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A beautiful place of focus, learning and pride



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Joaquin Rodriguez

Head of Admissions



Swiss Gymnasium teacher



In contact with Alumni and local community



Sport, reading, cultural events



Sharing and growing in a Swiss-International community

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Heidi Hadorn
Head of Admissions



Master's Degree in Chinese Studies, University of Geneva



Melbourne, Australia 1994 Shanghai, China 2006 - 2010



Family, Sports, Languages



Montana brings the world to my home

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Dr. Heather Stoffregen

Academic Expert and Admissions Coordinator



PhD in Art History, attended higher education in both the US and UK



Lived in Arizona (US), Vienna (Austria), Leeds (UK), Stein am Rhein and Zurich (Switzerland)



Hobbies include painting, hiking with family (including an energetic border collie), & reading lots of books with my son



The stunning campus, smiling students and warm atmosphere make this a wonderful community to be part of!

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Dr. Jie Lötscher

Academic Expert and Admissions Coordinator



PhD in psycholinguistics and German studies, University of Bern



Shanghai, Leipzig, Munich and Lucerne



Reading, nature activities, gardening & happy time with our Dalmatian



At Montana you can experience the joy of languages, cultures and international education every day in a family atmosphere

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Saskia Schmid

Admissions & Summer Camp Coordinator



Local Swiss School & Apprenticeship in Hotel Management
Language Course in Honolulu, Hawaii & Santa Barbara, California



Pottery, Yoga & Spending Time with My Dog



Meeting the Students during their Trial Day or Summer Camp and
then seeing them become a part of the Montana Community!

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Yuliia Jakob
Admissions Coordinator



Master's Degree in Journalism



Ukraine - Switzerland



Health, Travel, Family, Sports, Photography



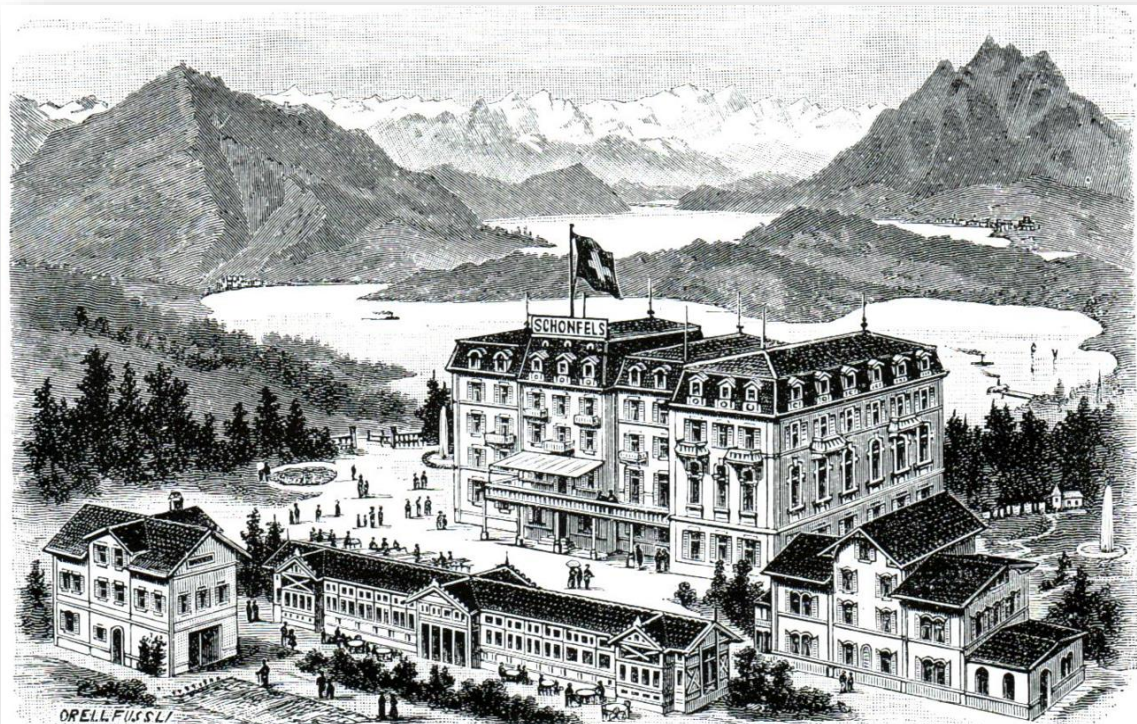
Education brings people together and is our greatest asset. At Montana, I've found not just knowledge and culture, but also international spirit, openness, and genuinely warm people. This diversity inspires me every day and keeps expanding my horizons.

Discovering your Expectations and Perspectives



Since 1926

In 1898, Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands was a guest on the Zugerberg. She stayed for five weeks at the Grandhotel Schönfels - in the buildings where we house our Montana boarding school students today. At that time, the Zugerberg with its two hotels - Schönfels and Felsenegg - was the health resort of the international nobility. Here many guests from Europe recovered, cured ailments, bathed, participated in excursions, relaxed, and explored the surrounding natural beauty of the Zugerberg.



Then in 1925 “Grand Hotel Schönfels” was acquired by Dr Max Husmann to become an international boarding school. The Boarding School was then founded on 3 May 1926 on humanist principles that still guide us today.

100 Years of International Education



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Individualism

Internationalism

Integration

Innovation

Montana Today



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Montana Today: Key Facts



Founded
1926

≈ 380
Students



6 to 19 years old



≈ 55 Nationalities



1/3 Swiss

10

Average Class Size

1000 m

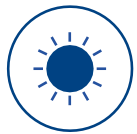
Crisp Mountain Air &
Fresh Spring Water



15 mins
From Zug City



60 mins
From Zurich Airport



Day and Boarding School

Dynamic Academic Pathways



4 + 1
Programmes

Enriched Activities

Arts, Sports, Model United Nations, Entrepreneurship, Science &
Technology



Switzerland: A Place to Learn

More than a land of chocolate, cheese and cuckoo clocks!

Schooling in Switzerland is a privilege:

- A well-established reputation for excellence
- A strong economy and high standard of living
- A well-educated community based on mutual respect and shared responsibilities
- A safe and stable environment where crime rates are low and infrastructure runs smoothly
- A meeting of modern life and older traditions
- A blend of cultures with four official languages, a model of intercultural society
- Mountains, rivers and lakes, forests and meadows, inviting a healthy approach to life
- And lots of excellent chocolate!



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The City of Zug

A jewel in the heart of German-speaking Switzerland



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<p>Small: Just over 30,000 inhabitants</p>	<p>Safe: Exceptionally low crime rate</p>
<p>International: Headquarters for multinational enterprises such as Siemens, Roche, Nord Stream AG, Johnson & Johnson</p>	<p>Well-connected: Less than 1 hour to Zurich airport About 30 mins from Lucerne A short journey to many European capitals</p>
<p>Thriving: A lively cultural environment theatre, concerts, art galleries, historic old town</p>	<p>Beautiful: Lakes and mountains offering activities in all seasons from boating to skiing, sledging to mountain biking</p>



The Montana Learning Experience

The People



Teachers, Staff and their Values

- Motivating
- Goal-oriented
- Cooperative
- Caring

The Place



The Place of Focus

- Place of learning
- Where you feel at home
- Disconnect from everyday distraction

The Pride



Goal and Accomplishment

- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Creative and Innovative Mindset
- Initiative and Leadership

Academic Pathways



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SWISS MATURA DIPLOMA



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CAMBRIDGE
International Examinations
Cambridge International School

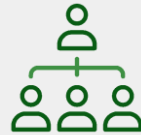
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CLSP - Cambridge Lower Secondary Programme
IGCSE - International General Certificate of Secondary Education
HSD - High School Diploma
IBDP - International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

Bilingual Primary School



70
students



10
average class size

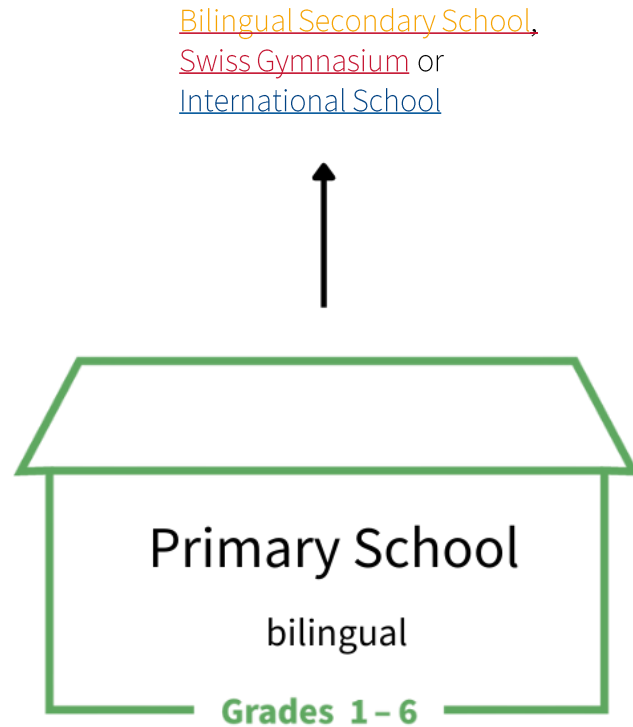


15
nationalities



Bilingual Primary School

Learning is an adventure and children love to learn



- Entry age requirement is 6 years old
- Minimum 2 Years Kindergarten
- We feature cozy, well-designed classrooms that ignite our students' passion for learning
- Our Bilingual Primary School sits exclusively next to idyllic outdoor spaces such as a playground, sports field, and a forest area to bring out every child's adventurous side
- The Curriculum we offer is based on the Lehrplan 21 and British Curriculum, encouraging a creative, hands-on approach to learning
- Taught in German and English

