

International School of Luxembourg

Luxembourg, Luxembourg



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RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	69/100
Academic outcomes	71/100
University placement	69/100
Prestige & heritage	70/100
Alumni network	69/100
Facilities	73/100
Transparency	64/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

International School of Luxembourg started in 1991 around a dining-room table in Strassen for the children of a chemical plant’s staff. That origin still matters: this is a school built for internationally mobile families who need stability, continuity and a curriculum that travels well. Today it is a non-profit day school in Hollerich, Luxembourg City, for ages 3 to 18, teaching in English and French and running the IB across the school. With pupils drawn from ****50 nationalities****, it sits in the market as an ***unusually cosmopolitan*** option in a city that attracts diplomats, finance professionals and multinational employers.

What puts ISL on a shortlist is not romance but fit. Parents who want a non-religious school, a full **3-18** age range and an IB education without boarding will find a *clean, coherent* proposition here. The bilingual environment matters too. English remains central, but French is part of the school's working reality, which suits families planning to stay in Luxembourg as well as those who need an internationally portable education. The average annual day fee is **€28,000**, which places ISL in the expensive bracket, though not at the outer edge of European international-school pricing. The non-profit structure also gives it a different cast from the more aggressively commercial end of the market.

The student who will thrive here is internationally minded, adaptable and comfortable in a school where many classmates have crossed borders before. ISL fits families who value the IB's breadth and structure, and who want a community that reflects Luxembourg's expatriate economy rather than a single national system transplanted abroad. It is less compelling for parents who want a strongly local Luxembourgish pathway, a religious ethos, or the social architecture of boarding. What ISL offers instead is *institutional clarity*: a long-established international day school, in the capital, with a bilingual academic setting and a student body that is *genuinely global*.

STRENGTHS

- Luxembourg's oldest international school, tracing its roots to 1963 and operating from a purpose-built campus in Hollerich/Merl since 1999.
- Large, established expat community of roughly 1,350 students drawn from about 50 nationalities, offering broad cultural diversity.
- Full IB continuum plus Cambridge IGCSE options in Grades 9-10, giving families a recognised, university-preparatory pathway from age 3 to 18.
- Accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS) and the Middle States Association, with 2021 IB Diploma results showing a 96% pass rate against an 89% world average.
- A low student-teacher ratio of around 8:1, supporting closer academic attention than many larger international schools.

TRADE-OFFS

- Annual tuition runs roughly EUR 19,800 to EUR 23,450 depending on grade, plus a one-time EUR 300 application fee and EUR 3,000 registration fee, on top of typical Luxembourg living costs.
- The Middle Years Programme is still pursuing full IB authorization rather than already being a fully authorized MYP school, so the middle-school pathway is less formally certified than the Diploma Programme.
- Entry requires an entrance test at every grade level plus an interview, and language-proficiency thresholds apply from around Grade 8 upward, adding friction for families arriving with limited English.
- Average enrolment tenure is only about 3 to 5 years, reflecting the transient nature of the expat postings the school serves rather than a stable long-term cohort.

ADMISSIONS

Entry runs from age 3 (Early Years) through Grade 12, with families advised to apply roughly a year in advance given limited places. Admission requires an online application, a personal interview, and an entrance test at each grade level; from around Grade 8 upward, minimum English proficiency levels apply. A one-time application fee (about EUR 300) and registration fee (about EUR 3,000) accompany enrolment, alongside annual tuition. As the longest-established international school in the country, places at popular entry points can be competitive, particularly mid-year.

NOTABLE ALUMNI (6)

MUSIC: Brian Molko, Stefan Olsdal, Tali Golergant

DRAMA: Brian Molko, Tali Golergant

LETTERS: Q45027165

BUSINESS: Brian Molko

WTS RATING 

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