ISIKKENT SCHOOL PROFILE 2023 - 2024

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School and Community

Founded in 1998, Isikkent School is a K-12, independent, national, co-ed, day and boarding school which strives to create an international and multi-cultural environment under the auspices of Cimentas Health and Education Foundation with a mission to educate aspiring global citizens.

Isikkent School provides a well-rounded education with a balance of the academic, sporting and artistic domains.

Isikkent School emphasizes the "value-added" concept with student-oriented learning, building on each individual's spheres of talent.

Officially accredited by the IB for PYP, MYP and DP, Isikkent School is the only institution offering these programs in the Aegean area and one of the 12 schools in Turkey.

Vision

To be a pioneering school that builds bridges between people and cultures through experiential learning in a safe environment.

Mission

Işıkkent School develops international-minded and multilingual communicators who are reflective, self-confident, and principled individuals. We offer an innovative, research and inquiry-based education through the alignment of the national curriculum with international programs in a safe environment.

Philosophy

The educational experience at Isikkent is student centered, ensuring that students experience continual intellectual, social–emotional, and physical development within a safe psychological and physical environment.

The student experience is based on continuous assessment of current understanding and research-based educational approaches that develop critical thinking skills and view the student as an active reflective participant in their own learning process.

The Isikkent teacher is a facilitator and promoter of learning as well as a designer and implementer of student-centered activities.
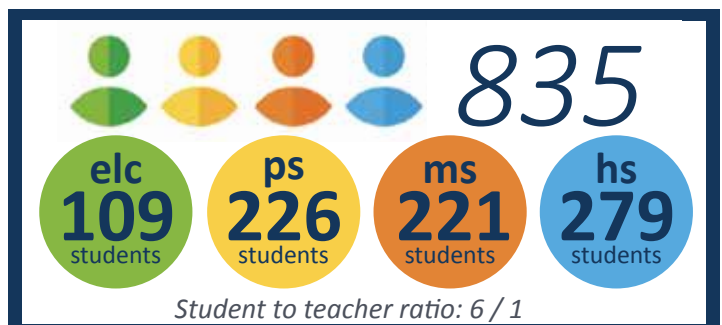
The teacher develops a nurturing relationship with the students, reinforced by the school support system, to ensure student intellectual, social-emotional and physical development. Teachers model life-long learning through regular professional development and professional reading and discussion.

It is through this repeated pattern of assessment, teaching and learning, and support that develops our students into lifelong learners.

Enrollment

A limited number of students are admitted to the high school each year, on the basis of their achievement in the highly competitive national exam taken by over 1,000,000 students, as well as their performance in a consequent interview with academic staff and school counselor.

Students

835

elc 109 students

ps 226 students

ms 221 students

hs 279 students

Student to teacher ratio: 6 / 1

Faculty

127 teachers

average teaching experience is **17** years

average working period in Işıkkent is **6** years

100-85	*5-High Honors*	*Excellent*
84-70	*4-Honors*	*Very good*
69-60	*3*	*Average*
59-50	*2*	*Poor*
49-0	*1*	*Failing*

Curriculum

High School is a 1+4-year (Prep Class + Grade 9 to 12) Anatolian High School. Students enter Grade 9 only if they pass the English Placement Test at the beginning of their high school education. Students with limited or lower English level are placed in the Prep Program for a year. After a year of intensive English preparation, students follow a common core curriculum in Grade 9 and 10 within the IB-MYP program. From Grade 11 onwards, the curriculum becomes more specific based on the choice of four possible diploma tracks; Science/Math, Turkish/Math, Turkish/Social Sciences, and IB-DP. All students in the Science-Math and Turkish-Math tracks follow an advanced mathematics curriculum consisting of Algebra, Trigonometry, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, and Calculus. Students in the IB-DP program follow the IB-DP curriculum.

At Isikkent, the first foreign language is English whereas the students have the opportunity to study a second foreign language such as French, German or Spanish after they finish Grade 4.

All students at Isikkent follow the PYP - Primary Years Program (ranging from Age 3 to Grade 4) and MYP - Middle Year Program (ranging from Grade 5 to Grade10). They receive their PYP Certificates at the end of Grade 4 completing the PYP Exhibition and in Grade 10; they obtain the MYP Certificates on completion of the MYP Personal Project.

Students who choose DP (Diploma Program) in Grade 11 and 12, gain the internationally recognized Diploma in addition to their Turkish National Diploma upon completing the internal assessments and external IB exams. Students who choose the National Curriculum (MEB) take the national university entrance exam to continue their higher education.

