

Admission to ISB Secondary

Introduction

We welcome students from around the world into our Secondary programme. We are proud of our diverse community, and we recognise that children can bring a wide range of knowledge and prior learning experiences to our classrooms which we value.

To ensure your child will feel comfortable and confident in our school, we follow an admissions procedure which is designed to help us learn about your child and see if our curriculum is a good fit for them.

Information about the Admission Process

ISB is an international secondary school, so it is not listed in KIFIR, the Hungarian secondary school application system.

Our programmes (Cognia, IB and International) do not have an official programme code.

Applications can be submitted through the school website: https://isb.hu/hu/enquiries_hu/ For questions, families can contact admissions@isb.hu.

Applications for entry into the International and Bilingual programmes in Grades 6-8 are open throughout the year on a rolling registration basis. Students are welcome to join the cohorts at any point of the year if they are successful in the application process.

Entry into Grades 9-12 is timed more to the September-June academic year. Application for Grade 9 and Grade 11 entry commences in February for external candidates. Students may join these grades during the academic year only if their previous study is similar to the curriculum for IB.

Entry into Grades 10 and 12 is considered on a case-by-case basis as these are examination years which students require the previous year's study for. If your child is interested in the Cognia Diploma for Grades 11/12, there is more flexibility surrounding the start date.

Documentation required

The admission process requires several documents in order to verify your child's learning background. These include:

- Evidence of previous English learning: we expect most candidates to have a level of at least B2, although we acknowledge younger students may need more time to develop their fluency.

- Copies of the end-of-year reports from the 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 school years in English or Hungarian, as well as the first-semester report from the 2026/2027 school year.
- A completed Admission Registration Form sent by the Admissions Office.

The Assessment Day

If your child would like a place at our school, after submitting their application, they will be invited to an assessment day.

On this day, they will participate in some lessons with the students of the Grade they are applying for so they can see what a typical day is like in our school and meet their peers. This is also an opportunity for our teachers to see how they integrate socially and academically into the classes.

Your child will also do some tests on the assessment day, which include:

- The CAT4 test: a standardised, curriculum-free assessment designed to evaluate a student's underlying reasoning and learning potential across verbal, quantitative, non-verbal, and spatial abilities
- A maths test based on tasks from the Cambridge/IB curriculum depending on the point of entry
- An English writing task
- Hungarian curriculum tasks if they are applying for the bilingual programme

The final part of the assessment day is an informal interview with the Vice Principal or Curriculum Co-Ordinator. During this, we will learn about the child, their reasons for wanting to come to ISB, their ambitions, and any subject choices they may need to make. This interview is also an opportunity to assess their spoken English.

Following this, our Admissions Officer will contact you within 4 working days with a decision regarding admission.

Please note that the fee for participating in an Assessment Day is 40 000ft to cover the cost of the test admin.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school!