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WELCOME TO OUR LEARNING COMMUNITY

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ISB is a not-for-profit, English-medium, International School. We are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and are authorized to offer the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), and the Diploma Programme (DP).

At ISB, we believe that education lays the foundations for life and should be a hugely positive, rich experience for all children. Our school offers a broad and balanced curriculum, a happy, safe and supportive atmosphere, with a strong commitment to helping all children succeed whatever their background or abilities. We strive to enable our learners to develop socially and emotionally so that they take pride in their learning and want to do well. We believe in offering a curriculum that is purposeful, relevant, challenging and engaging.

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VISION & MISSION



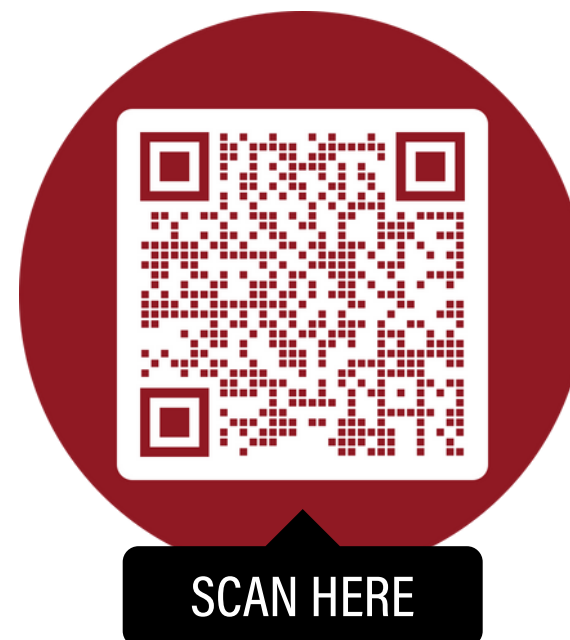
Vision

Our students will be digitally literate, life-long learners who are empowered to contribute creatively and responsibly to a sustainable future.

Mission

We are a diverse, supportive and caring community of learners committed to developing knowledgeable, open-minded and principled global citizens.

To achieve this mission, the ISB Community aligns itself with a community-developed set of guiding statements. Our core values and beliefs provide the framework for us to learn and grow in a sustainable, ethical manner. **Scan the QR code to learn more about our guiding statements.**



OUR STORY

Inspiring Global Citizens Since 1983

Founded in 1983 with just 12 students, the International School of Busan has grown immensely over the decades. Initially sharing a space with a Korean preschool, ISB quickly expanded, moving locations and increasing its student population. By the 90s, it was accredited by major educational organizations and had navigated through the Asian financial crisis.

The 2000s marked a significant growth phase and a successful bid to operate a new, city-owned school. In the 2010s, ISB evolved into the region's leading international school with a new campus, further enhancing its educational offerings. The school faced the global challenge of COVID-19 with resilience, transitioning to virtual learning for several months and adapting to new safety norms.

In 2023, the school proudly celebrated its 40th anniversary. Now with 350 students from across the globe, ISB continues to be the school of choice for internationally-minded families seeking a quality IB education in Busan.



WHY CHOOSE ISB?

State-of-the-Art Facilities

Our state-of-the-art campus, constructed in 2010 for over \$42 million, encompasses 30,000 square metres with four main buildings. This purpose-built facility boasts an array of features including a floodlit sports field, gymnasium, outdoor fitness center, tennis and basketball courts, playgrounds, and three libraries with over 30,000 books. Our specialized classrooms cater to all age groups, enriched by five science labs, art and music rooms. Serving a diverse school population of 350 students aged 3 to 18 from over 35 countries, our campus provides a comprehensive and enriching educational environment. Our dedicated team of talented teachers is committed to delivering a school experience that brings out the best in each child we teach.

Extraordinary Education

Our teaching strategies aim to achieve high academic standards, fostering problem-solving and transferable skills in a technology-integrated environment. We prioritize holistic development, emphasizing social skills, self-management, and self-esteem, alongside academic excellence. Our approach encourages active participation, independent learning, and self-evaluation in a supportive, inquiry-based environment.



ACCREDITATION & MEMBERSHIPS



ISB is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and is a member of the Council of International Schools (CIS) and the Educational Collaborative for International Schools (ECIS). The School is authorised to offer all three International Baccalaureate (IB) programmes – the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), and the Diploma Programme (DP).

ISB is an official test centre for the College Board SAT Exams and for ABRSM exams and a member of the East Asia Regional Council of Schools (EARCOS) and the Korea Council of Overseas Schools (KORCOS).

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE



Fully Authorized IB World School

ISB is authorised by the International Baccalaureate to offer – the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), and the Diploma Programme (DP).

ISB students' educational journey begins with the Primary Years Programme (PYP), nurturing caring and culturally aware children aged 3 to 12 into active learners. Progressing to the Middle Years Programme (MYP), students build a solid academic foundation, gaining confidence in self-directed learning and connecting classroom knowledge to the real world. The journey culminates in the Diploma Programme, a future-ready curriculum that develops inquisitive minds, fosters a love for learning, and prepares students for career success and meaningful lives.



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ISB Diploma Programme students consistently achieve above the global average in their final exams, leading to admissions at top universities worldwide. Notably, our graduates have been accepted at esteemed institutions such as McGill University, University of Melbourne, King's College London, University of California, Berkeley, University of Toronto, and Nanyang Technological University. Scan for the full list of university acceptances since 2017.



