

## STUDENT ENROLMENT

Early Years:	43
Primary	174
Middle	86
High School	123
<b>Total</b>	<b>426</b>

## FACULTY

Foreign	50
Turkish	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>74</b>



## Overview

### 53 Student Nationalities at MEF IS

WE ARE IN  
ISTANBUL



- 426 Students with Foreign Passport
- 74 Faculty from 14 Countries
- The Staff to Student Ratio is 6:1.



The school is also accredited by the Turkish Ministry of Education.

## MISSION

We inspire, nurture and challenge our students to realise their unique potential.

To be an open-minded community striving for creativity, innovation and excellence.

## VISION

### Internationalism & Interculturalism

At MEF IS, we define these as ‘a dynamic discourse that fosters: knowledge and respect; the search for commonalities and a celebration of differences; international mindedness and a peaceful, ethical and progressive society.’

### Learning Definition

At MEF IS, we understand that ‘learning is the ongoing process of constructing new understandings of the world through experiences and interactions. It consists of making connections, reflecting and expanding on current knowledge through motivation, curiosity, exploration, experimentation and natural consequences resulting in change in the way we think

### Campus

The school is located in central Istanbul on multi-purpose facilities on a 36-acre campus shared with MEF National School. The school is nestled in the hills above Ortaköy, only minutes away from the residential neighborhoods preferred by the international community residing in Istanbul. Facilities include a 25 meter heated swimming pool, outdoor soccer pitches, indoor gymnasium, computer labs, concert auditorium, dance studio, art studios, cafeteria, library, outdoor playgrounds. Additionally, there are an on-site nurse and doctor.

### Curriculum

MEF IS school programs share a common philosophy – a commitment to a high quality, challenging education where students develop not only knowledge, understandings and skills but also the attitudes and values to help them become confident, balanced and socially responsible students. MEF IS implements the IB Primary Years Programme for students aged 3 to 11, which enables them to learn through an inquiry-based approach by exploring six transdisciplinary themes.

The middle school follows the Cambridge Lower Secondary curriculum in the areas of English, Mathematics and Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics), as well as additional subjects that have been chosen to develop skills across different disciplines.

High school students in Grades 9 and 10 follow the Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) curriculum taught over two years, in addition to other subjects, to prepare students for the IB Diploma Programme. This provides a balance of practical experience and theoretical knowledge over a wide variety of subject areas to ensure a balanced, holistic, and rigorous education.

Most high school students follow the prestigious IB Diploma Programme in Grades 11 and 12. Courses include English, Turkish, Self-study Language, French, Spanish, Economics, History, ITGS, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics and Visual Arts.

Alternatively students in grades 11 and 12 can opt to complete IB Certificates in English, Mathematics and in a Modern Foreign Language. Additionally, students study other demanding subjects in core areas in preparation for higher education.

Both IB Diploma Programme and IB Certificate students complete the Creativity, Action, Service (CAS) requirement by participating in creative endeavors, physical activities, and service-related projects. CAS offers students an alternative to the academic rigor of the IB Diploma Programme, promoting internationalism and a balanced lifestyle.

Regardless of the program that is followed, the aim is for students to have the opportunity to explore the curriculum offered in a student-centered environment which allows for inquiry, critical thinking and problem solving skills to be developed in order to enhance communication, collaboration and creativity.

## Grading

Students are given grades to reflect examination results, class participation and other performance items each semester. The final grade is an average of the two semesters. The GPA is weighted (calculated by multiplying the grades by the number of hours in each course). MEF IS records grades on the scale of 1 to 7. The passing grade is 60%, and the scale is illustrated below.

## Extra-Curricular Activities

Clubs, sports and after school activities are an important part of life at MEF IS. Students participate in club activities two to four class periods per week and also have the option to attend after school activities. Students choose from over 15 club offerings in the secondary school, which vary each semester. Community Service participation is an important element of the school and is reflected in the activities conducted by students, the PTA and teachers. All members at MEF IS have the opportunity to get involved in community service projects both locally and globally which may be considered part of a student's DOE or CAS endeavor. Some examples have included donating time in retirement homes, collecting clothes and educational materials for displaced and refugee children, caring for dogs and cats at shelters, and in protecting the environment.



