



THE INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL OF GENOA
SINCE 1966



THE SCHOOL

The International School of Genoa offers a complete international educational programme in English for all students from Reception (age 2) to Grade 12 (age 18) leading to the achievement of both the High School Diploma and the International Baccalaureate Diploma. The school has a student, and faculty population representing over **40 nationalities**. ISG integrates the host country language to ensure that Italian nationals receive an effective bilingual educational programme. English and Italian are also taught as acquisition languages, and French, Spanish, Mandarin and German are offered as additional languages to secondary students.



Early Childhood - Elementary School
Middle School - High School



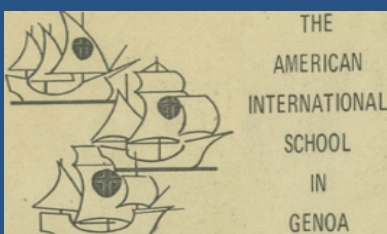
INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION

We are accredited by the **Council of International Schools (CIS)** and have been authorised by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IB) to teach its Diploma Programme since 2002. We are a candidate school for the IB Middle Years Programme. We are recognized by the Italian Ministry of Education as as **Scuola Straniera** (International School) and as one of the schools offering the IB Diploma in the Italian territory. The International School in Genoa is a **UNICEF** ambassador school and a founding member of AIBWSI, the Association of IB World Schools in Italy. We are also proud to be an **Eco-School**.



ISG was founded in 1966

as a private co-educational day school called The American School of Genoa to serve the needs of the international and local communities in Liguria. In the following decades, the school kept growing and in year 2000, it opened a new high school programme. In 2002 the International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO - www.ibo.org) authorised ISG to offer preparation for the IB Diploma Programme, followed by the first graduating class in June 2004. In 2007, the school changed its name to The International School of Genoa, which was followed in 2009 with a move to a new campus and school site in Via Romana della Castagna.





MISSION STATEMENT

We are a community of adaptable learners who inspire a love of learning that extends beyond the walls of the school. The following principles are the foundations upon which our school is built:

TEACHING AND LEARNING APPROACH

RESPECT

We foster respect for self, others and the environment, which is based on compassion, inclusivity and a celebration of diversity. We embrace the interconnectedness of our world, while maintaining a sense of individual identity.

RESPONSIBILITY

We develop creative problem solvers who have the capacity to enact positive change, and who feel empowered to take action in their immediate and global environment.

REACHING FOR EXCELLENCE

We nurture the confidence, imagination and resilience that form the pathways to individual success.

VALUES PLEDGE

The Values Pledge of The International School in Genoa derives from our mission statement of Respect, Responsibility and Reaching for Excellence. It is a declaration and a commitment from each member of the community to adhere to these values. This pledge requires that we hold ourselves to the highest possible standards of personal integrity and commitment, and that we strive to achieve our goals and to fulfil our potential in all that we do.

DEFINITION OF LEARNING

Learning in an exceptional school takes place in a joyful, safe and caring environment. It is a carefully engineered journey where teachers challenge their students with rich experiences to reach deep understanding using inquiry and critical thinking. Students are encouraged to meet their full potential and develop the skills to be successful in a rapidly changing world. They are led to become self-directed, independent thinkers, capable of teamwork and problem solving in their immediate and global environment.

Cooperative
 Friendly **Honest**
 Helpful **Kind** Anti-bullying
 Determined Caring **Respectful** Loving Freedom
 Responsible **Respectful** Confident
 Sharing **Respectful** Proud Organized
 Ready Patient Open-minded **Conscientious**
Listener

Children learn most enthusiastically and most efficiently when they are encouraged to use their strengths

THE CURRICULUM

ISG follows **The International Baccalaureate Programme**. The school received authorization to offer the **IB Diploma Programme (DP)** in 2002, and more recently, it has achieved accreditation for the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (**MYP**) for Grades 6 to 10. ISG is in the process of introducing the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (**PYP**) in Early Years and Elementary school.

The **IB Programme** is designed to ensure rigorous learning. The curriculum includes English (Language Arts), mathematics, science, and history/geography (Individuals & Societies). English is the language of instruction, and English as an additional language is offered for students who need support in the English language. Formal Italian instruction is included in all classes. This instruction is offered so that the Italian students continue to develop their mother tongue language skills. French, Spanish, German and Mandarin are offered as additional languages in the Secondary School.



The IB Primary Years Programme

Age 2 - 10

In the **PYP** all learning is based on inquiry and focused on real world context through transdisciplinary units. Learning with the PYP takes a global approach; helping children to connect their learning to where they are living now, as well as looking at the learning from the perspective of other people in other countries. In the 2 and 3 years old class, we follow **the ISG Toddler Curriculum** which fosters intellectual growth, learning and independence and prepares children for the PYP curriculum.

The IB Middle Years Programme

Age 11 to 15

The **MYP** is an educational programme for students between the ages of 11 to 15 around the world as part of the International Baccalaureate (IB) continuum. MYP is intended to prepare students for the two-year IB Diploma Programme.

In the MYP students are required to receive instruction in all eight subject groups; Language and Literature, Language Acquisition, Individuals and Societies, Sciences, Mathematics, Arts, Physical and Health Education, and Design.

The IB Diploma Programme

Age 16-17

Pupils who successfully complete the cycle of studies at ISG obtain the **ISG High School Diploma** and the **International Baccalaureate Diploma**. **The IB Diploma** is recognised in more than 80 countries around the world. In Italy the Ministry of Education recognized the IB diploma with equivalence for the linguistic, scientific or human sciences high school according to the curriculum chosen by the student. This recognition therefore allows direct access to all types of universities in Italy and abroad.





LOCATION & FACILITIES

The school is located just 10 minutes from the sea and is situated on a magnificent 6000 square metre campus containing historical gardens, in Genova-Quarto. The campus is part of the grounds of a restored Benedictine abbey. The site offers a unique blend of historical and contemporary facilities to our students. In addition to numerous classrooms, there is a central courtyard, an art room, science labs, an auditorium, an indoor gym, outdoor sports facilities, an 8,000 volume library, an infirmary, a cafeteria with a fully equipped kitchen. The school has recently opened a new innovation lab to meet the needs of the 2.0 generation in a technologically stimulating environment.

**More than Fifty Years
of Growth and Development
in the service of the local and the
international community of Genoa**

