

Frankfurt International School



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OUR MISSION IS TO BE THE LEADING, CULTURALLY DIVERSE AND FAMILY-ORIENTED INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WITH ENGLISH AS THE PRINCIPAL LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION.

WE INSPIRE INDIVIDUALS TO DEVELOP THEIR INTELLECT, CREATIVITY AND CHARACTER TO BECOME INDEPENDENT, ADAPTABLE, SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE AND INTERNATIONALLY MINDED CITIZENS, BY ENSURING A DYNAMIC, INQUIRY-DRIVEN EDUCATION OF THE HIGHEST STANDARD.

WELCOME TO AN EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT

This Viewbook offers a glimpse into the World of Opportunities that awaits students joining Frankfurt International School. Whether your child is starting school in our First Steps program or beginning the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme to prepare for university, FIS offers a challenging and dynamic educational program to fit the individual needs of each student. We hold our school to the highest international standards, knowing that many of our students, who come from more than 50 nations, will leave FIS and continue onward to other top-ranked schools from Singapore to Mumbai, London to Melbourne and from Seoul to New York. We are proud of our school's reputation and long history, yet our experienced faculty also remains focused on preparing students to be successful in an ever-changing world. If you are looking for a school where students enjoy the process of learning and strive to achieve the highest levels in all academic, artistic and athletic endeavors, we invite your family to join us at Frankfurt International School for a journey of growth and exploration.

Dr. Paul M. Fochtman, Head of School



OVER 50 YEARS OF SUCCESS

What makes one school stand out from all the others? Is it a long history of caring and competent graduates who strive to make the world a better place? Is it the way a school builds unity among its diverse students and families, or how it anticipates future learning trends? At Frankfurt International School, we believe the answer is not one, but all of the above. We are one of the oldest international schools in Europe but our strength lies not in the past but in the future created for our students.



WHERE FAMILIES FIND A HOME

FIS does not simply accept students it accepts families. Our mission is to be a “family-oriented” school, a place where a meaningful partnership of mutual support is created between your home and your school. The richness of our school is grounded in the way we communicate with and actively involve FIS families in our learning community. Many of our families have traveled far from their countries of origin and we have made it our mission to create a new home for them at FIS.

“I chose FIS not only for my children but because it’s a place where our whole family feels welcomed.”

Martha Boston-Majetic, FIS Parent



NATIONS UNITED BY LEARNING

Nothing unites a diverse group better than striving toward a common goal. FIS students represent more than fifty nationalities. Lifelong bonds are formed as they pursue a deeper understanding of themselves and the world around them. We celebrate and learn from our differences throughout the year, both inside and outside of the classroom. Your child will learn that diversity is a strength of our school and a strength for our world community as well.

“FIS is not about just filling kids with facts. We want to inspire a passion for knowledge and help students take responsibility for their own learning.”

Gayle Angebrandt, FIS Teacher



ACHIEVING HIGH STANDARDS

We are a school where exceptional teachers inspire students to reach their full potential. To accomplish this task, we begin by selectively recruiting experienced faculty with a history of motivating and challenging students. FIS faculty utilizes the most current teaching practices and tools in an environment where students' individual needs are paramount. A review of our annually published student performance results makes it clear that the reputation of FIS is based not on lofty aspirations, but on hard evidence.

“Our graduates are sought after by top colleges and universities because both our students and our school have a reputation for setting very high standards of achievement.”

Jessica Angelidis, Upper School College Counselor





ENGLISH: A FOUNDATION TO BUILD UPON

English is the principal language of instruction at FIS. It unifies our diverse student community and builds a learning environment on common ground. In addition to English, most of our students are, or become, fluent in one or two additional languages. English is the foundation of our educational program, offering a universal language from which to prepare our students to be active leaders in the international community. FIS enrolls the highest number of native English speaking students in Germany, furthering the high standards of the school.

"I'm proud not only of my daughter's English development, but also the self-confidence she has gained while at FIS."

Sihyun Park, FIS Parent



STRONG MINDS STRONG BODIES

The FIS athletic facilities offer excellent opportunities for students' physical education through the school's curricular and interscholastic athletic programs. While developing strong bodies, students also develop the skills of teamwork, sportsmanship, and self-discipline. Beginning with an after school sports program for younger students, and progressing to competitive exchanges with schools across Europe, FIS has earned its reputation as a formidable competitor.

"The FIS Athletic Program has given me the once in a lifetime chance to travel throughout Europe with my closest friends, doing what I love to do!"

Colston Moder, FIS Student



TECHNOLOGY WITH A PURPOSE

From navigating a keyboard to complex programming, FIS students gain the skills necessary to help them succeed in the university and job markets beyond our campus. All students in Grade 7 and above must come to school with their personal laptop, but even our youngest students become proficient in using technology in an appropriate and purposeful way to achieve their learning objectives.

“FIS uses technology as a tool to both expand and accelerate learning for our students.”

