



STUDENT ENROLMENT:

Early Years	: 59
Primary	: 182
Middle	: 100
High School	: 105
TOTAL	: 446



FACULTY:

Turkish: 22
International: 56

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Overview

MEF International School (MEF IS) is a K-12 co-educational international day school located in Istanbul, Turkey. Our school is a truly international school with over 54 different nationalities. All students who enroll at MEF IS hold a foreign passport. The school is accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS) and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), and is approved by the Turkish Ministry of Education. It is also a member of the European Council of International Schools (ECIS). MEF International School is authorised by the IBO to offer the Primary Years Program (PYP) and the Diploma Program (DP), and by Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) to offer the Secondary 1 and IGCSE curriculums and examinations in the middle and high schools, respectively.

The school was founded in 1998 by Dr. Ibrahim Arıkan, a Physics teacher, who has also founded other schools in Turkey.

Guiding Statements

The MEF IS vision is to provide the best international school experience for our students, parents, and faculty. This effort is guided by the school’s mission: “MEF International Schools offer a stimulating education that engages the strengths, learning styles and needs of its students. Each child is guided to discover and develop intellectual, creative, social and physical potentials, cultivating a passion for learning. The school empowers students to become confident, balanced and socially responsible individuals who contribute positively to local and global communities.

Campus

The school is located in central Istanbul in purpose-built facilities, on a 40-acre campus shared with MEF National School.

The school is nestled in the hills above Ortakoy, only minutes away from the beautiful Bosphorus and residential neighborhoods preferred by the international community residing in Istanbul. Facilities include a 25-meter heated swimming pool, outdoor soccer pitch, indoor gymnasium, computer labs, concert auditorium, dance studio, art studios, cafeteria, library, outdoor playgrounds, and the services of an onsite nurse and doctor.

Curriculum

MEF IS school programs share a common philosophy - a commitment to a high quality, challenging education where students develop not only knowledge, understandings and skills but the attitudes and values to help them become confident, balanced and socially responsible students. MEF IS implements the IB Primary Years Programme for students aged 3 to 11, which enables them to learn through an inquiry-based approach by exploring six trans-disciplinary themes.

The middle school follows the Cambridge Secondary 1 curriculum in the areas of English, Mathematics and Science (including concentrated studies in Biology, Chemistry and Physics), as well as additional subjects, which have been chosen to develop skills across different disciplines. In Grades 9 and 10, students follow some curriculum provided through the Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) taught over two years, as well as other subjects, to prepare students for the IB Diploma Programme. This timespan provides a balance of practical experience and theoretical knowledge over a wide variety of subject areas to ensure a balanced, holistic, and rigorous education.

In Grades 11 and 12 students complete IB Certificates in English, Mathematics and a Modern Foreign Language. Additionally, students study demanding subjects in other core areas. All of these subjects prepare students for higher education.



Curriculum

Selected students also have the opportunity to follow the prestigious IB Diploma Programme in Grades 11 and 12. Courses include English, Turkish, Self-study Language, French, Spanish, Economics, History, Psychology, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Visual Arts, and Theory of Knowledge. Additionally, both IB Certificate and IB Diploma Programme students complete the Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) requirement by participating in creative endeavors, physical activities, and service-related projects. CAS offers students an alternative to the academic rigour of the various courses, promoting internationalism and a balanced lifestyle.

Regardless of the program that is followed, the aim is for students to have the opportunity to explore the curriculum offered in a student-centred environment which allows for inquiry, critical thinking and problem solving skills to be developed in order to enhance communication, collaboration and creativity.

Extra-curricular Activities

Clubs, sports and after-school activities are an important part of life at MEF IS. Students participate in club activities for two class periods per week, and also have the option to attend after-school activities. Students choose from over 15 club offerings in the secondary school, which varies each semester. Some of the clubs that have been offered are volleyball, basketball, football, Math Olympiad, rocketry, photography, newspaper, Model United Nations (MUN), Model European Parliament (MEP), Green Council, and Student Council.



Community Service participation is an important element of the school and is reflected in the activities carried out by students, the PTA and teachers. All members at MEF IS have the opportunity to get involved in community service projects, both locally and globally. Some examples of charities and schools supported are Bomonti Elderly Home, MEF Forest through the TEMA Foundation, and the Millennium Elephant Foundation (Sri Lanka).

Grading

Students are given passing grade to reflect their examination results, and in and out of class performance and participation for each semester. The final grade is an average of the two semesters. The GPA is weighted (calculated by multiplying the passing grade by the number of hours in each course). MEF IS records passing grade on a scale of 1 to 7. The passing grade is 60% and the scale is illustrated below:

**SAT Reasoning Scores
2015-2016**

Range: 1740 – 2250

**ACT scores Scores
2015-2016**

Range: 21-33



Score	Grade	Merit
90-100	7	Excellent
80-89	6	Very Good
69-79	5	Good
60-68	4	Satisfactory
49-59	3	Unsatisfactory
34-48	2	Poor
01-33	1	Very Poor

MEF IB Diploma Scores (from a possible 45 points)	Year	Lowest	Highest	Average
	2016	35	43	39
	2015	21	43	33
	2014	26	45	32
	2013	22	36	29
	2012	24	37	29
	2011	27	37	31
	2010	30	40	34
	2009	27	41	36
	2008	31	42	37
	2007	28	42	33

*The world average over these years was a score of 30 points.



UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

%100

Almost 100% of MEF IS graduates have attended distinguished universities in a range of countries around the world. Acceptances from 2010-2016 are listed below.

North America

Babson College
Boston University
Carnegie Mellon University
Columbia University
Duke University
Hampshire University
Loyola University
McGill University
Michigan State University
Ohio State University
Rhode Island School of Design
School Art Institute of Chicago
Syracuse University
Texas A&M University
University of British Columbia
University of Illinois
University of Iowa
University of Miami
University of Minnesota
University of New Brunswick
University of San Francisco
University of Tampa
University of Toronto

United Kingdom

Brunel University
Central St. Martins College of Art and Design
City University London
Durham University
Imperial College
King's College
London School of Economics and Political Science
Loughborough University
Queen Mary University of London
Regents University
Royal Holloway University
University College London
University of East Anglia
University of Birmingham
University of Hertfordshire
University of Leeds
University of London
University of Manchester
University of Newcastle
University of York

Europe

Anglo-American University
Bocconi University
European School of Economics
IMC University of Applied Sciences of Krems
Instituto de Empresa
Istituto Marangoni
Leiden University
Tilberg University
Catholic University of Louvain
University of Gent
University of Amsterdam
University of Belgrade
University of Copenhagen
University of Utrecht
Vatel International Business School
Webster University (Geneva)

Asia

Hongik University
Korea Aerospace University
Sejong University
Yonsei University

Turkey

Bahcesehir University
Bilgi University
Istanbul University
Koc University
MEF University
Middle Eastern Technical University
Ozyegin University
Sabanci University
Yeditepe University



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