

Deutsche Internationale Schule Jakarta

Serpong, Indonesia



Founded in 1957 by German doctors escaping the tropics, this Serpong campus preps students for tuition-free German universities.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	52/100
Academic outcomes	53/100
University placement	51/100
Prestige & heritage	51/100
Alumni network	50/100
Facilities	52/100
Transparency	39/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Deutsche Internationale Schule Jakarta sits in Serpong, not central Jakarta, and that matters: this is a school chosen with intent, not convenience. Founded in **1957**, it is one of the older international schools in the market, with a clear academic line through to the German Abitur and a strong practical attraction for the right family: direct preparation for Germany’s tuition-free public universities. That is a **distinctive proposition** in a city where many international schools sell Anglo-American pathways at far higher long-term cost. The school is day-only, non-religious, and teaches in German, English and Indonesian, which gives it a **sharply defined identity** rather than the generic international blend many competitors fall into.

Its market position is specialist rather than mass-market. The average annual day fee across ages 3 to 18 is ****IDR 225,920,000****, which places it in the premium bracket, but the point of the purchase is not luxury. It is access to a German academic route, delivered in a school accredited as an Excellent German School Abroad, with AKS Australia+ also listed. Parents looking for broad-brush international branding, glossy sports infrastructure or a socially dominant expat scene will find stronger contenders elsewhere. Parents who want academic coherence, language depth and a credible route into German higher education will put DIS Jakarta on the shortlist fast. The school's BSD community location in South Tangerang also gives it a more contained campus setting than many city schools, which will suit families who value focus over buzz.

The student who thrives here is not hard to identify. This school suits children from German, German-Indonesian and internationally mobile families who can work comfortably in a multilingual environment and who benefit from a **structured, serious** academic culture. It also suits parents who think beyond school and towards university financing, mobility in Europe and long-term linguistic capital. Students wanting a loose, highly personalised course menu or an overtly Anglo sixth-form culture will find the fit **too narrow**. Students who value order, academic continuity and a **clear destination** in the German system will find something rarer: a school in Indonesia with a precise educational purpose, not a vague international gloss.

STRENGTHS

- One of very few schools in Indonesia offering the full German Abitur, recognised for university entry across Germany and the EU.
- Small cohort sizes typical of German Auslandsschulen abroad allow close teacher attention across primary through secondary years.
- Accredited as a German school abroad under the ZfA (Zentralstelle für das Auslandsschulwesen) framework, tying it to German state curriculum standards.
- Located in the planned township of Bumi Serpong Damai (Serpong), offering a quieter, more spacious campus setting than central Jakarta.
- Multilingual exposure with German as the primary instructional language alongside English and Indonesian language provision.

TRADE - OFFS

- Serpong location is a considerable commute for families based in central or south Jakarta, a factor for daily day-school logistics.
- Small overall enrolment, typical of niche national curriculum schools abroad, means limited breadth of extracurricular and elective options compared to larger international schools.
- German-language immersion and Abitur pathway may disadvantage non-German-speaking families or those seeking an English-medium IB/A-level route.
- As a candidate-tier, lower-profile school in this ranking system, independent inspection data and outcome statistics are less publicly documented than at larger international schools in Jakarta.

ADMISSIONS

Admission is open year-round with entry points typically at Kindergarten and the start of primary grades, though places in upper secondary depend on availability. Families apply directly via the school office, submitting prior school records and, for German-curriculum continuity, evidence of prior German-language instruction is an advantage. Competitiveness is moderate rather than selective, reflecting the school's role serving Jakarta's German-speaking expatriate and diplomatic community rather than a broad applicant pool.

WTS RATING 

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