The IBDP Diploma and The National Curriculum (MEB) Diploma are both internationally recognized documents and valid for university entrance.

Opportunities for personal development and leadership expand in the Middle School and High School through the extensive community service (MYP-Service as Action and DP-CAS), after school programs, personal projects, arts and sports activities.

Grading

Students receive grades at the end of each semester and the final year grade is the average of the two semesters' grades. GPA's are weighted and they are calculated by multiplying the exam grades by the number of course hours of each subject. The passing mark is 50%. " "Certificate of Academic High Honors" is obtained by a weighted average of 85%. "Certificate of Academic Honors" is obtained by a weighted average of 70%.
Isikkent does not report rank. GPA is calculated by weighting each subject based on its hour of study per week.
The grading corresponds to;

The chart below demonstrates the cumulative GPA 9-10-11 distribution of the class of 2024

CUMULATIVE GPA DISTRIBUTION CLASS 2024

(Percentage of Students vs Grade Percentage)

- 95-100: 17,11%
- 90-94: 25,00%
- 85-89: 21,05%
- 80-84: 10,53%
- 75-79: 7,89%
- 70-74: 6,58%
- 65-69: 3,95%
- 60-64: 7,89%
- 55-59: 0,00%
- 0-54: 0,00%

The chart below is the grade distribution for the junior year (11th grade) of our present 12th grade students.

Class of 2024	100-85			84-70			69-60			59-50			49-0			Total Students		
Tracks	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3
Biology	9		2	5		3										14	0	5
Physics	6		4	7		5	1		2							14	0	11
Chemistry	6		8	8		5						1				14	0	14
Mathematics	10	5	12	1	8	11	1	3	7		7	3		3	2	12	26	35
Geography		7			11			4			2			2		0	26	0
English Literature&Linguistics	7	6	33	4	14	2	1	3		2				3		14	26	35
Turkish Literature&Linguistics	6	6	21	6	9	11	1	4	2		3	1		4		13	26	35
Second Foreign Language	7	6	32	5	9	3	1	5			3			2		14	26	35
Turkish History	8	11	31	5	9	3	1	5				1		1		14	26	35
Philosophy	6	6	34	7	14	1	1	4		2						14	26	35
Psychology		11			11			4								0	26	0
Visual Arts/Music	14	26	35													14	26	35
Religion	12	25	29													12	25	29
Physical Education	14	26	35													14	26	35

T1 Science&Mathematics
T2 Turkish Lit.&Mathematics
T3 IB-DP

External Tests

Isikkent High School is a College Board Test Center; offering PSAT/SAT and AP Exams. PSAT 8/9 Exams are offered to Grade 9 Students and PSAT/NMQST Exams are taken by Grade 10-11 Students every year. Isikkent opens its doors to students who would like to take SAT Exams from around the world 6 times a year. Although AP Curriculum is not an option at Isikkent, students may choose to take AP Exams in May. IELTS Exams are given every November and May when high school students perform with their high English knowledge level.

After School Programs

Isikkent students are actively involved in a wide variety of After School Programs, covering a range of activities in the fields of sports, fine arts, science & technology, community service, personal development and academic support. The most popular clubs are Model United Nations (MUN), Theater (English and Turkish), Destination Imagination, Junior Achievement, Swimming, Basketball and Volleyball many of which give the students the chance to compete nationally and internationally.

Performing arts include drama, poetry, folklore and dance, the pop music band and the classical music orchestra. Visual arts clubs include pottery, puppet making, graphic and design.

After School Programs are supported by the school's facilities situated in 14,000 square meters of green area, a 550-seat amphitheater and a 450-seat conference hall. The school has excellent sports facilities, including a heated indoor semi-Olympic size swimming pool, gymnasium, indoor and outdoor basketball, volleyball complexes and a tennis court.

Community Service

Community Service has an integral part in the fulfilment of the school's mission at Isikkent. Students can choose to participate in Interact or the C&S Committee to take part in various projects or directly consult the Vice-Principal to start an independent project.

Işıkkent has involved in various individual projects, all initiated by students, from building libraries in village schools and organizing campaigns to donate wheelchairs for the disabled or hand-made rag dolls to the Turkish Psychological Association to pioneering the "Isikkent Forest" as part of their eco-school project. Grade 9 and 10 students are also required to meet the curriculum requirements of the Service as Action prescribed by the IB MYP Programme. In Grades 11 and 12 IB DP students are actively engaged into the CAS activity required by the IBDP Programme.