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Bilingual Primary School

Learning is an adventure and children love to learn

Children arrive excited to learn in their bright classrooms on the mountain

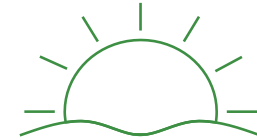


A beautiful setting with natural outside space encourages self-expression, creativity and enthusiasm while guaranteeing safety



We look after your children before and after the school day

- Optional Early Bird care on campus (Grades 1-4) 08.15 to 09.10
- At the start and end of the day, a qualified class assistant will accompany the children between their classroom and the base station of the ZBB funicular



10

Average 10 students per class
(max 15 students)

Classroom assistants and language support

A bilingual full immersion classroom, English and German.



Musical programme with participation in the school choir and 2 performances a year



After-school clubs and activities: performance & visual arts, sports, baking, ice-skating, hiking, home-work club, science, robotics workshops.
Special projects e.g. Circus Week!

Syllabus

Our programme is accredited by the Canton of Zug and follows its curriculum.

Taught in German

- Mathematics
- German
- Handwriting
- Music
- Arts
- Ethics und religion
- Information and Communication Technologies in Grade 5 & 6

Taught in English

- English
- Social sciences: history, geography, science
- Ethics and religion*
- Art
- Sport
- Handwriting
- Crafts

Taught in French

- French in Grade 5 & 6

Learning Skills

Important learning skills 'Lernkompetenzen' are an excellent preparation for moving on to higher level studies.

Digital Learning

Our students learn how to use ICT in a beneficial and safe way as part of the [Lehrplan 21 national curriculum](#).

*please note that some subjects are taught in the native language of the class advisor. For example, Art, Ethics and Religion.

Sample Timetable BPS 3



Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	My Place to Grow® since 1926
Early Bird 1-4 grade supervision from 08:15 am						
09:15* - 10:10	Mathematics	German	English	German DAZ	German	
Cocoa Break						
10:25–11:20	English	Mathematics	Social Science	Sports	English EAL	
Lunch						
12:25–13:20	English EAL	Handwriting	Co-curricular activities	English	Mathematics	
13:25–14:20	Social Science	Crafts		Art	Mathematics	
14:25–15:20	Social Science	Crafts		Art	Ethics and Religion	
Tea break						
Activities** until 16:40						

*BPS1, 2, 3 and 4 start at 9:15 am - BE 5 and 6 Start at 8:15 am

** Not included in the school fees (CHF 500 - 2000 per semester)

On the Path



Admissions Criteria

To start Grade 1, students must be 6 years old and have completed the compulsory Kindergarten year or equivalent (HarmoS level P2)

We Assess through:

- Trial days
- Report Cards from Kindergarten or previous school
- For higher grades (4-6), we also consider level of language support needed (assessed case by case)*

*Children who join in Grade 5 or 6 must be fluent in either German or English and have some knowledge of the other.



Language Objectives

You will achieve:

Children who start in Grade 1 or 2 become bilingual. Starting later varies child by child



Next Steps

You can continue to:

International School

Our IS in Grade 6 or 7 for students aiming to follow an international curriculum towards the IB Diploma or a High School Diploma Programme

Swiss Gymnasium

Our SG in Grade 7 for students with high level German who are aiming towards the Swiss Matura

Bilingual Secondary School

Our BSS in Grade 7 for students

- who are not yet decided about their academic path, or
- who might be attracted to studies leading towards a vocational high school, or
- who need to bring their German or English up to the level required for their chosen path



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Bilingual Secondary School



30
students



10
average class size

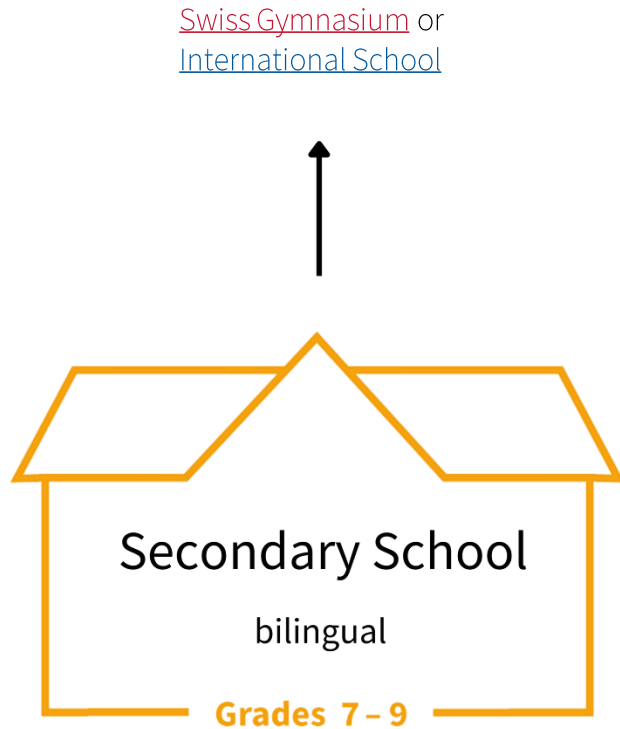


12
nationalities



Bilingual Secondary School

A bridge between primary and further education



- Entry Age: 12
- Good knowledge of DE/EN/FR or min. B1 (DE and/or EN) and willingness to advance DE (Goethe) and FR (Delf)
- A unique opportunity to keep options open between Swiss and international programmes as ambitions develop
- Develops confidence in both German and English, and teaches French too
- A motivating curriculum based on the [Swiss Lehrplan 21](#) which opens opportunities for future studies or career paths

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Bilingual Secondary School

What makes our BSS unique?

Our international community is the perfect environment to quickly develop expertise in many languages



Fun activities outside the class such as cooking week, 2 project weeks per year, ski camp and an annual final trip

As a healthy section of the school, BSS students do daily movement breaks and do some of the lessons outside in the fresh air



German language learning



English language learning



French language learning

We offer weekly coaching, accompanied studies for languages and math on 2 different levels (Core and Extended)



A good mix of Swiss and international students in class, sharing their different cultural and linguistic backgrounds



Valuable friendships from all over the world that will last for life

A comprehensive, student-centered, learning support system enables all students to succeed in their studies and to learn at their own pace

We offer project based learning and elective subject afternoon

Bilingual Secondary School

Syllabus

Taught in German

- Life Skills: economics & home budgets, the working world, nutrition & health, responsible living
- German (1st Language)
- Ethics, religion, community
- Media and information technology
- Class advisory
- Accompanied study (study planning)
- Mathematics
- Visual arts
- Textile and technical crafts
- Music/Choir
- Vocational orientation

Taught in English

- Geography, history and civic education
- Nature and technology (including physics, chemistry, biology)
- English (2nd language)
- Physical education

Taught in French

- French (2nd Language)

Elective subjects BSS Grade 7

- Choir

Elective subjects BSS

Grades 8 and 9

- Visual arts
- Music/Choir
- Italian private classes
- Spanish private classes
- Entrepreneurship
- French (special preparation for Gymnasium)

