

British International School Ho Chi Minh City

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam



Three Thao Dien campuses carry students from England's National Curriculum through IGCSE into the IB Diploma.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	76/100
Academic outcomes	84/100
University placement	82/100
Prestige & heritage	72/100
Alumni network	66/100
Facilities	82/100
Transparency	84/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

British International School Ho Chi Minh City sits at the top end of the city’s market: a large, English-medium, non-religious day school that runs a clean academic line from the British curriculum into IGCSE and the IB Diploma. The core attraction is straightforward. It offers continuity from age 2 to 18 across three Thao Dien campuses, with the scale, staffing and systems of Nord Anglia behind it. Parents looking for **a full-service international school**, not a boutique operation, will find a mature institution founded in 1997, with established processes and a broad age range under one umbrella. The school’s own published outcomes are strong: an average IB Diploma score of ****36.5**** in 2026 against a global ****30.9****, and ****97%**** of IGCSE students in 2025 securing at least five A*-C grades.

What marks BIS HCMC out is not novelty but delivery. This is a school built for families who want *academic traction without improvisation*. More than **90%** of teachers hold British qualifications, and the school trades heavily on British pedagogical culture, even within an international setting. That matters in Ho Chi Minh City, where “British” can mean anything from branding to substance. Here, the route is clear: England’s National Curriculum, then IGCSE, then IB Diploma. The published university destinations add weight, but the more important point is structural: BIS HCMC has the staffing depth, curriculum continuity and pastoral apparatus to support ambitious students over the long term. Its BSO, IB World School, COBIS and CIS accreditations reinforce that institutional seriousness.

The school belongs on a shortlist for parents who want *a polished academic machine* with broad co-curricular provision, strong pastoral infrastructure and an international peer group, all in English. It is less compelling for families seeking a small, idiosyncratic school or a looser, progressive model. BIS HCMC is expensive, branded and highly systematised. For many families, that is the point. The students who thrive here are those who benefit from structure, pace and visible expectations: children who can make use of *high-functioning routines*, specialist teaching and a campus environment geared towards measurable attainment as well as wellbeing. For internationally mobile families, or for parents targeting selective universities without sacrificing *day-to-day pastoral stability*, BIS HCMC earns serious consideration.

STRENGTHS	TRADE - OFFS
• Rated 'outstanding in all categories' by the UK government inspection body, a distinction the school highlights on its own site. • 2025/26 IB Diploma results averaged 36.3-36.5 points, well above the global average of roughly 30.6-30.9, with a number of students scoring 42-44. • 2025 IGCSE cohort saw 97% of students achieve at least five A*-C grades, with 39 students recording straight A*-A results. • Established in 1997 and now one of the largest international schools in Vietnam, enrolling students aged 2-18 from around 55 nationalities. • Part of the Nord Anglia Education network, giving access to group-wide partnerships with organisations such as Juilliard, MIT and UNICEF.	• Fees sit at the premium end of the Ho Chi Minh City market, with published annual tuition ranging up to roughly VND 863 million (secondary years) and reported averages near VND 705 million (about USD 27,600). • As a for-profit school within the large Nord Anglia group, cross-school marketing language (e.g. group-wide MIT/Juilliard tie-ups) is standard across many Nord Anglia campuses rather than unique to this site. • Entry involves age-appropriate admission assessments rather than automatic acceptance, which may disadvantage families seeking a guaranteed, low-friction placement. • Campus location is concentrated in the Thao Dien/An Khanh area of District 2, which can mean a longer commute for families based elsewhere in the city.

ADMISSIONS

Admission runs from age 2 (Foundation Stage) through Year 13. Families submit an online application with supporting documents, after which the school arranges age-appropriate admission assessments before any offer is confirmed. As one of Vietnam's largest and best-regarded international schools, popular year groups can fill ahead of the academic year, so early application is advised. Strong recent IB and IGCSE results suggest an academically capable intake, though the school does not publish detailed selectivity or waiting-list data.

WTS RATING 

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