IEK Alumni Association

"Isikkent Alumni Association" was established to strengthen the collaboration, communication, and links between graduates, students, and community members. The aim of the association is to develop a sense of belonging in IEK graduates by gathering them under the same roof and contributing to the development of the school by carrying out activities appropriate to its vision and mission. With this aim in mind, the association organizes various activities every year for graduates, whose number has reached 667.

2009-2023 University Placements

USA
43

Canada
26

UK
83

Europe
110

Others
5

Australia
3

UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES FOR 2009-2023

Isikkent 2009-2023 graduates have received acceptances from the institutions listed below (Matriculations are in bold.)

UNITED STATES

- Academy of Art, San Francisco
- Adelphi University
- **American University (2)**
- Babson College
- Bard College
- Barry University
- Bentley University
- **Boston University (3)**
- **Brown University (2)**
- Bryant University
- Caldwell University
- California College of the Arts
- California State University
- Chapman University
- Clark University
- Columbia College
- **Columbia University (1)**
- Concordia University of Wisconsin
- **Davidson College (1)**
- Drexel University
- **Duke University (1)**
- Emerson College
- **Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (1)**
- **Emory University (2)**
- Endicott College
- Fairfield University
- Florida Institute of Technology
- Florida Southern College
- **Fordham University (1)**
- **George Mason University (1)**
- George Washington University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Hannover College
- Hofstra University
- Jacksonville University
- James Madison University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Johnson and Wales University
- **Lynn University (1)**
- **Loyola Marymount University (1)**
- Loyola University Chicago
- Los Angeles City College
- Marist College
- Maryland Ins. College of Art
- MassArt College
- Mercer University
- Michigan State University
- New York University
- **Northeastern University (1)**
- Northwestern University
- **Old Dominion University (1)**
- **Pace University (1)**
- **Parsons, The New School (3)**
- **Pennsylvania State University (1)**
- **Pratt Institute (2)**
- **Purdue University (2)**
- Ringling College of Art and Design
- Queens University of Charlotte
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Roger Williams University
- Saint Louis University
- Salve Regina University
- San Diego State University
- Santa Clara University
- **Santa Monica College (2)**
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- **School of the Art Institute of Chicago(1)**
- **School of Visual Arts (1)**
- **Southern California Ins of Architecture(1)**
- Southern Florida College
- Southern Methodist University
- Stanford University
- Stevens Institute of Technology
- Suffolk University
- SUNY - University at Buffalo
- **Syracuse University (1)**
- **Tennessee State University (1)**
- Truman State University
- Tufts School of the Museum of Fine Arts
- **Tufts University (1)**
- Tulane University
- **UC Berkeley (1)**
- UC Davis
- UC Los Angeles
- University of Chicago
- UC San Diego
- UC Santa Barbara
- UC Santa Cruz
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
- **University of Massachusetts, Amherst (1)**
- **University of Louisville (1)**
- University of Massachusetts
- **University of Miami (3)**
- University of Michigan
- University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
- University of North Carolina - Wilmington
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Rochester
- University of Tampa
- **Virginia Polytechnic Institute (1)**
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- University of Southern California
- University of South Florida
- Xavier University
- Webster University
- Wesleyan University

UNITED KINGDOM

- Anglia Ruskin University
- AA, School of Architecture
- **Bournemouth University (1)**
- **Brunel University London (1)**
- Cardiff University
- **City University of London (7)**
- Coventry University
- DeMonfort University
- Durham University
- East 15 Acting School
- European School of Economics
- Goldsmiths, University of London
- Hult Business School
- INTO City, University of London
- Kaplan International College
- **King's College London (8)**
- Kingston University
- **Leeds Beckett University (1)**
- Leeds Art University
- **London College of Fashion (2)**
- London Metropolitan University
- **London South Bank University (1)**
- Loughborough University
- **Manchester Metropolitan University (1)**
- **Marangoni Institute (6)**
- Middlesex University
- **Oxford Brookes University (8)**
- Plymouth University
- **Regent's, University of London (3)**
- **Royal Holloway, University of London (7)**
- **Queen Mary, University of London (3)**
- Queen's University
- SOAS University of London
- St Mary's University
- **Staffordshire University (1)**
- The City College London
- **The University of Manchester (2)**
- Ulster University
- **University of the Arts London (1)**
- University of Bath
- University of Birmingham
- University of Brighton
- University of Bristol
- University of Cardiff
- **University College London (1)**
- University for the Creative Arts
- University of East Anglia
- University of East London
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Exeter
- **University of Essex (1)**
- University of Greenwich
- University of Glasgow
- University of Kent
- University of Law, Business School
- University of Leeds
- **University of Liverpool (1)**
- **University of Newcastle (1)**
- **University of Nottingham (10)**
- University of Northampton
- **University of Plymouth (2)**
- University of Portsmouth
- University of Reading
- University of Roehampton
- **University of Salford (1)**
- **University of Sheffield (2)**
- **University of Southampton (1)**
- **University of St Andrews (1)**
- **University of Sterling (1)**
- **University of Surrey (4)**
- University of Sussex
- **University of the Arts London (1)**
- University of York
- University of Warwick
- University of West England
- **University of Westminster (3)**

