



# THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BELGRADE

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*Celebrating 67 years of Quality International Education*



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**The International School of Belgrade (ISB)** is an independent, co-educational international day school that enrolls students ages three to eighteen. ISB is the oldest international school in Belgrade, delivering quality international education for over 67 years while inspiring and empowering students to discover their passions and to commit to lifelong learning. The curriculum is designed to serve a multi-national student body using English as the language of instruction and providing a high-quality, college-preparatory education with an emphasis on internationalism and global responsibility. ISB admits students of expatriate families living in Belgrade, and Serbian students desiring an international education. At present, ISB serves 390 students representing 42 nationalities.

### ACCREDITATION

Like all quality international schools, ISB is accredited by several educational agencies: the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and the Council of International Schools. We are an authorized International Baccalaureate World School where students learn to implement change with compassion and creativity in a complex global environment. We are also authorized by the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Serbia.

### INTERNATIONAL FACULTY

Faculty and staff are also diverse representing ten nationalities and coming from almost all continents (Europe, North and South America, Australia, Africa). Our teachers are dedicated professionals, a majority holding multiple or Masters' degrees in their areas of specialization. Their teaching is inspiring, student-centered and individualized, and their involvement in coaching and co-curricular activities provides a nurturing environment for students to excel in the arts, athletics, student government and service learning.

### ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

ISB is a fully authorized International Baccalaureate World School offering IB programs at all levels of the school.

#### *International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (PYP) - Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 5*

We offer the Primary Years Program (PYP) for students in Pre-Kindergarten (ages 3 and 4) through grade five (age 11). Our newly designed Pre-Kindergarten program serves children of both ages 3 and 4, and includes developmentally appropriate learning and play-based engagements. Developed with the needs of the international student in mind, the PYP curricular framework focuses on the education of the whole child by fostering the social and emotional growth of our students while offering a relevant, engaging and challenging curriculum. This dual focus on knowledge and learning sparks a child's natural curiosity by developing academic skills while enabling students to acquire a better understanding of the world and their place in it.

#### *International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program (MYP) - Grades 6-10*

Due to the international composition of our families, ISB has a transient student body. We strongly believe that the three IB programs fully meet the diverse needs of both international students and their host country peers, and are proud to be able to offer the MYP continuum to PYP students, while preparing them throughout the MYP years with skills and concepts needed for the Diploma Program.

#### *International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (DP) - Grades 11-12*

The IBO describes the DP as "a comprehensive and challenging pre-university course that demands the best from both motivated students and teachers. Typically, diploma holders are ready to debate real-world issues from an international perspective and to provide leadership and support in the local and global community. They demonstrate a capacity for in-depth study while maintaining a broad perspective of the different subject areas. They have a strong sense of their own culture and identity, as well as the ability to communicate in two or more languages with people who have a different perspective of the world."

### COMMUNITY AND SERVICE

We strive to develop our students' sense of their community and their participation in its improvement. Community and Service is one of the five areas of interaction of the MYP. This area of interaction focuses on work within the school during the first part of the MYP and encourages students to be fully active in their local community and take on global issues by their final year of the MYP.

### CREATIVITY, ACTION, SERVICE (CAS)

The CAS requirement is at the very core of the IB Diploma Program and it concentrates on the non-academic aspect of school life outside of the world of scholarship, providing a fresh counterbalance to academic studies. As our students enter the Diploma Program they are expected to act within their school, local community and ultimately beyond in the global community. Through CAS, our students learn to become better-informed, caring citizens of the world.

### MANY LANGUAGES, ONE SCHOOL: THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BELGRADE LANGUAGE PROGRAM

The International School of Belgrade is committed to the ideal of international-mindedness. One interpretation of this concept is understanding oneself and one's culture, and reaching out to understand others' cultures and viewpoints. A key to understanding any culture is through language. Language learning, both of one's mother tongue and a second and third language, is a hallmark of ISB. With 42 nationalities represented in the student body, there is a rich and diverse palette of languages spoken and also taught at ISB. Walking through the hallways and through the grounds of the beautiful campus, one hears many languages, ranging from English and Serbian to Italian, Chinese, and Hebrew. The diversity of our faculty compliments the students and brings even more international-mindedness to the school.

### AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

At ISB we believe that students need more than a strong curriculum, good teachers, and time in the classroom to succeed. The After School Activities (ASA) programs at ISB strive to provide students with a variety of activities in the areas of sport, the arts, and academics where our students can participate, perform and compete in a safe, nurturing, and accommodating environment. We believe that ASAs play an integral part in our students' education and growth, providing challenge and balance. By participating in ASA activities, students will mature socially, emotionally, and physically. We are firm believers that student involvement in sports and activities beyond the classroom environment contributes to the development of ideas and habits of leadership, discipline, emotional control, a healthy lifestyle and time management.

### MS & HS CEESA ACTIVITIES

The International School of Belgrade is the only school in Belgrade that is a member of the Central Eastern European Schools Association (CEESA). As a member of CEESA our Upper School students and teams have access to a variety of international events and competitions across the continent. ISB has a proud record of being one of the most successful schools in the CEESA region over the last four years, as indicated by records at the various sports and activity events and competitions.

### COLLEGE PLACEMENT

The goal of the college counselling program at ISB is to help students find the university that best fits their needs. Our graduates are accepted to premium colleges and universities throughout the world. Most ISB students apply to English-instruction universities in North America, the UK, and Europe.

### WIRELESS TECHNOLOGY AT ISB

Because of the high density and mobile nature of its users, education is at the forefront of the wireless evolution. Classrooms are now highly dependent on digital resources and the instructional applications they enable. ISB has embraced next generation technologies that expand learning options, such as our 1:1 laptop-to-student initiative and cloud-based educational applications that support learning in the classroom.

### SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

As an IB World School, the International School of Belgrade recognizes the importance of diversity in its student population, building strong community ties, and promoting academic excellence. We are proud to be able to provide financial assistance to academically promising individuals who would not, under normal circumstances, attend ISB.

### Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA): Building Community Together

ISB is fortunate to have strong support from the parent community, and one way this is evidenced is through the Parent-Teacher-Student-Association. The PTSA's main aim is to support and build the ISB community.

### IN CLOSING

It is indeed a rich and diverse learning community at ISB. This diversity invigorates and inspires students, teachers, and parents to navigate the ever increasing interconnected world of the 21st Century.

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