Bilingual Secondary School

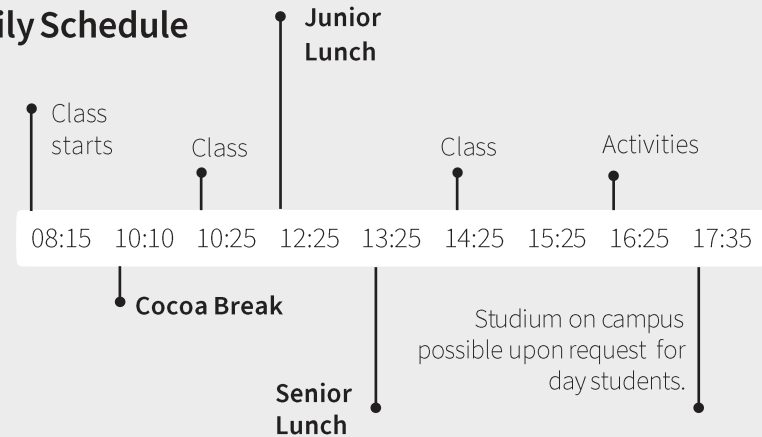
BSS Lessons per Subject

	7 th grade BSS Lessons in learn studio (SOL)			
	core level	extended level	core level	extended level
Languages	14	14	5	5
Compulsory subjects				
German (1 st Language)	2	2	2	2
French (2 nd Language)	3	3	1	1
English (2 nd language; level B1 incl. PET Certificate*)	2	2	1	1
Electives				
Goethe private classes (Fasttrack A1-B2; German certificate)	3	3	-	-
DELFI private classes (Fasttrack A1-B2; French certificate)	3	3	-	-
Cambridge private classes (Fasttrack A1-B2; English certificate)	3	3	-	-
General science and social studies	11	11	2	2
Compulsory subjects				
Geography, History and Civic education	2	2	1	1
Nature and Technology (including Physics, Chemistry, Biology)	2	2	-	-
Economics, World of work, Nutrition	1	1	-	-
Ethics, Religion, Community	1	1	-	-
Media and Information Technology	1	1	-	-
Class Advisory	1	1	-	-
Accompanied study	1	1	1	1
Mathematics	4	4	2	2
Compulsory subject				
Mathematics	4	4	2	2
Art, crafts, design and sports	9	9	0	0
Compulsory subjects				
Visual Arts	1	1	-	-
Textile and technical crafts	1	1	-	-
Music	1	1	-	-
Physical education	3	3	-	-
Elective				
Choir	1	1	-	-
Compulsory course workload	39	39	9	9

Learning Studio – Beyond the Classroom

- Self-directed learning under the guidance of teachers who act as mentors
- Each student has an “office” space for individual studies
- Teachers guide students to acquire the learning skills they will need throughout their lives
- The programme adapts to the strengths of individual students
- “LERN PASSPLUS”: a digital diagnostic tool that supports self-assessment
- More dedicated Learning Studio hours, providing comprehensive self-assessment and personal development support, than in a public school

Daily Schedule



Bilingual Secondary School

On the Path



Admissions Criteria

Joining from:

Our [Bilingual Primary School](#)

- All our students may join SEK A or SEK B based on grade point average

A Swiss School

- SEK A aiming for the Swiss Gymnasium or an apprenticeship
- SEK B aiming for the International School or an apprenticeship

An International School

- Good Knowledge of DE/EN/FR or min. B1 (DE and/or EN) and willingness to advance DE (Goethe) and FR (Delf)



Language Objectives

You will achieve:

- **German**
At least Goethe B2
- **English**
At least B2
- **French**
At least DELF A2



Next Steps

You can continue to:

[Swiss Gymnasium](#)

From BSS Grade 8 or 9 to Grade 9. To study for the Swiss Matura, you need a grade point average (GPA) of 5.2 in German, French, Mathematics (counts twice), Social Science (counts half), Sciences (counts half) (all at Extended Level)

[International School](#)

From BSS 8 or 9 to Grade 9. To study for the Cambridge IGCSE towards the IB Diploma or High School Diploma

At the end of BSS Grade 9 you can: Complete compulsory education in the Swiss system and start an apprenticeship or transfer to other vocational or commercial high schools



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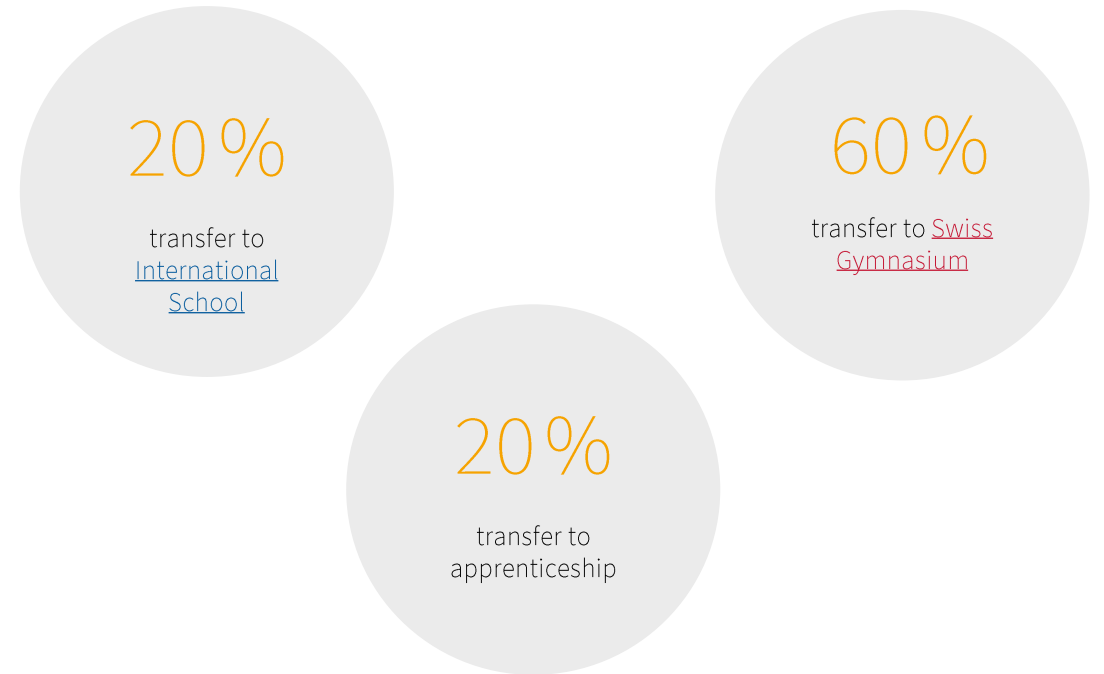
Bilingual Secondary School

Results and Demographics

Secondary School Grade 8 (2025):



Secondary School Grade 9 (2025):



Swiss Gymnasium



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105
students



10
average class size



15
nationalities



99%
pass rate



Swiss Gymnasium

The prestigious Swiss Matura Diploma: the door to top universities in Switzerland and abroad

SWISS MATURA DIPLOMA



- Entry Age long-term Gymnasium 12/13 years old
- Entry Age short-term Gymnasium 14/15 years old
- Good knowledge of DE/EN/FR
- The Swiss Gymnasium expects a high level of academic motivation
- The Swiss Matura (gymnasiale Maturität) Diploma is achieved by only about 20% of the Swiss population
- Success guarantees access to Swiss universities (except for Medicine) including the prestigious ETH Zürich, ETH Lausanne & Universität St. Gallen (HSG) as well as to universities outside Switzerland, including the UK, USA, Canada, and the Netherlands
- Swiss higher education is excellent and less expensive than higher education in many other countries
- We offer the German or the bilingual German/English Matura

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of Education and Culture

Swiss Gymnasium

What makes our Swiss Gymnasium unique?

A prestigious national qualification taught in an international environment



A Swiss programme followed by many international students:

50% Swiss
50% International students



An environment where language learning and intercultural understanding excel

Safety and freedom: an exceptional location, surrounded by nature and yet close to the city.



German language learning



English language learning



French language learning

Small classes with highly qualified and caring teachers from Switzerland and all over the world.



Friends from all over the world – a global network for the future

Channels of communication between teachers and parents are always open. Regular meetings twice a year and written reports; swift implementation of support measures where needed. Our Principal follows the path of every student through school, providing guidance and communication directly with each family



Around half of our Swiss Matura graduates come from other countries*

*Many international students earned the Swiss Matura by joining our BSS with little or no previous German or French.

Swiss Gymnasium

Syllabus

Elective subjects

- Spanish
- Economics and law
- Physics and applied mathematics
- Biology and chemistry

Taught in English in the bilingual Matura programme

- Biology (SG 3 – 5)
- History (SG 1 - 6)
- Geography (SG 1 – 5)

Basic subjects in German

- German
- Mathematics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- History
- Geography
- Informatics
- Natural science
- Arts or music
- Sport
- Information and communications technology

Further languages

English (3rd language)
French (2nd language)

Maturaarbeit:

A stand-alone research project requiring research, analysis and presentation skills. This is a highly-respected preparation for university studies and is assessed by an oral presentation in front of a Jury. For the bilingual Matura, students present in English

Supplementary Subjects:

Students in the final year choose extra subjects that focus on their interests and strengths.

