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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 8 schools in Turkey.

Vision

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

Mission

Isikkent School develops international minded, effective multi-lingual communicators and reflective, self-confident, principled individuals by offering an innovative, research and inquiry-based education through combining the national curriculum with international programs.

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.

Faculty

116 teaching staff (109 full time and 7 part time). 30 hold graduate degrees.

13 are native English speakers, 2 are native Spanish speakers and 1 is a native French speaker.

Student to teacher ratio is 6 and average class size is 18.

Students

There are 716 students in Isikkent from ages 3 to 18, namely in grades ELC 1 to 12th grade. There are 66 students in ELC; 154 students in Primary School; 212 students in Middle School; 284 students in High School.

Our new boarding facility houses students who come from different parts of Turkey. 30 students are presently residing in our boarding house.

99.8 % of Isikkent Graduates (from 2009 to 2019) attend four-year universities.

60% of 2019 Graduates applied and received acceptances from overseas universities.

56% of 2019 Graduates preferred to continue their education at universities abroad.

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 less 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. From Grade 10 onwards, the curriculum becomes more specific based on the choice of three possible diploma tracks; Science/Math, Turkish/Math, and Turkish/Social Sciences. All students in the Science-Math and Turkish-Math tracks follow an advanced mathematics curriculum consisting of Algebra, Trigonometry, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, and Calculus.

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

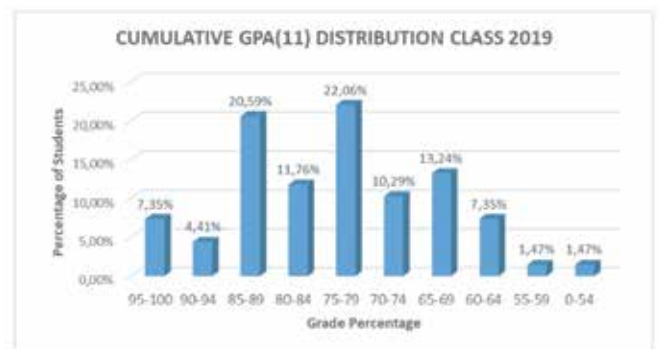
All students at Isikkent study the PYP - Primary Years Program (ranging from Age 3 to Grade 4) and MYP -Middle Year Program (ranging from Grade 5 to Grade10). They receive their PYP Certificates at the end of Grade 4 completing the PYP Exhibition and in Grade 10; they obtain the MYP Certificates on completion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

In Grade 12 the students who follow and then complete successfully the IBDP program receive the IBDP Diploma. All these certificates have an international equivalency which gives students a chance to study abroad if they prefer.

In Grades 11 and 12 students have the right to choose their streams. They can study the DP (Diploma Program) and gain the internationally recognized Diploma apart from their Turkish National Diploma completing the external IB exams, or they can stay in the national program and get ready for the national university examinations. Both programs are very challenging and they prepare students for their future higher education needs.

Opportunities for personal development and leadership expand in the high school through the extensive community service, after school program, personal projects and sports.

The chart below demonstrates the cumulative GPA 9-10-11 distribution of the class of 2019



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%.

High Honors Degree is obtained by a weighted average of 85%.

Honors Degree 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;

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

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

T1 corresponds to Science/Mathematics Track

T2 corresponds to Turkish/Math Track

T3 corresponds to IB-DP Track

Grade 11 2018-2019	100-85			84-70			69-60			59-50			49-0			Total Students		
	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3
Tracks																		
Biology	8		6	4			2									14	0	6
Physics	5		2	5		3				2			2			14	0	5
Chemistry	5		4	3		2	3			1			2			14	0	6
Mathematics	7	3	6	5	6	6	1	8	2		4		1	6		14	27	14
Geography		11			15						1					0	27	0
English Literature&Linguistics	9	14	10	2	7	4	2	3			3		1			14	27	14
Turkish Literature&Linguistics	2	2	10	6	10	4	2	9		3	4		1	2		14	27	14
Second Foreign Language	4	9	14	8	9		2	8						1		14	27	14
Turkish History	6	8	14	4	10		1	5			2		3	2		14	27	14
Philosophy	5	12	14	5	7		2	6		2	2					14	27	14
Sociology		14			7			3			2			1		0	27	0
Visual Arts/Music	14	27	14													14	27	14
Religion	14	27	14													14	27	14
Elective History		11			8			5			1			2		0	27	0

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 450-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 and Isikkent students have to complete certain hours of community service every year.

They 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. Isikkent 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.



UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES FOR 2009-2019

Isikkent 2009-2019 graduates have received acceptances from the institutions listed below

(Matriculations are in bold.)

