

International School of Stuttgart

Stuttgart, Germany



In Stuttgart's engineering heartland, this IB day school opens its full Diploma Programme to any student willing to try, not just the select few.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	67/100
Academic outcomes	68/100
University placement	66/100
Prestige & heritage	67/100
Alumni network	66/100
Facilities	70/100
Transparency	60/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

The striking point about the International School of Stuttgart is not that it offers the IB from ages 3 to 18, but that it runs the full continuum in a city where many internationally minded families still end up choosing between local German routes and selective private options. ISS has been in place since 1985, serves over ****900 students**** across two campuses, and teaches in English throughout. Its market position is clear: this is Stuttgart’s established all-through international day school for mobile professional families who want continuity, an English-medium education and a direct path to the Diploma Programme without changing schools at 11 or 16. The average annual day fee across the full age range is ****€20,833****, which places it in the expensive bracket for Germany, though still within reach of the senior corporate packages

that underpin much of the city’s expatriate market.

What distinguishes ISS is its **deliberately open** stance on the IB Diploma. The school’s own editorial line is blunt: the full Diploma is not reserved for a narrow academic elite. That matters. In a market where some schools protect headline outcomes by rationing access to the hardest post-16 routes, ISS backs a broader intake and asks students to **step up** rather than filtering them out. The school also carries serious institutional markers: it is a CIS-accredited, IB World School, and it counts among the first international schools in Germany authorised for the full suite of IB programmes. The newly opened Upper School campus in Degerloch in 2024 adds another practical point in its favour: this is a school still investing in infrastructure rather than trading on old reputation alone.

Parents should shortlist ISS if they want an **internationally fluent**, stable, secular school with genuine through-school continuity and a community built for families moving in and out of southern Germany’s engineering belt. It suits students who thrive in inquiry-led classrooms, who value a **broad, non-parochial** peer group, and who want the option of the full IB Diploma without an internal gatekeeping culture. It is less suited to families who want a highly selective, exam-drilled environment or a school defined by published university results; ISS does not publish a deep bank of headline outcome data, and the recent destinations publicly listed are thin, with ***1*** student each heading to Brown, Erasmus University Rotterdam and the National University of Ireland Galway. That opacity is a weakness. Even so, for families who value access, continuity and a **serious** international programme over performative selectivity, ISS earns its place on a shortlist.

STRENGTHS	TRADE - OFFS
• IB curriculum throughout ages 3 to 18. • Founded in 1985; established, not a newcomer. • Over 900 students offers scale and peer breadth. • Two campuses may suit different commuting patterns.	• Two campuses can complicate logistics for some families. • Over 900 students may feel less intimate. • School does not publish accreditations here.

ADMISSIONS

ISS is an IB World School serving children from age 3 to 18 across two campuses, so the main entry points are likely to align with nursery/early years, primary, middle and upper school transitions rather than a single selective intake year. The school says it serves more than 900 students and offers the full IB continuum: PYP, MYP and DP. Publicly available material does not set out a detailed admissions timetable, fixed annual deadline or standardised assessment format, so parents should expect rolling enquiries where places arise rather than assume a single cut-off date.

The school also does not publish bursary or financial-aid information in the material provided here, so families should not assume fee assistance is available without checking directly. What does stand out is the school's unusually broad offer for Germany: two campuses, a purpose-built upper school opened in August 2024, and established programmes beyond the classroom, including internships, career orientation, college guidance and a strong Model United Nations profile. Distinctive selection criteria, if any, are not described publicly in the source material.

WTS RATING 

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