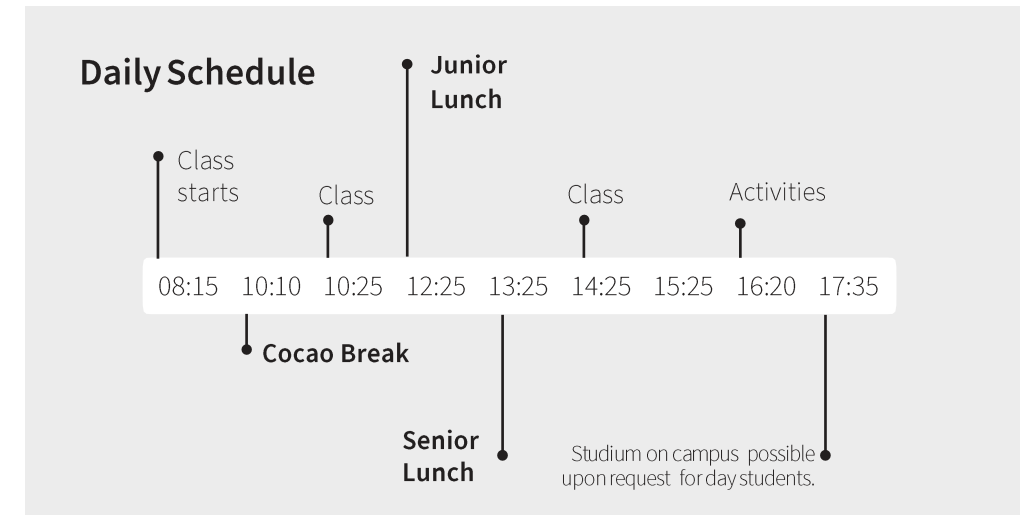
Typically offered:

- Arts
- Sports
- History
- Biology
- Geography

Swiss Gymnasium

Lessons per Subject DE

	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6
Basic Subjects						
German	4	4	3	3	3	4
French	3	2	3	2	2	3
English	3	3	3	3	3	3
Mathematics	3	3	3	3	3	4
Natural Science	2	2				
Biology			1	2	2	
Chemistry			2	1	2	
Physics			1	2	2	
Informatics			2	2		
History	2	1	2	1	1	2
Geography	1	2	1	2	2	
Introduction to Economics and Law			2			
Arts	1	1				
Music	1	1				
Learning Skills	1					
Elective Subjects						
Arts or Music			2	1	2	
Major Subject*				3	4	4
Minor Subject**						4
Maturaarbeit				1	1	
Additional Subjects						
Class Lesson	1	1	1			
Sport	2	2	2	2	2	2
ICT	1	1				
Ethics und World Religions	1	1				
Choir	1	1	1***	1***	1***	
TOTAL Weekly Lessons	26	25	28	27	28	26
Non-obligatory Subjects						
Cambridge English Certificate					2	2
Italian	2	2	2	2	2	2



* Our Offer: Biology and Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Economics and Law, Spanish

** Our Offer: Arts, Biology, Geography, History, Sports

*** Can only be visited with Music as Elective Subject

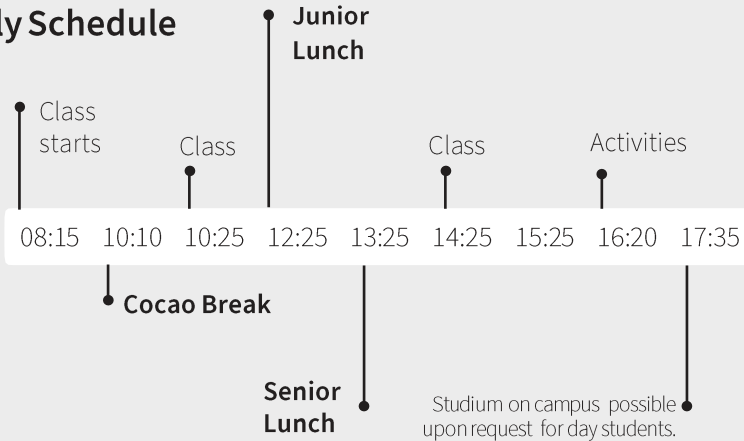
Swiss Gymnasium

Lessons per Subject Bilingual



Before graduation, students must spend 5 weeks of their vacation in an English-speaking country (or Malta) at a language school or summer camp

Daily Schedule



* Our Offer: Biology and Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Economics and Law, Spanish

** Our Offer: Arts, Biology, Geography, History, Sports

*** Can only be visited with Music as Elective Subject

	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6
Basic Subjects						
German	4	4	3	3	3	4
French	3	2	3	2	2	3
English	3	3	3	3	3	3
Mathematics	3	3	3	3	3	4
Natural Science	2	2				
Biology (G3-G5 bilingual)			1	2	2	
Chemistry			2	1	2	
Physics			1	2	2	
Informatics			2	2		
History (G1-G6 bilingual)	2	1	2	1	1	2
Geography (G1-G5 bilingual)	1	2	1	2	2	
Introduction to Economics and Law			2			
Arts	1	1				
Music	1	1				
Learning Skills	1					
Elective Subjects						
Arts or Music			2	1	2	
Major Subject*				3	4	4
Minor Subject**						4
Maturaarbeit (in English)					1	1
Additional Subjects						
Class Lesson	1	1	1			
Sport	2	2	2	2	2	2
ICT	1	1				
Ethics und World Religions	1	1				
Choir	1	1	1***	1***	1***	
TOTAL Weekly Lessons	26	25	28	27	28	26
Non-obligatory Subjects						
Cambridge English Certificate					2	2
Italian	2	2	2	2	2	2

Swiss Gymnasium

College Counselling

We offer guidance towards further academic studies for students from **Grade 11 (SG 5)** of the Swiss Gymnasium

We explore

- Each student's strengths, ambitions and areas of interest
- The wide opportunities offered by degree courses in Switzerland

We provide

- Guidance on decision making and a support programme
- Guidance on what happens after graduation from school and preparing for the future

We arrange

- Visits to information fairs held by universities throughout Switzerland (including ETH) for which students are well prepared
- Participation in special trial programmes (research, labwork, IT) organised by universities for young people with specific interests
- Visits to Career Information Centres (e.g. the Center for Study and Professional Support in Zug, BIZ)



University and Polytechnical University in Zürich



Visit to the ETH Zurich



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Swiss Gymnasium

On the Path



Admissions Criteria

At end of Grade 6

- B1 English
- B2 German
- GPA 5.2 in German, Mathematics and Nature, People and Environment

At end of Grade 8 or 9

- B2 in German and A2 in French (Goethe and Delf certificates)
- GPA 5.2 in German, Mathematics, French, English, Geography, History and
- Civic Education, Nature and Technology (including Physics, Chemistry, Biology)



Language Objectives

You will achieve:

- **German**
Native Level
- **English**
 - Bilingual Programme: Cambridge Advanced Certificate
 - Monolingual Programme: C1 (CEFR)
- **French**
At least DELF A2



Next Steps

You can continue to:

- Swiss universities (automatic admission to all except for Medicine, which additionally requires the completion of the Numerus Clausus)
- Many international universities (through an admissions process)

*Children who join in Grade 5 or 6 must be fluent in either German or English and have some knowledge of the other.



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Swiss Gymnasium

Results and Demographics

 Swiss Matura 2025:



99 %

Pass rate



50 %

of graduates are international
students

International School



170
students



12
average class size



45
nationalities



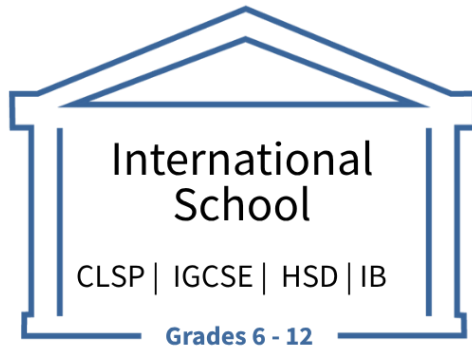
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International School

An education that opens minds and a world of opportunities

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA



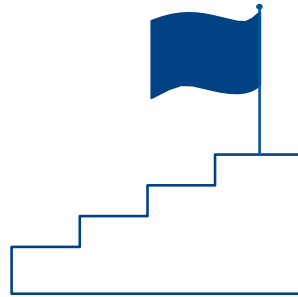
- Entry Age: 11/12 years old
- EN and Mother Tongue Language Classes (CN/DE/ES/FR/IT/RU)
- Language assessment tests (support provision when required)
- Qualifications that are recognized and highly respected all over the world
- Options to cater for a range of abilities, talents and ambitions
- Extensive options for language studies
- Comprehensive language learning support
- Subject Ateliers to promote self-directed studying under the guidance of teachers passionate about their subjects



Cambridge Lower Secondary Programme (CLSP) (Grades 6 to 8)

Building a strong foundation

Helps students progress
from primary to lower
secondary education



An excellent overall preparation for
[Cambridge IGCSE](#) in Grades 9 and 10

An internationally benchmarked,
broad and balanced curriculum



Clear learning objectives that focus on
developing knowledge and skills in all
subjects



Prepares students for life.
They develop an informed
curiosity and a lasting
passion for learning

Cambridge Lower Secondary Programme (CLSP)

Syllabus

Compulsory subjects

- English (First Language or EAL)
- Additional Language
- Mathematics
- Co-ordinated Sciences (Biology, Chemistry and Physics)
- Social Studies (History and Geography)
- Art
- Music (including school choir)
- ICT

