Facts and data

A kindergarten for three- to six-year-olds; a primary school offering five years of schooling and a secondary school (Gymnasium) leading up to the International Baccalaureate after year 12 – all under one roof.

Accredited as an independent private school (“Ergänzungsschule”) by the Ministry for Schools and Further Education of the Federal State of North-Rhine Westphalia.

Lessons based on the curricula of internationally accredited programmes:

- International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (IB PYP) for the first three kindergarten years and the subsequent five primary school years
- Cambridge University Programme for years 6 to 10 leading to the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE)
- Two-year International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB DP) for years 11 and 12

English-speaking all-day school with intensive German classes from year one and Spanish classes from year six.

Lessons take place from 8.15 am until 3.30 pm (until 1.00 pm on Wednesdays); childcare facilities available from 7.30 am until 5.00 pm.

Admission possible at any time during the school year.

Applications for scholarships/bursaries can be submitted via the sponsors’ association (“Förderverein”) of IS Ruhr.

“Due to the general conditions of IS Ruhr my son Antonio can put down ‘roots’ as well as develop ‘wings’. The convivial atmosphere that is the result of the small class sizes makes Antonio feel part of a community and therefore ‘rooted’; at the same time the school gives its students ‘wings’ because, apart from the opportunity of taking the IB exams, it also equips the pupils with intercultural competences. Working parents can continue to concentrate on their careers and feel confident that their children are in good, reliable hands until late afternoon. My son Antonio says: ‘Since I have joined IS Ruhr, I enjoy learning again.’

Prof. Dr. Olga Hördt, mother of Antonio (grade 8)

“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.”

Aristotle
A warm welcome to International School Ruhr!

It is only natural that you want the very best for your child. This includes the best possible education as well as a safe environment with teachers, staff and mentors who look after your child in a responsible way. If it is important to you that your child receives an international education that is geared toward the future and towards global living, our school offers the best possible concept in the region.

Equipped with our internationally recognised qualifications, your child will have the opportunity to study at universities or work for companies all over the world.

We believe that a good school education as well as the development of the potential of each and every child is the result of learning partners (students), learning facilitators (teachers) and parents working together hand in hand. At IS Ruhr, learning takes place in a warm and cooperative learning environment that gives children the freedom to discover and develop their creative talents and hidden skills.

“At IS Ruhr we are convinced that students are curious by nature and have an interest in the ever-changing world that they live in. We want to boost the natural curiosity of our students by offering them a demanding, attractive and, at the same time, child-friendly curriculum.”
Jacques Marais, Head

Benefits for your child at one glance:

- Your child learns in an atmosphere of trust where the individual needs of each child during the learning process are taken into account and where the best possible use is made of each child’s potential.

- The qualifications are recognised and appreciated by universities and companies all over the world.

- Learning and teaching is based on encouraging students to question, reflect upon and discuss things; to take responsibility, show respect and work towards clear goals.

- A caring environment that does justice to the high standards of international programmes and prepares children to meet them in the best possible way.

- At our school your child is given the necessary space for self-realisation and personal growth.

- The language used in class is English. We do, however, attach great importance to the acquisition of German, which is taught five hours a week in primary school and four hours a week in secondary school.

- Your child will benefit from modern teaching methods that are used by the qualified international teaching staff. Our teachers have studied and worked in various countries before they started working at our school. The school management not only attaches great importance to high-quality international lesson content but is equally keen on employing a qualified, global team.

- Our school undergoes regular inspections (by the IB Organisation among others) to ensure compliance with quality standards.

- IS Ruhr is part of the worldwide community of IB schools and students (around four thousand schools worldwide with one million students in 140 countries) who prepare themselves to meet the exacting standards of the best universities in the world.