

Bavarian International School

Munich, Germany



Set in a centuries-old castle north of Munich, the only German school running the IB's full continuum, age three to diploma.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	67/100
Academic outcomes	69/100
University placement	67/100
Prestige & heritage	68/100
Alumni network	67/100
Facilities	71/100
Transparency	61/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

A school in a castle can tip into gimmick. Bavarian International School avoids that trap because the substance is hard to ignore: it runs the full IB continuum from age 3 to 18, in English, and the school states that it is the only German school to do so. That matters. Parents who want a single academic language and a single curricular philosophy from the early years through the diploma do not need to stitch together transitions at 11, 14 or 16. BIS is also large enough to feel **properly international** rather than nominally so, with around ***1,250 students*** from more than ***70 countries***, yet class sizes sit at ***22***, which keeps the proposition from drifting into anonymity. For families moving in and out of Munich, that coherence is the real selling point, not the castle.

The school’s academic case is stronger than its romantic setting. BIS publishes an IB Diploma average of **34.3** in 2025 against a global average of 30.5, with 17% of students above 40 points and more than 43% above 36. More important than the headline score is the school’s claim that it is non-selective; if that holds, those results carry weight. Accreditations from CIS, the IB and NEASC add external scrutiny that serious international families will expect. At an average annual day fee of €21,174 across the full age range, BIS sits in the *expensive but not absurd* bracket for a premium international school near Munich. The weakness is not academic quality but university destination transparency: the published recent destinations listed here are thin, with single students heading to the American University of Paris, the American University of Rome and Franklin & Marshall. That does not indict the school, but it leaves parents without the fuller placement picture that top buyers in this market expect.

The child who will thrive here is internationally mobile, comfortable in English, and well served by a school that values breadth as much as examination performance. BIS talks in the language of the whole child, future skills and inclusion; plenty of schools do that, but the all-through IB structure gives those claims a *credible spine*. This is a strong shortlist school for parents who want continuity, a cosmopolitan peer group and solid IB outcomes without the *grimly selective* atmosphere that defines parts of the market. It is less compelling for families who want a strongly German pathway, a publicly documented conveyor belt to a narrow band of elite universities, or a smaller, more intimate school culture.

STRENGTHS	TRADE - OFFS
• IB curriculum throughout school • 70 nationalities among students • 2025 IB average 34.3, above 30.5 global • 17% scored above 40 IB points	• Only IB curriculum is stated • School-declared facts dominate available evidence • No accreditations provided in sources

ADMISSIONS

Bavarian International School is a sizeable IB school in the Munich area, with around 1,250 students in total, including about 300 at its City Campus. The school describes itself as non-selective, which matters: strong IB Diploma results are presented as being achieved without academic selection at entry. English is the language of instruction, within a notably international student body drawn from more than 70 nationalities. From the material provided, BIS appears to admit across multiple year groups rather than only at a single entry point, but it does not publicly set out, here, the standard age bands for each campus or phase.

The school also does not publish, in the material supplied, the practical admissions detail parents usually want most: assessment format, interview process, application deadlines, or whether bursaries or financial aid are available. What can be inferred is that BIS positions itself around personalised education rather than a highly filtered intake, with small classes and individual support emphasised as part of the offer. For exact admissions mechanics, families would need to ask the school directly.

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