Elective subjects

- Third Language

In addition we offer:

- First Language classes in [English](#), [German](#), [Chinese](#) and [Russian](#)
- Support for English as an Additional Language students
- Second language classes at different levels in [German](#), [French](#) and [English](#)
- Private lessons in other languages can be arranged on request and at additional cost.
- [Mathematics tuition](#) to accommodate both weaker and stronger students
- A [learning support programme](#) for 2 individual support lessons per week
- [In-class support](#) (when required by the teachers)
- [Check in](#) with the Learning Support Teacher Monday to Thursday

Language Options

1st and 2nd Languages

- English
- German

1st Language

- Russian
- Chinese
- Japanese
- Italian
- Spanish

2nd Language

French A2 +



My Place to Grow®
since 1926

International General Certificate of Secondary Education

The world's most valued international qualification for students aged 14 to 16

A bridge from lower secondary to IBDP. A valuable qualification in its own right



Recognised around the world
as evidence of academic ability

Teaches students to be inquiring,
knowledgeable, caring, compassionate,
reflective critical thinkers



We provide guidance to help individual students choose
the subjects and combinations of subjects that best suit
their abilities and ambitions

International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE)(Grades 9 to 10)

Syllabus

Compulsory subjects

- English or EAL *
- Additional Language
- Mathematics
- Co-ordinated Sciences (Biology, Chemistry and Physics)
- Global Perspectives
- Physical Education
- 1 of the elective subjects

Electives

- Business Studies
- History
- Geography

Optional

- Additional Language
- Art and Design

*Students need to have at least one first language, depending on their course of study. For classes smaller than 5 students, private lessons are arranged.

Languages

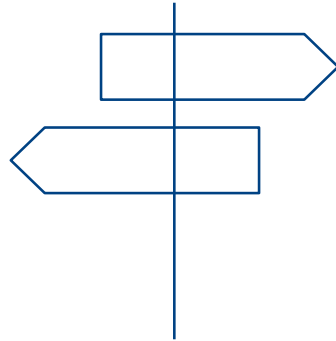
- **English Literature** - for students who are native, near native or bilingual (based on academic assessment)
- **English Language** – for students who are native, near native or bilingual
- **1st Language Russian, Chinese, Spanish or German** – for students who are native speakers and have at least two years of schooling in the subject
- **English as an additional Language (EAL)** – for students who are not native, near native or bilingual
- **2nd Language French, German or Spanish** –
German: Grade 9 from beginner level, Grade 10 at least A2; French and Spanish: Grade 9 at least A2; Grade 10 at least B1

Academic requirements: Recommended Language Level: Grade 9 at least B1 and Grade 10 at least B2

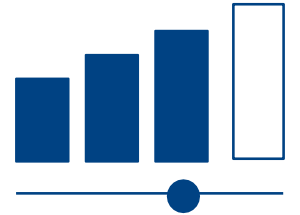
High School diploma (Grades 9 to 12)

Alternative non-IB track open for students working towards entrance to a range of universities in the USA, Canada and Europe.

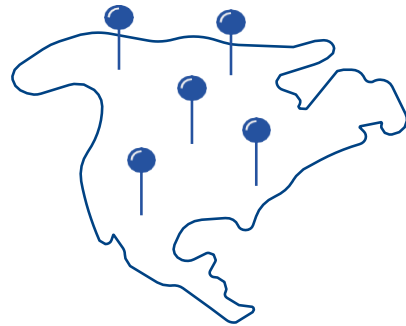
We provide guidance to help individual students choose the subjects and combinations of subjects that best suit their abilities and ambitions



Classes are available at a variety of levels of difficulty.



Accepted as a valid qualification in many institutions in the USA, Canada and some private European universities.



Students can join some International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme courses.

High School diploma (Grades 9 to 12)

Alternative non-IB track open for students working towards entrance to a range of universities in the USA, Canada and Europe.

Group 1

- IB Language A HL/SL:
Literature
(offered in English,
Spanish, Chinese, Italian and
Russian)
- IB Language A SL: Literature
(School- Supported Self-Taught)
- IB Language A HL/SL: Language and
Literature (offered in English and
German)

Group 2

- IB Language B HL/SL (offered in
French, English, German,
Spanish)
- IB Language ab initio SL
(offered in German)

Group 4

- HSD Science

Group 5

- HSD Mathematics

Group 3

- IB Business Management HL/SL
- IB Economics HL/ SL
- IB History HL/SL
- IB Geography HL/ SL

Group 6

- IB Visual Arts HL/SL
or any one of the above
subjects (groups 1-4) dependent
upon timetable compatibility

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (Grades 11 to 12)

A passport to higher education all over the world

Respected as a mark of academic excellence at the world's most prestigious universities

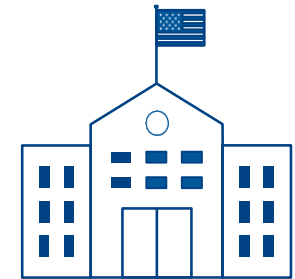
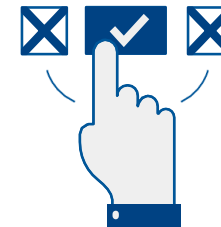


Combines breadth and specialisation. Academic subjects are divided into 6 groups which students choose to study at higher or standard level

The full IB Diploma Programme is intellectually challenging and opens doors to top universities around the world. Individual IB courses may also be taken in combination with the High School Diploma, accepted by a wide variety of universities worldwide

Its guiding ethos is to encourage intercultural understanding and respect

We personally guide every student when choosing IB subjects in order to reach their university goal



International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)

Syllabus

Six IB subjects are chosen, one from each group and one elective. Three subjects are taken at a Higher Level and three at a Standard Level.

Compulsory subjects

- English (First or EAL)
- Additional Language
- Mathematics
- Sciences
 - Biology
 - Physics
 - Chemistry
- Humanities
 - History
 - Geography
 - Economics
 - Business Management

Electives

- Visual Arts
- An additional language, sciences or humanities course

Languages

- First Languages: Russian, Chinese, Spanish and German
- Second Languages: German, French, Spanish

Theory of Knowledge

- A challenging course in critical thinking
- Assessed through an oral presentation and a written essay

The Core of IB Studies taken by all students:

Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS)

- Participation in creative, active and service activities.
Maybe a photography project, coaching a sports team and volunteering around the world for humanitarian projects
- Students provide evidence of achieving specific learning objectives but it is not formally assessed

Extended Essay

- An individually chosen research project
- Assessed by the submission of a 4,000 word research paper
- Excellent preparation for university studies

International School

College Counselling*

College Counselling Method

Counselling usually starts in [Grade 10](#).

We explore:

1. Subjects of interest
2. Where in the world to study
 - Specific entry requirements
 - Selected university options, the best location and academic fit

We support applications:

- Helping write personal statements and letters of motivation
- Following up on applications to check status
- Enhancing chances of success

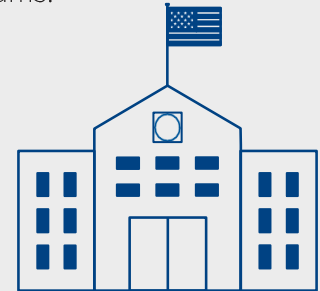
College Counselling Software

[Unifrog](#) is a college counselling software programme available to students in Grade 10. You learn about careers and can search for courses at universities worldwide that will be perfect for your academic achievements and ambitions

College Fairs and Travels

Our college counsellor meets with representatives of global universities at college fairs worldwide. Students have the opportunity to visit colleges and universities individually and also participate in virtual and/or in-person college fairs.

Study the university course of your dreams!



* College Counselling services are included in the tuition fees for students in Grades 10- 12 of the International School.

