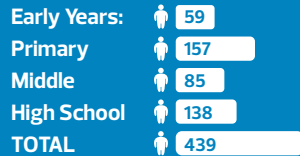
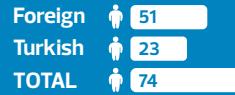


## STUDENT ENROLMENT



## FACULTY



Figen Sonmez | **Head of School**  
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 Nicole Incel | **Deputy Principal**  
 Alina Zamfirescu | **IBDP Coordinator**  
 Lauren Fajobi | **CIE Coordinator**  
 John Potter | **College Counselor**

### Overview

MEF International School (MEF IS) is a Preschool to Grade 12 co-educational day school located in Istanbul. It is an international school with 57 nationalities with an enrolment of **439** students. All students who attend MEF IS hold a foreign passport.

There are **74** faculty members representing 17 nationalities, and **roughly 50%** hold advanced degrees. The staff to student ratio is **6:1**.

The school is accredited by the Turkish Ministry of Education, the Council of International Schools (CIS) and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). It is also a member of the European Council of International Schools (ECIS). MEF International School is authorised by the IB to offer the Primary Years Program (PYP) and the Diploma Program (DP), and it is licensed by Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) to offer the Secondary 1 and IGCSE curricula and examinations in the middle and high schools, respectively. The school was founded in 1998 by Dr. Ibrahim Arıkan, a Physics teacher, who has also founded other schools in Turkey.



### Guiding Statements

The vision of MEF IS is to provide the best international school experience for our students, parents, and faculty. This effort is guided by the school’s mission: “MEF International Schools offer a stimulating education that engages the strengths, learning styles and needs of its students. Each child is guided to discover and develop intellectual, creative, social and physical potentials cultivating a passion for learning. The school empowers students to become confident, balanced and socially responsible individuals who contribute positively to local and global communities.”

### Campus

The school is located in central Istanbul on multi-purpose facilities on a 40-acre campus shared with MEF National School. The school is nestled in the hills above Ortakoy, only minutes away from the residential neighborhoods preferred by the international community residing in Istanbul. Facilities include a 25 meter heated swimming pool, outdoor soccer pitches, indoor gymnasium, computer labs, concert auditorium, dance studio, art studios, cafeteria, library, outdoor playgrounds. Additionally, there are an on-site nurse and doctor.

### Curriculum

MEF IS school programs share a common philosophy – a commitment to a high quality, challenging education where students develop not only knowledge, understandings and skills but also the attitudes and values to help them become confident, balanced and socially responsible students. MEF IS implements the IB Primary Years Programme for students aged 3 to 11, which enables them to learn through an inquiry-based approach by exploring six transdisciplinary themes.

The middle school follows the Cambridge Secondary 1 curriculum in the areas of English, Mathematics and Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics), as well as additional subjects that have been chosen to develop skills across different disciplines. In Grades 9 and 10, students follow the Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) curriculum taught over two years and other subjects to prepare students for the IB Diploma Programme. This provides a balance of practical experience and theoretical knowledge over a wide variety of subject areas to ensure a balanced, holistic, and rigorous education.

**Students in Grade 11 and 12 complete IB Certificates in English, Mathematics and in a Modern Foreign Language.** Additionally, students study other demanding subjects in core areas in preparation for higher education.

Selected students also have the opportunity to follow the prestigious IB Diploma Programme in Grades 11 and 12. **Courses include English, Turkish, Self-study Language, French, Spanish, Economics, History, Psychology, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics and Visual Arts.** Additionally, both IB Certificate and IB Diploma Programme students complete the Creativity, Action, Service (CAS) requirement by participating in creative endeavors, physical activities, and service-related projects. CAS offers students an alternative to the academic rigor of the IB Diploma Programme, promoting internationalism and a balanced lifestyle.

Regardless of the program that is followed, the aim is for students to have the opportunity to explore the curriculum offered in a student-centered environment which allows for inquiry, critical thinking and problem solving skills to be developed in order to enhance communication, collaboration and creativity.

## Grading

Students are given grades to reflect examination results, class participation and other performance items each semester. The final grade is an average of the two semesters. The GPA is weighted (calculated by multiplying the grades by the number of hours in each course). MEF IS records grades on the scale of 1 to 7. The passing grade is 60%, and the scale is illustrated below.

## Extra-curricular Activities

Clubs, sports and after school activities are an important part of life at MEF IS. Students participate in club activities for two class periods per week and also have the option to attend after school activities. Students choose from over 15 club offerings in the secondary school, which vary each semester. **Some of the clubs that have been offered are Volleyball, Basketball, Football, Math Olympiad, Model United Nations (MUN), Modern European Parliament (MEP), Duke of Edinburgh Award, Blank Canvas and Coding.** Community Service participation is an important element of the school and is reflected in the activities conducted by students, the PTA and teachers. All members at MEF IS have the opportunity to get involved in community service projects both locally and globally. **Some examples include donating time in retirement homes, animal shelters, and in projects involving the environment.**

### School Grading System

Score	Grade	Merit
90-100	7	Excellent
80-89	6	Very Good
69-79	5	Good
60-68	4	Satisfactory
49-59	3	Unsatisfactory
34-48	2	Poor
01-33	1	Very Poor



### SAT Reasoning Scores 2012-2017

Range: 1110 - 1540

MEF IB Diploma Scores (from a possible 45 points)	Year	High	Low	Average
	2017	38	25	33
	2016	43	35	39
	2015	43	23	34
	2014	45	26	32
	2013	36	22	28
	2012	38	22	29

\*The world average over these years was a score of 30 points.



# UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

%100

Almost 100% of graduates have attended an impressive range of world-class universities. Acceptances from 2010-2017 are listed below.

#### North America

Boston University  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Columbia University  
Duke University  
Loyola University  
McGill University  
McMaster University  
Michigan State University  
Ohio State University  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Syracuse University  
Texas A&M University  
University of British Columbia  
University of Buffalo  
University of Illinois  
University of Iowa  
University of Miami  
University of Minnesota  
University of New Brunswick  
University of San Francisco  
University of Tampa  
University of Toronto  
University of Waterloo

#### United Kingdom

Brunei University  
Central St. Martins College  
City University London  
Durham University  
Imperial College  
King's College  
London School of Economics  
Loughborough University  
Queen Mary University of London  
Regent's University  
Royal Holloway University  
University College London  
University of East Anglia  
University of Birmingham  
University of Edinburgh  
University of Hertfordshire  
University of Leeds  
University of London  
University of Manchester  
University of Newcastle  
University of Nottingham  
University of Westminster  
University of York

#### Europe

Anglo-American University  
Bocconi University  
Delft Institute of Technology  
European School of Economics  
Hult Intl. School  
Institute de Empresa Istituto Marangoni  
Jacob's University  
Leiden University  
Tilburg University  
University of Ghent  
University of Amsterdam  
University of Belgrade  
University of Copenhagen  
University of Utrecht  
University of Leuven  
Vatel International Business School  
Webster University

#### Asia

Hongik University  
Korea Aerospace University  
Sejong University  
Yonsei University

#### Turkey

Bahcesehir University  
Bilgi University  
Istanbul University  
Koc University  
MEF University  
Middle Eastern Technical University  
Ozyegin University  
Sabanci University  
Yeditepe University



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