<p>USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Adelphi University o American University (2) o Bard College o Barry University o Boston University (2) o Brown University (1) o Bryant University o California College of the Arts o California State University o Chapman University o Clark University o Columbia College o Columbia University (1) o Concordia University of Wisconsin o Drexel University o Duke University (1) o Emerson College o Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (1) o Emory University o Endicott College o Fairfield University o Florida Institute of Technology o Florida Southern College o George Mason University o George Washington University o Georgia Institute of Technology o Hannover College o Hofstra University o Jacksonville University o James Madison University o Johns Hopkins University o Johnson and Wales University o Lynn University (1) o Loyola Marymount University (1) o Los Angeles City College o Marist College o Maryland Ins. College of Art o MassArt College o Michigan State University o New York University o Northeastern University o Northwestern University o Old Dominion University (1) o Parsons, The New School (3) o Pennsylvania State University (1) o Pratt Institute o Purdue University (1) o Queens University of Charlotte o Rochester Institute of Technology o Roger Williams University o San Diego State University o Santa Monica College (1) o Savannah College of Art and Design o School of the Art Institute of Chicago o School of Visual Arts o Southern Florida College o Southern Methodist University o Stanford University o Suffolk University o SUNY - University at Buffalo o Syracuse University (1) o Tufts School of the Museum of Fine Arts o Tufts University o Tulane University o UC Berkeley o UC Los Angeles o University of Chicago o UC Santa Cruz o University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign o University of Louisville (1) o University of Massachusetts 	<p>o University of Miami (2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o University of Michigan o University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill o University of North Carolina - Wilmington o University of Pennsylvania o University of Rochester o University of Tampa o Virginia Polytechnic Institute (1) o Worcester Polytechnic Institute o University of Southern California o University of South Florida o Webster University <p>UK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Anglia Ruskin University o Bournemouth University o Brunel University London o City University of London (2) o DeMonfort University o East 15 Acting School o Goldsmiths, University of London o Hult Business School o INTO City, University of London o Kaplan International College o King's College London (4) o Kingston University o Leeds Beckett University (1) o London College of Fashion (1) o London South Bank University (1) o Loughborough University o Manchester Metropolitan University o Marangoni Institute (2) o Middlesex University o Oxford Brookes University (2) o Plymouth University o Regent's, University of London o Royal Holloway, University of London (7) o Queen Mary, University of London o Queen's University o St. Andrews University, Scotland, F. (1) o University for the Creative Arts o University of Bath o University of Birmingham o University of Bristol o University of Brunel o University College London o University of Coventry o University of Durham, F. o University of East Anglia o University of East London o University of Exeter o University of Essex o University of Greenwich o University of Glasgow o University of Kent o University of Leeds o University of Manchester o University of Nottingham (5) o University of Northampton, F. o University of Portsmouth o University of Reading o University of Roehampton o University of Salford (1) o University of Sheffield (2) o University of Southampton (1) o University of Sterling (1) o University of Surrey o University of the Arts London (1) o University of York o University of Warwick o University of West England o University of Westminster o SOAS 	<p>CANADA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Alberta University o Brock University o Carleton University o Concordia University o Dalhousie University (1) o George Brown College (1) o McGill University (3) o McMaster University (1) o Queen's University o Ryerson University (3) o Saint Mary's o Simon Fraser University o Trent University o University of British Columbia o University of Alberta o University of Guelph o University of Manitoba (1) o University of Toronto (5) o University of Toronto, Rotman Commerce (1) o University of Waterloo o University of Western Ontario o Vancouver Island University o York University (3) o Wilfred Laurier University o Windsor University <p>ITALY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Bocconi University, Italy (6) o Cattolica University, Italy (11) o Istituto Europeo di Design, Italy (3) o Istituto Marangoni, Italy (3) o NABA, Italy (7) o Polytechnic University of Milan, Italy (1) o Polytechnic University of Torino, Italy (2) o Torvergata, University of Rome <p>HOLLAND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Erasmus University, Holland (1) o Fonty's University, Holland o Han, University of App Sci, Holland o Hanze, University of App Sci, Holland o HU, University of App Sci, Holland o University of Groningen, Holland o Leiden University, Holland (2) o Maastricht University, Holland (3) o Radboud University, Holland (1) o Tilburg University, Holland F. o Vrije University, Holland <p>WORLDWIDE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o City University of Hong Kong, HK o Debrecen University, Hungary (1) o Freshman Programme of RWTH Aachen University, Germany (1) o FHWS, Germany (3) o International University of Catalonia, Spain (1) o IDC Herzliya, Israel (1) o Macquarie University, Australia o Sydney Ins of Business and Technology, Australia o Tel Aviv University, Israel o University American College, Skopje, Macedonia (1) o University of Latvia, Riga o Université Lumière Lyon 2, France (1) o University of Tartu, Estonia (2) o University of Tech, Sydney, Australia o Victoria University, Australia (3)
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