

HighScope Indonesia TB Simatupang

Jakarta, Indonesia



Rooted in the 1962 Perry Preschool research, this Cilandak school pairs dual-language learning with three specialized high school majors.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	52/100
Academic outcomes	53/100
University placement	51/100
Prestige & heritage	51/100
Alumni network	50/100
Facilities	53/100
Transparency	40/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

HighScope Indonesia TB Simatupang occupies a distinct niche in South Jakarta: an American-curriculum day school that draws its identity from the Perry Preschool work first published in **1962**, then carries that philosophy through to age **18**. That matters because this is not a generic international school with a borrowed slogan. The school’s selling point is continuity: early-years practice rooted in HighScope’s active, child-centred method, followed by bilingual teaching in English and Indonesian, then a more differentiated upper school with three specialised high school majors. For families who want **clear educational doctrine** rather than a loose collection of programmes, this is a serious proposition. For families who want brand-name prestige first and educational coherence second, it is not.

What puts it on a shortlist is that combination of *bilingual fluency*, *structured independence* and a local setting that does not force a false choice between international pedagogy and Indonesian identity. In Jakarta, many schools promise global readiness; fewer build it through dual-language instruction across the age range of **3–18**. The non-religious positioning also widens its appeal in a market where many schools sit inside a faith frame. HighScope’s version of the American curriculum will suit parents who value discussion, participation and applied learning over rote performance. The presence of three specialised high school majors adds welcome shape in the later years: students do not drift into a one-size-fits-all senior school experience.

The school will appeal most to children who thrive when learning has purpose, movement and responsibility. A student who likes to test ideas, speak up, work in groups and learn through doing will find a good fit here. So will families who want their children confident in both English and Indonesian, and who value *intellectual confidence* over polish for its own sake. Students who need a rigidly traditional, exam-drilled environment, or parents who want a school defined by old-world prestige, will find stronger options elsewhere. HighScope Indonesia TB Simatupang earns attention because it offers *a coherent route* from preschool to graduation, with a philosophy that is specific, durable and hard to mistake for anyone else’s.

STRENGTHS

- HighScope Indonesia is one of Jakarta's longer-established national-plus schools, tracing its origins back to the mid-1980s.
- Early years and primary programme is built on the HighScope active-participatory learning approach, a research-based US early-childhood curriculum model.
- Older students follow an adapted American curriculum, giving continuity for expat families used to a US-style academic structure.
- Operates as part of a multi-campus network across Jakarta, giving families flexibility if they relocate within the city.
- Day-school format with a South Jakarta (TB Simatupang) location convenient for families based in that part of the city.

TRADE-OFFS

- Editorial rank (1320) places it well outside the small group of globally recognised top-tier international schools in the region.
- As a day school it offers no boarding option, so it is not suited to families needing residential schooling.
- Public information on university placement outcomes, accreditation detail, and fee structures is limited, making independent verification difficult for prospective parents.
- Extracurricular and facilities breadth appears narrower than that of the larger, more internationally networked Jakarta schools.

ADMISSIONS

Admissions run on a rolling basis across the academic year, with entry points typically at early years, primary, and secondary levels. Prospective students generally undergo an assessment and interview, alongside submission of prior school records. As a long-standing national-plus school rather than a highly selective international brand, competitiveness is likely moderate rather than acute, though places in popular year levels can fill ahead of the school year start. Families should contact the school directly for current fee schedules and seat availability.

WTS RATING 

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