

Stiftung Louisenlund

Güby, Germany



A fjord-side castle campus built on Kurt Hahn's ethos pairs IB rigor with a sailing harbour that breeds national champions.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	64/100
Academic outcomes	64/100
University placement	62/100
Prestige & heritage	67/100
Alumni network	66/100
Facilities	68/100
Transparency	52/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Louisenlund’s selling point is not vague “holistic education” language but a very specific combination: a castle estate on the Schlei fjord, boarding from Class 8, and an IB school inside a German boarding tradition shaped by Kurt Hahn’s ethos. That mix is rare in Germany. The school covers ages 3 to 18, teaches in German and English, and carries both IB and CIS accreditation. It also runs more than one academic route: the context names IB, while the school itself also flags its Gymnasium and a Berufliches Gymnasium Agrarwirtschaft. For families who want an international pathway without giving up a German setting, that breadth matters. The campus offer also has substance behind it: Louisenlund points to a learning and research centre with science labs, open learning areas and seminar rooms, and the school’s

fjord-side setting is not decorative window dressing when sailing sits so close to the institution’s identity.

The market position is clear. At an average **€50,000** a year for boarding and **€25,000** for day places across the full age range, Louisenlund sits in the premium bracket for Germany, but not at Swiss-finishing-school extremes. Parents are paying for a residential campus, a strong pastoral framework and a school with a dual German-international character, not for brute-force university placement statistics. That is the weak point in the public picture: the school does not publish the kind of aggregate outcomes data ambitious international parents now expect, and the recent destinations listed — Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich (**4**), Technical University of Munich (**4**), Heidelberg University (**3**) — are respectable without telling you much about the full spread of results. If your family wants a school that leads with league-table data and admissions chest-beating, Louisenlund does not do that.

Why shortlist it, then? Because it offers a *distinctive* education for a *specific* child. This is a school for students who thrive in structured community life, who want boarding to be formative rather than merely convenient, and who will use the place: the waterfront, the campus, the personalised learning model, the international peer group. It suits pupils who are academically serious but not narrowly exam-drilled, and who want responsibility, outdoor life and independence built into the week. It is *not* for families chasing pure prestige theatre* or those who need constant public proof of results. It is for students who want a *fjord-side, high-trust boarding environment** with real academic credibility, and who will value an education that aims to build judgement and character as much as grades.

STRENGTHS	TRADE - OFFS
• Offers both IB and German Abitur • Boarding and day options available • Co-educational school for ages 3–18 • 10:1 student-teacher ratio	• Rural GÜBY location may feel isolated • Boarding fees reach 50,000 EUR annually • Average class size is 18

ADMISSIONS

Stiftung Louisenlund is a co-educational private day and boarding school in Güby serving ages 3–18, so the obvious admissions entry bands are early years, primary, secondary and sixth form. Academically, it offers both the German Abitur and the IB pathway, specifically the IB Middle Years and Diploma Programmes. Beyond that, the school material provided here does not set out formal intake years, so families should not assume a single standard entry point in the way they might at a more rigidly structured boarding school.

The published material in this brief does not specify assessment format, application deadlines, interview stages or any distinctive selection mechanism. Equally, there is no stated bursary or means-tested financial-aid provision in the source material provided here, so applicants should treat this as unknown rather than presumed. What is clear is that Louisenlund operates as both a day and boarding school, with annual fees listed at €25,000 for day pupils and €50,000 for boarders; that alone makes direct enquiry about place availability, admissions expectations and any fee support essential.

WTS RATING 

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