh** | University of Essex | **University of Exeter** | University of Glasgow | **University of Kent (3)** | University of Leeds | University of Leicester | University of Liverpool | University of Manchester | **University of Nottingham** | University of Oxford | University of Reading | University of St. Andrews | University of Sheffield | University of Southampton | University of Stirling | University of Strathclyde | University of Surrey | University of Sussex | **University of Warwick (6)** | University of Westminster | University of York

AUSTRALIA | **RMIT University** | **CHINA** | NYU Shanghai | **HONG KONG** | HKUST | **JAPAN** | Doshisha University | Hitotsubashi University | Hokkaido University | **International Christian University (2)** | **Keio University (2)** | Kwansei Gakuin University | Meiji University | Musashi University | Nippon Sport Science University | Rikkyo University | **Sophia University** | Waseda University | Yokohama City University | Yokohama National University | **SINGAPORE** | Nanyang Technological University | National University of Singapore | Singapore Management University | **SOUTH KOREA** | Sogang University | Sungkyunkwan University | **Yonsei University** | **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** | NYU Abu Dhabi

CANADA | University of Alberta | Bishop's University | **University of British Columbia** | Concordia University | Dalhousie University | McGill University | Université de Sherbrooke | **University of Toronto (2)** | Queen's University | Western University | York University

UNITED STATES | American University | Baylor University | Boston College | Boston University | Brandeis University | Case Western Reserve University | Chapman University | Clark University | Columbia University | Cornell University | Dartmouth College | Drexel University | Duke University | Eastern Michigan University | **Eckerd College** | Emerson College | Emory University | Franklin & Marshall College | Georgetown University | Georgia Institute of Technology | Grinnell College | **Harvard University** | Johns Hopkins University | Kalamazoo College | Kenyon College | Knox College | Loyola Marymount University | Lynn University | Macalester College | Miami University, Oxford | Michigan State University | New York University | **North Carolina State University** | Northeastern University | Northwestern University | Occidental College | Pepperdine University | Princeton University | Purdue University | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute | Rhodes College | Savannah College of Art & Design | Scripps College | Southern Methodist University | Stanford University | Syracuse University | The George Washington University | The Ohio State University | The University of Texas at Austin | Trinity College (CT) | **Trinity International University** | Tulane University | University of California, Berkeley | **University of California, Irvine** | University of California, Los Angeles | University of California, San Diego | **University of California, Santa Cruz** | **University of Chicago** | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign | **University of Miami** | University of Michigan, Ann Arbor | **University of Minnesota, Twin Cities** | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill | **University of North Carolina at Wilmington** | **University of Notre Dame** | University of Pennsylvania | University of Rochester | **University of South Florida** | University of Southern California | University of Tampa | University of Virginia | University of Washington | University of Wisconsin, Madison | Vanderbilt University | Vassar College | Villanova University | Wesleyan University | Wheaton College | Worcester Polytechnic Institute | **Xavier University** | Yale University