CANADA

- Alberta University
- Brock University
- Carleton University
- **Concordia University (2)**
- **Dalhousie University (1)**
- **Emily Carr, University of Art and Design (1)**
- **George Brown College (1)**
- **McGill University (3)**
- **McMaster University (1)**
- OCAD
- Queen's University
- **Ryerson University (4)**
- Saint Mary's
- Seneca College
- Simon Fraser University
- Trent University
- **University of British Columbia (1)**
- University of Alberta
- University of Guelph
- **University of Manitoba (1)**
- **University of Ottawa (1)**
- **University of Toronto (6)**
- **University of Toronto, Rotman Commerce (1)**
- University of Waterloo
- University of Western Ontario
- Vancouver Island University
- **York University (3)**
- Western University
- Wilfred Laurier University
- Windsor University

ITALY

- **Bocconi University (8)**
- **Cattolica University (17)**
- **Instituto Europeo di Design (5)**
- **IULM University (2)**
- **Istituto Marangoni (5)**
- **Luiss University (2)**
- **NABA (7)**
- **Polytechnic University of Milan (1)**
- **Polytechnic University of Torino (6)**
- **San Raffaele University (1)**
- SHG University
- Torvergata, University of Rome
- **University of Padova (1)**

HOLLAND

- **Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences (1)**
- **DELFT University (1)**
- **Eindhoven University of Technology (3)**
- **Erasmus University (1)**
- Fonty's University of Applied Sciences
- Han, University of Applied Sciences
- Hanze, University of Applied Sciences
- **HKU Utrecht Conservatory (1)**
- HU, University of Applied Sciences
- KABK, Holland
- **Leiden University (4)**
- **Maastricht University (5)**
- **Radboud University (1)**
- Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences
- **Tilburg University (3)**
- **University of Amsterdam(4)**
- University of Groningen
- **University of Twente (3)**
- Utrecht University
- **Vrije University (2)**
- Wageningen University
- **Willem de Kooning Academie (1)**

WORLDWIDE

- Charles University, Czech Republic
- City University of Hong Kong, HK
- **Constructor University, Germany (1)**
- **Czech Technical University in Prague, Czech Republic (1)**
- **Debrecen University, Hungary (2)**
- **DTU Technical University of Denmark, Denmark (1)**
- Duke Kunshan University, China
- ESADE Business School, Spain
- **Faculty of Veterinary Sciences VETUNI, Czech Republic (1)**
- **Freshman Programme of RWTH Aachen University, Germany (1)**
- **FHWS, Germany (3)**
- Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong
- **IE University, Spain (1)**
- IFM Business School, Switzerland
- **International University of Catalonia, Spain (1)**
- **IDC Herzliya, Israel (1)**
- Jönköping University, Sweden
- **Ku Leuven University, Belgium (1)**
- La Salle University, Spain
- Macquarie University, Australia
- **Parson's Paris, France (1),**
- **Pecs University, Hungary (1)**
- **Prague College, Czech Republic (1)**
- **Rothberg International School, Israel (1)**
- Science Po, France
- Sydney Ins of Business and Technology, Australia
- Tomas Bata University in Zlin, Czech Republic
- **Tel Aviv University, Israel (2)**
- **Universidad Europea Madrid, Spain (1)**
- **University American College, Skopje, Macedonia (1)**
- **University of Barcelona, Spain (1)**
- **University of Economics and Human Sciences, Poland (1)**
- University of Latvia, Riga
- **Université Lumière Lyon 2, France (1)**
- **University of Tartu, Estonia (2)**
- **University of Tech, Sydney, Australia**
- **University of Warsaw, Poland (2)**
- **Victoria University, Australia (3)**
- **Yale NUS College, Singapore (1)**