International School

On the path



Admissions Criteria

- Assessment of transcripts from previous schools
- Teacher recommendation
- Language certificate and any other certificates
- English writing sample
- Student Interview
- CAT 4 general logic and skills assessment



Language Objectives

You will achieve:

- At least one first language at a native level and knowledge of a second language
- Knowledge of up to three languages



Next Steps

You can continue to:

– With the IB Diploma:

Universities in Switzerland and around the world, dependent on your overall academic profile. This will include IB scores and a range of other factors and achievements, such as activities beyond the curriculum and your overall fit for the course

– With the High School Diploma:

- **Switzerland:** Direct entry may be possible to private universities and hospitality management schools (NOT EHL).
- **UK:** Direct access may be possible for less selective universities.
- **Europe (continental):** Many private universities and US-patterned university systems.
- **USA / Canada:** Accepted as a valid qualification to many institutions



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International School

Results and Demographics

IGCSE 2025:



88%
Pass rate



30 %
Scored between
A* - A



10 %
took their certificates
in under 1 year of study



IB Diploma 2025:



99%
Pass rate

Average

32

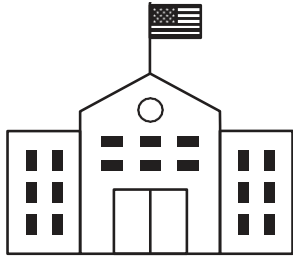
Highest

41

Results and Destinations

99 %

University
placement rate



Secondary School Grade 8:

62 %

transfer to
BSS9

22 %

transfer to our
Swiss Gymnasium

Secondary School Grade 9:

60 %

transfer to our
Swiss Gymnasium

20 %

transfer to our
International School

20 %

transfer to
apprenticeship

IGCSE 2025:

88 %

Pass rate

30 %

Scored between A* - A

10 %

took their certificates
in under 1 year of study

IB Diploma 2025:

Average

32 points

Highest

41 points

Swiss Matura 2025:

99 %

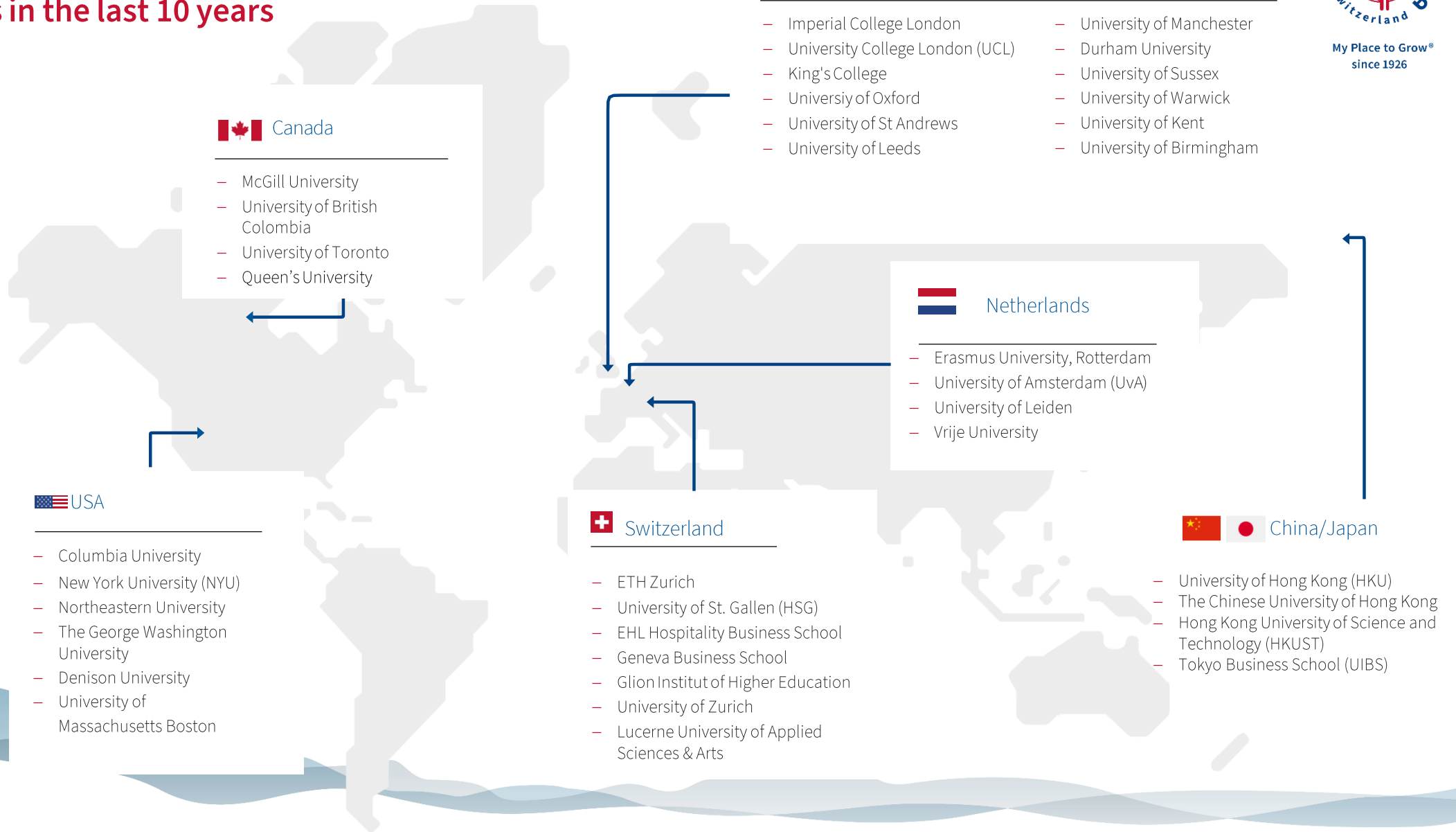
Pass rate

50 %

of graduates are
international students

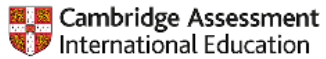
University Acceptances

Of our students in the last 10 years



Language Learning

Grow confident with your languages. Speak, Study, Socialise



Cambridge Assessment:
English

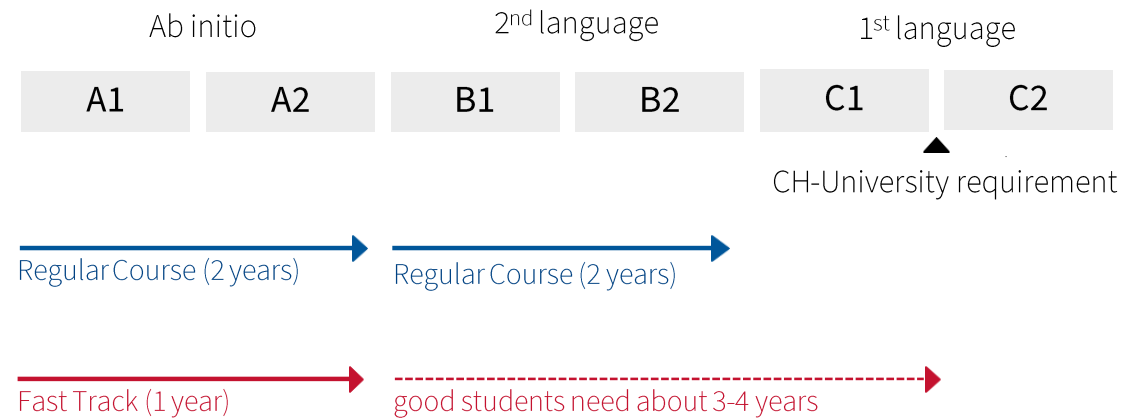


Goethe:
German



DELFL:
French

Language Levels (CEFR Framework)



English as an Additional Language (EAL) and DAZ

Grow confident with your languages. Speak, Study, Socialise

Which English class is right for you?

Year Group	English Language Class	CEFR Level
CLSP 6-8	English First Language	B2+
	English as a Second Language (EAL)	B1+
	English as a Second Language (EAL)	A2+
IGCSE 9-10	English First Language and Literature	C1+
	English First Language	B2 (Grade B)+
IB DP 11-12	IB English A Literature (SL or HL)	C1+
	IB English A Language and Literature (SL or HL)	C1+
	IB English B (SL or HL)	B1-B2

Support to achieve your goals

Support

- Students who arrive with below A2 English in CLSP may also be required to take the additional fast track class. This would be assessed in Admission evaluation.
- Additional support lessons for all EAL students
- Small groups, 3 lessons per week
- CHF 3,500 in the Primary School & CHF 4'000 in International School per semester

Intensive Support

- On recommendation
- Additional 2 lessons per week in each of Sciences, Social Studies and English
- As above plus CHF 89 per lesson for 2-4 students, CHF 130 for individual tuition

If you do not reach the level to take English A in the IB Diploma Programme, you might be able to take e.g. Japanese A.

Keep up studies in your mother tongue!

It takes about 5 years to be proficient in academic English. Start as soon as possible!

R.I.S.E Reach • Include • Support • Empower

A personal learning journey tailored to your child's unique needs

What is R.I.S.E.

R.I.S.E.: Reach, Include, Support, empower is a tailored learning support program designed to meet the diverse needs of our students. Led by our Personalized Learning Coaches, R.I.S.E. offers individualized coaching for learners with diagnosed challenges, those needing structured academic guidance, and students looking to strengthen their study habits, confidence, and learning strategies.

Why choose R.I.S.E.?

