

European International School Ho Chi Minh City

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam



A cluster of former diplomatic villas in Thao Dien reborn as a full IB continuum, from toddlers to bilingual diploma candidates

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	68/100
Academic outcomes	78/100
University placement	68/100
Prestige & heritage	62/100
Alumni network	55/100
Facilities	76/100
Transparency	74/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

European International School Ho Chi Minh City occupies a distinctive niche in the city’s international market: a smaller, more intimate IB day school in Thao Dien, built across former villas rather than a single monumental campus. That physical layout matters. It gives EIS a more domestic scale than the big compounds and lends the school a **calm, village-like atmosphere** that many families value after seeing larger, more corporate operations. Founded in 2013, it offers the full IB continuum in English for ages 3–18, with a strong bilingual diploma strand in the senior years. The school says students and families represent over 40 nationalities, average class size is 20, and ****66%**** of diploma candidates earned the bilingual diploma in its published 2026 results. For parents who want an IB education without the

impersonality that can come with very large schools, that is the core attraction.

What lifts EIS onto a serious shortlist is not scale, but fit. This is a school for families who want close pastoral knowledge of their child, a clearly international intake, and an IB pathway that does not wait until sixth form to become coherent. Its own published figures point to a school that tracks outcomes carefully: **33.5** average IB points and a **100%** pass rate in the 2026 diploma cohort. Those are respectable numbers. They do not place EIS in the city’s academic stratosphere, but they do indicate a dependable level of sixth-form performance. The breadth beyond the classroom also has weight: the school advertises **100+** extracurricular activities, and its membership of the Inspired group expands access to exchanges, shared programming and boarding-school routes abroad. Families should still separate group-level marketing from what happens daily on this campus; the real value lies in the school’s size, continuity and pastoral texture, not in corporate grandstanding.

The students who thrive here are those who benefit from *personal attention*, *a gentler social scale* and an internationally mixed peer group without the intensity of a hyper-competitive environment. EIS will suit children who are academically solid, socially adaptable and ready to take advantage of languages, arts and activities alongside the IB. It will also appeal to families who want a school that feels *ordered and humane* rather than hard-edged. The trade-off is clear: parents seeking the biggest facilities, the broadest subject depth at every level or the strongest published record of elite academic outcomes in Ho Chi Minh City will compare EIS with larger rivals. Parents seeking *a tranquil setting*, coherent IB provision and a school small enough to know its pupils properly will find EIS a convincing option.

STRENGTHS

- Offers the full IB continuum (PYP, MYP and DP), giving families a single consistent framework from early years through Grade 12.
- Campus is based in the An Phu area of Thu Duc City (District 2), a residential district favoured by many expatriate families in Ho Chi Minh City.
- Smaller cohort sizes relative to the city's largest international schools allow for more individual teacher contact time in most year groups.
- European curricular heritage in the school's founding model gives an additional academic reference point alongside the IB framework.

TRADE-OFFS

- Ranking and enrolment scale sit below the city's longest-established international schools (e.g. ISHCMC, BIS, AIS), meaning fewer alumni outcomes are publicly documented.
- As a single-campus day school, boarding and multi-campus flexibility are not available, which may matter for relocating families with shifting housing plans.
- Being a comparatively newer and smaller IB World School, extracurricular breadth and facilities may be narrower than at larger, longer-running competitors.
- Verified, independently published fee schedules and results data are limited in the public domain, making direct comparison with peer schools harder for prospective parents.

ADMISSIONS

Admission is open through the school year for Early Years through Grade 12, subject to space in each year group. The process typically requires previous school records, a placement or English-language assessment, and a family interview. As a smaller IB continuum school, competitiveness varies by grade level and is generally less intense than at the city's largest international schools, though popular year groups can fill ahead of the academic year start.

WTS RATING 

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