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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

Isikkent 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.

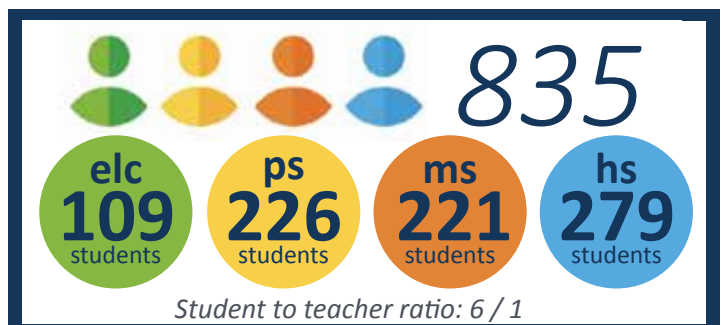
The teacher develops a nurturing relationship with the students, reinforced by the school support system, to ensure student intellectual, social-emotional and physical development. Teachers model life-long learning through regular professional development and professional reading and discussion.

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



Faculty



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 Grade 10). 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;

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



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		
	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3
Tracks																		
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											0	29	0
English	7	6	33	4	14	2	1	3		2			3		14	24	35	
Literature&Linguistics																		
Turkish	6	6	21	6	9	11	1	8	2		3	1		4		14	24	35
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Second Foreign Language	7	6	32	5	9	2	2	6	1		3			2		14	24	35
Turkish History	8	11	31	5	9	3	1	5			1		1		14	24	35	
Philosophy	6	6	14	7	14	1	1	4			2				14	24	35	
Psychology		11			11			4							0	24	0	
Visual Arts/Music	14	26	35												14	24	35	
Religion	12	25	29												12	25	29	
Physical Education	14	26	35												14	24	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.

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.

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



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)

UNITED KINGDOM



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
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
Wilfrid Laurier University
Windsor University

ITALY



Bocconi University (8)
Cattolica University (17)
Istituto 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 Zlín, 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)