This success underscores our commitment to excellence, preparing students not just academically, but also for impactful, global careers. These achievements reflect the high caliber of education and guidance provided at ISB, setting our students on the path to remarkable futures.

CREATIVE ARTS

EY to DP

ISB is deeply committed to the creative arts, providing rich and diverse offerings from Early Years to the Diploma Programme. We believe in nurturing creativity through music, drama, and art, recognizing their vital role in holistic development. Our curriculum is designed to inspire, engage, and empower students at every level, fostering artistic expression and appreciation.

Whether it's exploring basic concepts in the Early Years or mastering more advanced techniques in the DP, the arts programme is dedicated to cultivating the next generation of creative thinkers and artists.





Music

ISB's music programme weaves melody and skill from Early Years to the DP, fostering a lifelong love and understanding of music in each student.



Drama

ISB's drama curriculum cultivates creativity and confidence, guiding students from playful exploration in Early Years to compelling theatre in the DP.



Visual Arts

Art programmes encourage vibrant self-expression and technical development, from first strokes in Early Years to sophisticated artistry in the DP.

SPORTS & ATHLETICS

We take care of our physical, social and emotional wellbeing.

ISB proudly champions a dynamic sport and athletics programme, fostering teamwork, discipline, and fitness among our students. As a member of the Southern Korean Activities Conference (SKAC) and a co-founder of the East Asia International Schools Activities Conference (EAISAC), we provide our athletes with abundant opportunities to compete and excel.

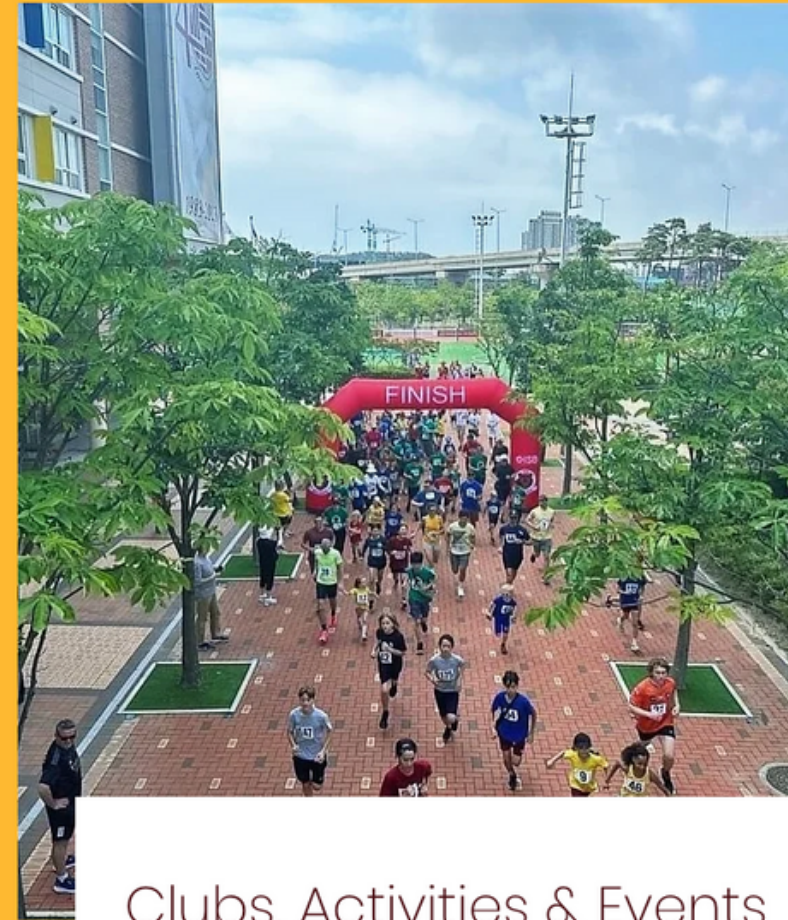
Our programme goes beyond just physical development; it's about nurturing international sporting and cultural experiences. This exposure helps our students to not only hone their athletic skills but also to build cultural understanding and camaraderie with peers from diverse backgrounds, instilling in them the true spirit of fair play and global citizenship.



Student Life at ISB



Sports & Athletics



Clubs, Activities & Events



Field Trips & Off Campus



After School Activities

Our academic and sporting curriculum is complemented by a diverse and inspiring range of field trips and off-campus experiences, enhancing global awareness and cultural insights. After-school activities and our 'Service as Action' initiative allow students to explore personal interests and engage in meaningful community service, reinforcing our commitment to active citizenship. We also offer internships with local organizations, providing practical experiences that develop professional skills. In essence, our approach aims to cultivate not just academic prowess but globally aware, thoughtful individuals ready to positively impact the world.

OUR STAFF



At ISB, our team of carefully selected, talented teachers are the cornerstone of our educational experience, dedicated to bringing out the best in every child. Known for their professionalism and expertise, they create a nurturing environment that fosters academic excellence and personal growth.

Families describe ISB as a caring, warm, and welcoming community where every student is valued and respected, providing an ideal setting for children to thrive. Our staff's commitment to quality education, life-long learning and student well-being is what makes ISB a special place for learning and development.




CONTACT US



We invite you to come and discover for yourself the rich and exciting educational opportunities we provide for all learners. We are proud of our school and are always happy to welcome visitors.

We hope that this brochure gives you the information you need to have a better understanding of our school. Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you require any additional information.

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