- Tailored approach – every student receives an Individual Support Plan
- Proactive coaching – builds independence, not dependence
- Expert team – working alongside teachers, and parents
- Clear outcomes – monitored progress, measurable results On recommendation

Packages

Features & Services	Standard Package	Premium Package
1:1 Personalized Learning sessions	✓	✓
Daily check-ins & monitoring	✓	✓
Academic coaching & mentoring	✓	✓
Exam accommodations & access arrangements	✓	✓
Regular parent-teacher consultations	✓	✓
Intensive, high-touch support for complex learning needs	✗	✓

Student Life



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We prepare our students for life with more than 50 exciting co-curricular activities to inspire their futures beyond school

Creative Thinking & Culture

- Theatre & Musical
- Student Council
- Choir
- Digital Photography
- Model United Nations
- Radio

Sport & Physical Development

- Self Defence Girls
- Skiing
- Tennis
- Judo
- Kick Boxing

Well-being Focus

- Yoga
- Pilates
- Sound Bath & Meditation
- Cooking Club
- Holistic Approach

Engineering & Technology

- Battle Bot Robotics
- 3D Designs / Printing

Green Programmes

- Forest Club
- Upcycling



Student Growth, Well-being and Future Life Skills



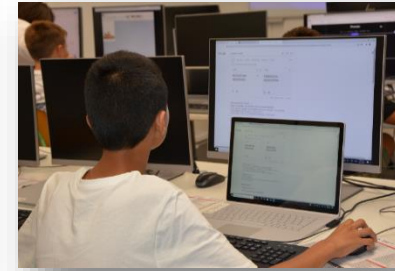
Self-Organisation



Respect and Equality



Mindfulness



Online Safety and Recording Laws



Interpersonal Relationships



Emotion Regulation



Conflict Resolution



Self-Care

Student Well-being

Our biggest priority is the well-being of every student



Safety-certified



School nurse on-site and
school doctor 10 minutes
away



Anti-bullying and child
protection policies



School rules with focus on
respect, responsibility,
kindness



Student counsellor on-
site



Developing the essential
skills through workshops



Dedicated to nurturing a safe, joyful, and stress-free environment

We are the first Swiss boarding school accredited by KiVa

KiVa is an effective anti-bullying program based on [scientific evidence](#) evaluated in numerous studies.



The [goals](#) of KiVa are

- To prevent new bullying cases from emerging
- To tackle bullying cases effectively
- To minimize the negative effects caused by bullying

The KiVa programme revolves around three key components:

Prevention

Intervention

Monitoring

[Learn more:](#)

[Kiva Parents Guide](#)

Feel at Home: Eat Well, Live Well

The importance of healthy eating and good company

- We sit down to a family-style lunch in our beautiful dining hall every weekday, an important time to catch up with friends and colleagues
- Students return to the dining hall for cocoa break in the morning and tea break in the afternoon
- Menus are varied and nutritious food prepared in our own kitchen
- We cater for a wide range of dietary requirements: vegetarian, religious, allergies and intolerances
- For boarders, breakfast and dinner are buffet style

- All over campus you will find our own healthy spring water
- Each meal lasts 40 minutes
- There is always a starter, main course with side dish, as well as a dessert and fresh fruit
- Salad buffet offered daily at lunch and dinner.



School Calendar

Our School Year begins at the end of August

First we get to know each other.

- Family welcome days for students and their families.
- Orientation days when students meet their classmates.
- Whole School Sports Day for all.

Now you know everyone at your new school. You feel welcomed and relaxed. It is time to focus on your studies.



October Break

The Cultural Trip is a 10-day adventure somewhere in Europe.

Maybe museums and surfing in Portugal? Or Greece or Spain? Or Boarders may go home if they choose.



Winter Holiday

School closes for 3 weeks. Time to reconnect with family.



February Break

Our traditional Ski Trip to St Moritz. 10 days of fun in the snow. Or boarders may return home.



Spring Holiday

School closes for 3 weeks.

Time to reconnect with family and prepare for end of programme exams.

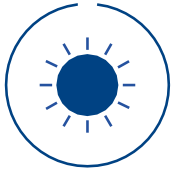


End of June

School closes for 2 months.

Enjoy a well-earned vacation with your family. Of course, you are welcome to join us for the amazing Summer Camp.





Typical Day of a Day Student

Monday - Friday



07:56 Board the ZBB funicular
for the panoramic ride to school



08:15 - 10:10
2 lessons of 55 minutes



Cocoa
Break



10:25 - 12:20
2 lessons of 55 minutes



11:25 | 12:25 | 13:25
Lunchtimes for BPS, Juniors
and Seniors



13:25-15:20
2 lessons of 55
minutes



Tea
Break



16:00-17:20
Activities or optional
supervised study time



Typical Day of a Boarding Student



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Monday - Friday



6:45 - 7:10
Wake up



07:10 - 08:00
Breakfast



08:15 - 10:10
2 lessons of 55 minutes



Cocoa
Break



10:25 - 12:20
2 lessons of 55 minutes



11:25 | 12:25 | 13:25
Lunchtimes for BPS, Juniors and
Seniors



13:25 - 15:20
2 lessons of 55 minutes



Tea Break



16:00 - 17:20
Activities



17:30 - 19:00
Studium



19:15 - 20:00
Dinner



Leisure
time



21:15 - 23:00*
Bed time

- Possibility to join subject atelier to catch up with studies
- During free periods students go to study rooms

* Bed times depending on age

Weekend for Boarders

Saturday



8:30-9:30
Breakfast



Saturday
Excursion*



19:15
Dinner



22:15-00:30**
Bed times

Day trips or Weekend Excursions

- Winter Ski Trips
- Excursions – Lucerne, Interlaken, Zurich
- Museums & Cultural Events
- Aquapark
- Technorama – Swiss Science Center
- Art Basel

Sunday



10:30-11:30
Brunch



15:00-15:30
Tea break



19:15-19:45
Dinner



21:15-23:00**
Bed times

A day at leisure to relax

- Students pursue their hobbies and favourite sports, enjoy our wonderful natural landscape and time with friends,
- catch up with family, catch up with studies.
- Younger boarders are safe and secure under the supervision of their house parents. As students grow and show self-responsibility, they become more independent.

*Day trips and excursions are obligatory for boarding students up to Grade 10 (included).

** Bed times depending on age

Boarding

A home away from home

We welcome students from all over the world, Europe and Switzerland to join our boarding school

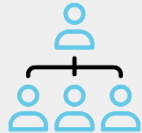
- Comfortable single and double rooms
- Space to socialise
- Space to study
- Space to grow



Summer Camp



50
students



10
average class size



15+
nationalities



20+
Workshops



Experience the spirit of Institut Montana in 2 weeks!

Our summer camp motto is Learn. Grow. Move. Meet.

Summer Camp

Learn • Grow • Move • Meet

- 10–16 Years old
- Language Learning DE/EN
- Activities,
Excursions, Events

- Discover Switzerland and find out what Institut Montana is all about
- A friendly group of maximum 50 students and over 20 nationalities
- Staffed by warm and approachable professionals all trained in First Aid and in making sure all the children feel safe and happy.
- A fantastic opportunity to learn, grow in an international community and make friends for life
- Every child is an individual, and families receive regular updates about their welfare and progress



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Learn.

Intensive German and English classes

- 4 hours a day
- 5 days a week
- Small class sizes



German language learning

Grow.

Exciting Workshops



Business & Leadership

e.g. simulate a start-up



Science & Technology

e.g. cyber-security



Creativity & Arts

e.g. direct a movie with a real director



English language learning

Move.

Healthy Lifestyle

Plenty of activities to foster group dynamics, confidence and team building skills



For residential and day students

Meet.

Friendship and Memories for Life

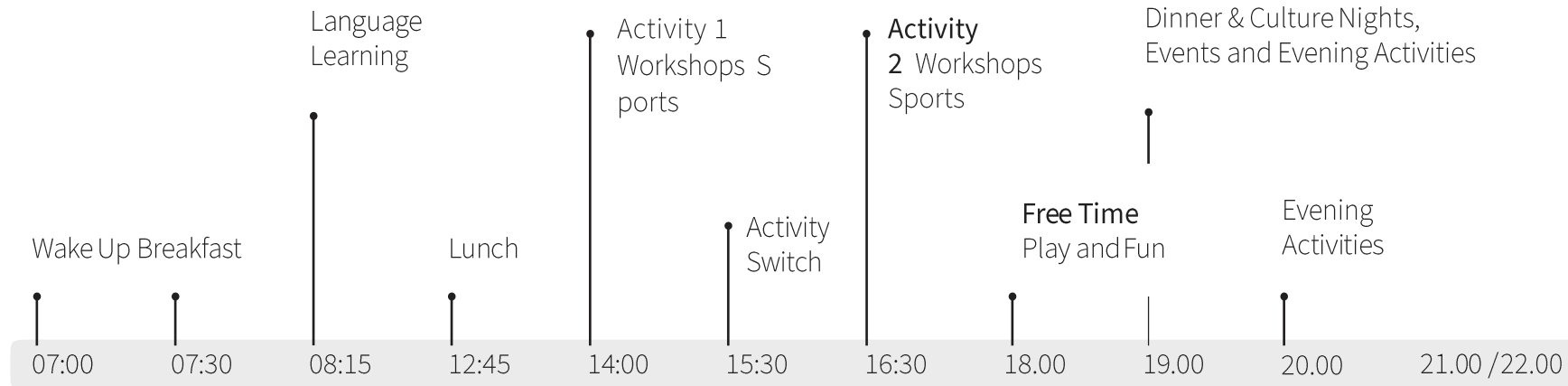
Daily Events, Dinner & Culture Nights, Weekend Excursions to discover Switzerland!



