



# INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF RIGA

*We are a respectful,  
learning-focused community where each student is inspired to achieve his  
or her potential, and to become an ethical, confident and  
internationally-minded citizen of tomorrow.*

## 25 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

The International School of Riga (ISR) was founded in 1997 as a playgroup by expatriate parents. It has since expanded to become one of the most established international school in Latvia. For 25 years, ISR has been fulfilling the needs of **internationally-minded families** who desire a rigorous well-rounded education for their children.

ISR saw its first group of seniors graduate in 2017 and records 47 Alumni who went on to study in the USA, the UK, the Netherlands, Australia, Norway, and elsewhere. ISR graduates boast an impressive **100% university acceptance rate** per applicant.

## AN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

ISR is home to 280 students aged 2 to 18 and representing **47 nationalities**. While the language of instruction is English, ISR students frequently speak two, three, or even four languages.

ISR practices a culture of **inclusion** where differences are celebrated. Events like International Days and the Winter Bazaar are times when the whole school can come together to celebrate its rich diversity.

ISR teachers are **exceptional educators** with extensive experience in international schools across six continents.

## ... WITH A LATVIAN HEART

ISR prides itself on maintaining **strong roots into the local community**. Whether it's through community service, exchanging educational knowledge and resources with local schools, or partnering with local businesses, ISR students share an intimate connection with their host nation.

Whether their stay is short lived or long lasting, all members of the ISR family call Latvia "home". Most ISR students are from international families that don't intend to spend their lives in Latvia. ISR hopes to imbue each and every student with a piece of **what makes Latvia unique**.

## A WELL ROUNDED EDUCATION

### EARLY YEARS (Ages 2-6)

ISR is an IB World school and implements the **PYP**. The Early Years program has mixed age groups for our youngest students and a single age Kindergarten group. Our aim is to help children become **independent and confident inquirers** who have creative ideas and who have a positive attitude towards learning experiences. For us, personality development is as important as academic development.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL (Ages 11-14)

Middle School at ISR is a time when our Grades 6-8 students, through the **IMYC**, are transitioning from the final years of childhood into the first years of adolescence. This is both an exciting and challenging time for students as they begin to appreciate the many **opportunities**, increased freedoms, and the associated **responsibilities**. Middle school students complete 15 IMYC exit points before taking the next step in their journeys.

### PRIMARY SCHOOL (Ages 6-11)

Primary school is an exciting time for developing the positive outlook and **fundamental skills** for a lifetime of learning. Students find their true selves during this time; they begin to experience the world around them through maths, sciences, literature, art, and technology. The **PYP** (Primary Years Programme) culminates with the student-led PYP Exhibition.

### HIGH SCHOOL (Ages 14-18)

The ISR High School programme is a 4-year university preparatory curriculum that aims to develop the habits necessary for **creative and critical thinking**, collaborative and independent study and effective communication. Students consolidate their research and writing skills as well as an ability to apply theoretical concepts to real-world issues. In Grades 9 and 10, students follow the **IGCSE** and in Grades 11 and 12, ISR implements the prestigious **IBDP**.



*At the International School of Riga, we are an inclusive learning community that strives to empower, inspire and challenge learners, ensuring the success of every child.*

*Our IB PYP, IMYC, IGCSE and IB DP programs blend the learning with a deep-rooted respect to local culture and tradition, establishing a challenging and well rounded-academic curriculum, where the arts, student activities and athletics are also highly valued. It is with purpose and pride that we reach out into our neighbourhoods, nurturing crucial community bonds and embracing the Latvian Heart.*

- Shane Kells, Director

## A GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

By partnering with our **community**, we develop in our students an awareness and understanding, motivating them to contribute positively to both the local and global communities.

Embassies, consulates and foreign missions have an important role to play in creating ethical and internationally-minded **citizens for tomorrow**. ISR students learn through working with the leaders of diplomacy, culture exchange, governance, economics, and global politics. .

**Cooperation takes the form of field trips, school visits, community service, and student-led fundraising.** The ISR classroom is not your traditional learning space; it's a land without borders or prejudice. The students are our best ambassadors.

**Contact ISR today** if your team would like to take the next step in our relationship and a build a better, brighter tomorrow.