Gareth Brewster, IT Director





A PASSION FOR CREATIVITY

FIS earned its reputation not only from nurturing students' intellectual abilities, but also by arousing their creative potential. From the early grades through our Upper School, a student's education is enriched with art, music, drama, dance and a variety of other creative endeavors that help to develop the whole person. As parents attend student exhibitions and performances held throughout the school year, they quickly learn that creativity blossoms each day at FIS.



THE IB DIFFERENCE

Education is not simply the process of finding correct answers to predictable questions. At its heart, it is an ongoing process of inquiry and discovery, where developing appropriate questions and unearthing new ideas leads students to a deeper understanding and personal ownership of a subject. This is the central theme of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme. FIS is a founding IB school and has supported the program for more than 40 years. Our school remains a leader in exemplary international school education.

“It makes me proud, both as a member of the Board and as a parent, to see the whole FIS community guiding our students from their very first steps to helping them realize their true potential.”
Michael McKay, Chairman FIS Board of Trustees



GLOBAL CITIZENS

As students develop their minds and bodies, they must also be given the guidance to develop strong values. As future leaders of the public and private sector, our graduates will have the skills to make good decisions for themselves and for the broader community. FIS students learn this personal and global responsibility through engaging classroom discussions, counseling support, and real-life experiences of helping others inside and outside of the school community.

"I graduated from FIS in 1988 but I still feel very close to the school, organizing reunions and other events. Once you are a part of the FIS Community, it becomes a part of you for life."
Nicole Smith, FIS Alumna



"FIS has given me countless opportunities to expand my musical abilities with dedicated and passionate teachers."

Kaatje Greenberg, FIS Student



ONE SCHOOL THREE CAMPUSES

To best meet the needs of FIS children and families, our school has three separate campuses. Two of the campuses are located on an expansive property in Oberursel, a suburb of Frankfurt am Main. The third campus is located outside of Wiesbaden in a beautiful countryside suburb, just 40 kilometers from central Frankfurt am Main. All of the campuses adhere to the same high standards of teaching excellence and are governed by one central administration and a Board of Trustees led by FIS parents.



FIS PRIMARY CAMPUS, OBERURSEL

A child's first introduction to school is critical to his or her future academic success. Knowing the importance of these early years, FIS has created a purpose-built campus in Oberursel surrounded by the lush Taunus forest. Serving over 220 students from age 3 through Grade 1, the Primary campus not only eases a child's transition into the FIS Elementary School, it also sets a strong foundation of thinking skills that lead to future academic success.

"I know FIS is the right place for my children because every weekend my daughters can't wait until Monday to go back to school."

Emmett Kelly, FIS Parent

“FISW is a small school with very big opportunities. We pride ourselves on creating an intimate learning environment where families are well connected and children are both challenged and supported as unique learners.”

Andrea Rosinger, FISW Principal



FIS WIESBADEN CAMPUS

A visit to this campus often leaves parents wishing they could return to their youth and make use of the superb facilities nestled in this idyllic location. The FIS Wiesbaden campus currently serves over 170 children from age 3 through Grade 6, and will be expanding to Grade 8 in 2016. The FIS Wiesbaden campus is known for its intimate campus community where all teachers consider every student in the school to be their responsibility. After successfully graduating from the Wiesbaden campus, students are guaranteed admittance to the FIS Oberursel Campus.



FIS OBERURSEL CAMPUS

The Oberursel campus provides schooling for over 1,400 children in Grades 2 through Grade 12. The Elementary School, consisting of Grades 2-5, builds essential skills and confidence through a challenging curriculum. The Upper School, Grades 6-12, provides students with a rich and demanding college preparatory program that is supplemented with a variety of extra-curricular activities, organized clubs, and service projects that often lead to travel and exchanges in other parts of Europe. Success in the FIS Upper School leads to opportunities to enter the world's top colleges and universities with the support of the FIS college counselors.

“Going on the FIS Kalahari Experience to South Africa was a life-changing experience for me. I can’t wait to go back again!”

Marlies Mayer, FIS Student





SERVICE CENTERED

Striving to meet the broader needs of our FIS families, all three campuses offer a variety of auxiliary services. FIS operates the largest private bus service in Germany, making more than 225 stops in the greater Frankfurt am Main area. Three different cafeterias provide nourishing and appetizing meals that also take into consideration a variety of religious and cultural dietary needs. In addition, the school employs qualified nurses and counselors to support your family's physical, social and emotional health. Summer school, after-school programs and family excursions are also offered for those families that are interested in opportunities beyond the school day.



JOIN OUR HISTORY

In 1961, a group of six expatriate families joined together to start what is now one of Europe's most respected international schools. Over the years, our successful alumni have furthered the school's renown, and they continue their close ties by joining FIS events and reunions that take place on campus and around the world. When you join our school today you become a part of our history and are warmly welcomed into the world-wide FIS alumni community. We look forward to meeting you on our campus and further introducing you to the special place that is Frankfurt International School.



A World of Opportunities