Summer Camp

A typical Montana Summer Day

Monday to Friday ▶



Weekend ▶

Wake Up

Excursions & Cultural Visits

Bed Time
Bed times based on age group

Every
Wednesday:
Afternoon Excursions or
Special Events

Admissions

Start your journey with us



Enquiry

Start by sending us these documents:

- The student's full name and age
- A copy of the student's passport
- Language skills or certificates
- School reports from the last two years



Campus Visit or Video Interview

The best way to get to know our school is to visit

If this is not possible, we can learn about each other through a video interview and offer you a virtual tour



Assessments & Evaluation

Our admissions committee will discuss your application. We use school reports to understand your academic level. Cognitive ability and language placement tests help decide which programme will suit you best



Offer Letter & Acceptance

An offer letter!
You submit final documents and apply for a visa if necessary (we can help)

We send the information you need to prepare for arrival at our school

We look forward to hearing from you. We can discuss the admissions process or any other details with you at:
admissions@montana-zug.ch

Annual Fees

The annual fees are determined based on the needs of the school and must be approved in advance by the Board of Directors. Fees may be subject to increase.

Boarding students		Day students	
Bilingual Primary School (BPS 5-6)	CHF 70'400	Bilingual Primary School (BPS 1-4)	CHF 32'900
Bilingual Secondary School (BSS 7-9)		Bilingual Primary School (BPS 5-6)	CHF 34'600
Swiss Gymnasium (SG 1-6)		Bilingual Secondary School (BSS 7-9)	
		Swiss Gymnasium (SG 1-6)	
International School (Grades IS 6-12)	CHF 72'800	International School (Grades IS 6-12)	CHF 36'800
International School		International School	
– IGCSE programme fee (Grades IS 9-10)	CHF 1'500	– IGCSE programme fee (Grades IS 9-10)	CHF 1'500
– IB Diploma Programme fee (Grade IS 11-12)	CHF 5'000	– IB Diploma Programme fee (Grade IS 11-12)	CHF 5'000

Included for all students¹:

- Two main meals and two snacks
- Tuition in all mandatory subjects
- Study Hall supervision
- Use of school infrastructure, including laboratories, library/Mirabaud Centre, art rooms, and sports facilities
- Internet access
- Use and licenses for school and IT programmes
- Copying costs (up to CHF 90)<
- College counselling as per section 3.3
- Yearbook
- Psychological support to promote well-being
- Individual support during short-term illness
- Co-Curricular activities at boarding and selected programmes for day students
- Travel insurance for school trips
- Exam support

¹The annual fees are determined based on the needs of the school and must be approved in advance by the Board of Directors. Fees may be subject to increase.

Additional included for boarders:

- Accommodation in a double room
- Supervision
- Three main meals and two snacks
- Specified onsite co-curricular activities
- Assistance with visa application for the student and the visa renewal procedure
- Administration of the collective health insurance scheme.
- Personal and liability insurance

Sibling Discount

A sibling discount is granted starting from the second child enrolled at the school. The percentage discount is structured as follows:

- For the second child 7 %
- For the third child 10 %
- From the fourth child onwards 15 %

One off payment

Admission fee includes

- CHF 2'500 enrolment fee
- CHF 3'000 Development Fund

Refundable Deposit

- CHF 5'000 boarding student
- CHF 3'000 day students

Personal Expense Account

- CHF 5'000 boarding students
- CHF 1'000 day students

Please contact us for more details about options and extras.



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Additional Fees

Fees for Individual Support Programmes

The school offers a variety of individual support programmes to support the students on their individual educational path. The fees for the individual support programmes are mentioned below. If not mentioned differently, the fees relate to “periods”, with one period being 55 minutes of instruction. To ensure a lasting effect of support measures, these will be organized generally for the duration of one semester, unless clearly agreed for a different time period.

Subject Tuition

– Individual Tuition	CHF 130	per lesson
– Group Tuition (two to four students)	CHF 89	per lesson

Intensive Language Courses and other Private Courses

Intensive language courses (fast-track) for German (Goethe preparation), English (Cambridge preparation) as well as French (DELFDALF preparation) are offered on a per semester basis and for the following fees. These fees will also be applied to private courses in other subjects (e.g. electives that are not offered by the school).

– Group Intensive Course Goethe, DELF, Cambridge (1 to 4 students 2 weekly lessons + self-study)	CHF 6'000	per semester
– Bilingual Primary School: DAZ/EAL Intensive Programme	CHF 3'500	per semester
– International School: English as an additional language (EAL) (special language course, access to the EAL support center as well as other supportive measures in a small group)	CHF 4'000	per semester

R.I.S.E. Programme

– Standard Package (1x per week)	CHF 4'000	per semester
– Premium Package (2x per week)	CHF 6'000	per semester

Specific Programme Fees

International School - Additional (7th) IB Diploma Subject:

– Standard level	CHF 2'000	per semester
– Higher Level	CHF 3'000	per semester

Additional Fees



College Counselling

College Counselling supports the students' applications at international colleges and universities. The is available to all students at the school but is most important for students in grades IS 10-12. For those students, College Counselling charges of the following amount are included in the IB/IGCSE programme tuition fees (College Counselling comprises all time spent on meetings with the individual students and parents, as well as preparation and follow-up for those meetings, and inquiries related to possible university applications or evaluating the feasibility of admissions):

International School:

- | | |
|--|------------|
| – grade IS 10 (incl. COA-Testing and IB Subject Choice Consultation) | 5 lessons |
| – grades IS 11-12 | 10 lessons |

Furthermore, the following College Counselling services are included in the tuition fees for students in grades IS 10-12 of the [International School](#):

- Official Transcript (grades IS 9-12)
- Up to three recommendation letters to support university applications issued by subject teachers, school leadership or College Counsellor.

For students from other classes/programmes or for students from the International School (classes grades IS 10-12) beyond the included time, college counselling will be charged according to the time spent:

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|--|----------------|---------|-------------|
| – College Councelling | | CHF 120 | Per lesson |
| – Documentation (e.g. transcript production incl. Mailing) | National: | CHF 150 | per mailing |
| | International: | CHF 170 | per mailing |

College counselling for the **Swiss Gymnasium**: Counselling to Swiss universities is included in the fees.

Exam Fees

Fees for exams and diploma of language courses (IELTS, TOEFL, Goethe Diploma, DELF/DALF-Certificate, Cambridge English Certificate) as well as external exams for online courses, or preparatory courses for university applications (e.g. APs, SAT, etc.) will be invoiced to the students according to the fees of the external exam provider. For final exams and the awarding of the final diploma, specific fees will be invoiced to the students, who are taking these exams. External exam and handling fees will be passed on to the students.

Final Exams – **Swiss Gymnasium**

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|--|---------|
| – Internal Matura Exam Fee (mono-/bilingual) | CHF 600 |
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Final Exams - [International School \(IGCSE/IBDP/HSD\)](#)

- | | |
|---|---------------------------|
| – IGCSE Exams (Grade IS 10, external fee according to subject choices) | approx. CHF 500 - 700 |
| – IB Diploma Exams (Grade IS 12, external fee according to subject choices) | approx. CHF 1'200 – 1'700 |
| – Internal High School Diploma Fee (Grade IS 12) | CHF 600 |

Additional and Optional Fees

Boarding students

Additional

- Saturday Excursions & Winter Sport days: excursion (Obligatory for boarding students up and including Grade 10) approx. CHF 200 per excursion

Optional

- Single Room Surcharge: CHF 16'000/year CHF 8'000/semester
- Weekly Laundry (excl. dry cleaning) CHF 1'900/year CHF 950/semester
- Pocket Money (at your discretion)

Day students

Optional

- Bus service (limited spaces available): CHF 1'900/year CHF 950/semester
- Temporary Boarding Stay¹ (Double room, incl. studium and three main meals, two snacks, cleaning and administration) CHF 250/per night

All students

Additional

- Public Transport Pass at a reduced price

Optional

- Private Musical Instrument Lessons (all instruments) CHF 5'294/year CHF 2'647/semester



Flexi Boarding

Your children are day students but suddenly your schedule is filled by work commitments and meetings around the world. Or you have to travel to a weekend function. Flexi-boarding is a great solution. Weeks or weekends. More information on request.

¹Day students are allowed a maximum stay in boarding of 20 nights per semester. If the number of nights is exceeded the students will be required to pay the fees for boarding students. For a temporary stay in boarding the according expenses apply.

Thank you!



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