Volleyball, Basketball, Football, Yoga, Math Olympiad, World Scholar's Cup, FRC Robotics, Model United Nations (MUN), Junior Model United Nations (JMUN), Modern European Parliament (MEP), Duke of Edinburgh Award, Blank Canvas, Fashion Design, Film Making, Chess and Coding



over 15 clubs

### School Grading System

Score	Grade	Merit
90-100	7	Excellent
80-89	6	Very Good
69-79	5	Good
60-68	4	Satisfactory
49-59	3	Unsatisfactory
34-48	2	Poor
01-33	1	Very Poor



## UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES



### MEF IS Cambridge IGCSE Scores

First Language English, English as a Second Language, Literature (English), Co-ordinated Science (Double Award), International Mathematics, Foreign Language French, Foreign Language Spanish, First Language Turkish

Year	MEF IS A*-C
2019	84%
2018	80%
2017	90%
2016	70%
2015	63%
2014	57%
2013	74%

### MEF IB Diploma Scores (from a possible 45 points)

Year	High	Low	Average
2019	38	18	32
2018	40	22	32
2017	38	25	33
2016	43	35	39
2015	43	23	34
2014	45	26	32
2013	36	22	28
2012	38	22	29

\*The world average over these years was a score of 30 points.

Almost 100% of graduates have attended an impressive range of world-class universities. Acceptances from 2009-2019 are listed below.

#### North America

University	World Rank
Babson College	
Boston University	61
Brandeis University	
Carnegie Mellon University	27
Columbia University	16
Duke University	25
Emory University	80
Florida Atlantic University (US)	
Florida Institute of Technology (US)	
Florida International University	
George Washington University	198
Hampshire College (US)	
Heidelberg University (US)	
Hofstra University	
Holland College (Can)	
Loyola University	
McGill University	42
McMaster University	72
Michigan State University	84
Ohio State University	70
Parsons School of Design	
Penn State University	78
Rhode Island School of Design (RISD)	
Ringling College of Art & Design	
School of the Art Institute of Chicago (US)	
Simon Fraser University	
State University of New York at Buffalo	
Syracuse University	
Texas A&M University	178
University of Akron	
University of British Columbia	34
University of California, Berkeley (UCB)	13
University of California, LA (UCLA)	17
University of Colorado Boulder	124
University of Illinois (Urbana Champaign)	48
University of Iowa	
University of Miami	
University of Michigan	21
University of Minnesota	79
University of New Brunswick	
University of San Francisco	
University of Tampa	
University of Toronto	18
University of Waterloo	
University of Wisconsin (US)	51
Wheaton College	

#### World Rank

#### Central America

Cauatemoc University (Mexico)

#### United Kingdom

University	World Rank
Bath Spa University	
Brunel University	
City, University London	
Durham University	133
Hult International Business School	
Imperial College London	10
King's College London	36
London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)	27
Loughborough University	
Oxford Brookes University	
Queen Mary University of London	110
Regent's University London	
Royal Holloway, University of London	
UCL (University College London)	8
University of Bath	
University of Birmingham	112
University of Cambridge	3
University of East Anglia	192
University of Edinburgh	30
University of Hertfordshire	
University of Leeds	155
University of Liverpool	165
University of London	
University of Manchester	55
University of Newcastle	
University of Nottingham	152
University of Plymouth	
University of Sheffield	117
University of Surrey	
University of the Arts London	
University of Westminster	
University of York	128

#### World Rank

#### Europe

University	World Rank
Anglo-American University	
Bocconi University	
Catholic University of the Sacred Heart	
Delft University of Technology	67
Ecole Hoteliere Lausanne	
Erasmus University	69
Rotterdam	
European School of Economics	
FOM University (Ger)	
Ghent University	123
Institute de Empresa Istituto	
Marangoni	
Jacobs University Bremen	
KU of Leuven	45
Leiden University	67
Malardalen University (Swe)	
NABA-Milano (Ita)	
Parsons School of Design	
Paris	
Stockholm University	175
Tilburg University	
University of Amsterdam	62
University of Belgrade	
University of Copenhagen	101
University of Groningen	73
Utrecht University	75
Vatel International Business School	
Vrije University Amsterdam	138
Webster University	

#### World Rank

#### Asia - Australasia

University	World Rank
Chinese University of Hong Kong	57
Hongik University	
IMC University of Applied Sciences Krems (Aus)	
Korea Aerospace University	
Maquarie University (Australia)	
Sejong University	
Sogang University	
Yonsei University	197

#### Turkey

Bahcesehir University
Bigli University
Bilkent University
Istanbul University
Istanbul Technical University (ITU)
Koc University
Marmara University (Tur)
MEF University
Middle Eastern Technical University (METU)
Ozyegin University
Sabanci University
Yeditepe University