

International School of Paris

Paris, France



France's only school running all three IB programmes, housed in twin converted townhouses in the 16th arrondissement.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	70/100
Academic outcomes	72/100
University placement	70/100
Prestige & heritage	70/100
Alumni network	69/100
Facilities	71/100
Transparency	65/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

International School of Paris occupies a narrow but powerful niche in the Paris market. It is France’s only school running all three IB programmes, which gives it a clean all-through academic spine from the early years to the Diploma. For internationally mobile families, that matters more than glossy facilities or a sprawling campus. The proposition is coherence: one curriculum, one language of instruction, one school from age ****3**** to ****18****. Add its 16th-arrondissement setting and non-profit status, and ISP lands on the shortlist for parents who want central Paris without sacrificing continuity. The physical reality is less grand than some competitors: twin converted townhouses, not a purpose-built estate. For some families that feels **urban and intimate**; for others it feels **constrained**.

What is special here is not scale or spectacle. It is the combination of full IB delivery, English-medium teaching and a long-established international identity dating back to **1964**. In a city where many schools offer one or two stages of the IB, ISP offers the entire route. That makes admissions logic and academic progression easier for families who move countries, and it gives the school a distinct claim in a crowded premium market. Governance also matters: ISP is a non-profit managed by a board of trustees, with many parent trustees. That structure brings *close parental oversight* and a *clear community stake*, though it also keeps the school firmly in the category of institutions where parent expectations carry weight.

This is a strong fit for children who are internationally minded, academically resilient and comfortable in a compact, city-centre environment. Students who value *continuity over flash*, who thrive in discussion-heavy classrooms, and who are heading towards universities in the UK and other international destinations will find the offer coherent. The Class of 2025 destinations underline that point: **74** leavers, with University College London, Bath and University for the Creative Arts among the top destinations. ISP suits families who want Paris but do not want a bilingual or French-national curriculum pathway. It suits students who need portability, who can handle *high adult expectations*, and who do not need the *country-campus version* of international schooling to flourish.

STRENGTHS

- ISP received authorisation for the IB Diploma Programme in 1982, for the IB Middle Years Programme in 2003 and for the IB Primary Years Programme in 2004, making it the only school in France to offer all three International Baccalaureate programmes: the IB Primary Years Programme, the IB Middle Years Programme and the IB Diploma Programme.
- Recent IB Diploma results have been solid: a 90% pass rate for the 2024-25 academic year with an average points score of 32 points, and 26% of all ISP students attained 36 points or above.
- The International School of Paris (ISP) is an English-speaking day school located in the heart of the 16th arrondissement, giving families an easy, central commute rather than a suburban campus.
- The school is accredited by the Council of International Schools, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and the International Baccalaureate Organization (IB).
- ISP operates as a fully private school, managed by a Board of Trustees composed of parents, operating under the statute of French association Loi 1901, i.e. a not-for-profit governance model rather than a for-profit chain.

TRADE-OFFS

- Fees sit at the top of the Paris market: top-tier names such as the American School of Paris and the International School of Paris cluster at the high end of these ranges, and published extras include an Entry Fee of EUR 10,000, plus Learning Support of EUR 2,750 (A1) to EUR 3,800 (A2) and a nursery-to-grade-9 bus fee of EUR 5,550.
- Admission is deliberately non-selective, and as a non-selective school, it diverts considerable resources toward SEN support, though only a basic level of SEN support is included in the tuition fees - meaning classrooms span a wide ability range rather than a narrowly academically screened cohort.
- One independent review platform notes that the school's added value is limited, and extra-curricular activity options are, in particular, poor, a view not universally shared but worth weighing against the central-Paris premium.
- Academically, ISP's low-to-mid-30s average IB score, while above the global mean, trails France's strongest IB performer: Ecole Jeannine Manuel ranked first in France in 2025 with an average of 38.1, well above the global mean of 30.5.

ADMISSIONS

Admissions run year-round and across all grades from Early Learners to Grade 12, with places allocated as capacity allows rather than through competitive academic testing; the school is explicitly non-selective. Applications require prior school records and references, and the school states that through entry in Grade 9, it can provide full support to students who are complete beginners in English and the level of French is not a concern at any grade. Entry costs are steep relative to peers: a EUR 1,000 application fee, EUR 1,000 deposit and roughly EUR 10,000 entry fee are payable on top of annual tuition, so budget for a substantial first-year outlay regardless of when a child joins.

WTS RATING 

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