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The International School of Central Switzerland

Cham - Zug - Switzerland



Empowering Learners for Life



Welcome to ISOCS



It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the International School of Central Switzerland (ISOCS).

Our school is comprised of dedicated and experienced IB PYP educators from the top international schools in Switzerland and students from diverse backgrounds and nationalities.

Our founding faculty of IB PYP school advisors and assessors came together in 2008 with a shared vision to truly implement the best practices of the International Baccalaureate (IB). We have established a school of outstanding educational excellence. The philosophy and mission of the IB shapes our school identity and culture and we are wholeheartedly committed to our educational journey following the IB PYP authorization process, towards, and far beyond our official Authorization visit.

The size of our school, and indeed the size of our classes, allows students and teachers to form close relationships where every student feels safe, nurtured and personally motivated to achieve their full potential.

I hope that I will have the pleasure of getting to know you and your children and that our warm and vibrant community is a place where you will always feel welcome.

Jacqueline Webb-Archibald, Director





Our Academic Programme



Globally Relevant Locally Connected

ISOCS is committed to the beliefs and standards of the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (IB PYP). This world-renowned curriculum has been designed specifically for international schools and international understanding. It focuses on the academic, social and emotional development of children all around the world. The curriculum facilitates transfer between IB schools worldwide. It empowers students of all backgrounds to think, collaborate and reflect on their learning in order to best prepare for their part in a globally-connected and ever-changing world.

ISOCS connects to IB PYP schools internationally and leads many initiatives to help educators and students learn collaboratively.

We are equally committed to being valued members of the Swiss community in which we live.

Our local community has welcomed us very warmly and we take every opportunity to connect with them and help our students feel at home in Switzerland.

Our regular German language lessons are supported by social language learning through sport, music and local excursions. We are delighted with the way our students develop confidence in spoken and written German by using their learning across the curriculum and in real life applications.

We are accredited by the Canton of Zug.



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Personalised Education

ISOCS maintains exceptional student/teacher ratios. Research concludes that the ideal class size in primary schools is between ten and sixteen students as this allows for individual attention and social variety.

All classes, in every situation, are full of unique individuals with very different learning profiles, varied experiences and interests. Teaching to a supposed grade-level “norm” does not fully meet the needs or fulfil the potential of most students!

At ISOCS we get to know each child as a valued and multifaceted individual. We carefully use diagnostic tasks to help us assess and track each child in their developing understanding in mathematics, literacy and social inquiry. This is consistent with the IB PYP learning continuums.

We engage students in interesting learning activities especially planned to continually reinforce and challenge their thinking. ISOCS empowers students to become independent and socially confident international learners who take pride in their achievements, whatever their age or stage of development.

We discuss and report on student development regularly in order to establish and review relevant learning goals.



Learning





Sports and the Arts



Healthy Bodies and Creative Minds

ISOCS promotes a healthy balanced lifestyle by offering daily outdoor and indoor physical activity.

Our seasonal programme changes regularly and includes the following opportunities and instruction within our curriculum:

Exercise programme (Brain Gym, yoga and dance)

Woodland play at Teuflibach, **Cham's Robinson Playground**

Swimming with qualified instruction

Games in German and English at the Röhrlberg Gymnasia

Outdoor Physical Education (including soccer, orienteering and adventure playgrounds)

Music appreciation, composition and voice lessons

Music and recorder lessons in German from the Cham Music School

At ISOCS the arts are integrated into the programme of learning. Students benefit from visits by artists, dancers, musicians, sports personalities and authors. They participate in dance workshops and musical productions throughout the school year.

Many after-school clubs are available locally. Students enjoy **"Teuflibach"** - building and crafts, tennis, music lessons, soccer and horse riding.

After school care and activities are arranged according to demand.

Designed for Optimal Student Learning

The International School of Central Switzerland is proud to be investing in the future. We are located in a bright, modern and well equipped learning environment.

Classrooms have interactive whiteboards and wireless laptop computers. Student learning is supported by a centrally located library and media centre with a stage and multi-purpose hall. Daily German, Arts and Crafts, Learning Support and Music lessons are offered in specialist classrooms.

We benefit from stunning natural views and immediate access to the surrounding countryside. The attractive lakeside town of Cham, with its enviable amenities, offers many additional learning environments for our students.

The local gymnasias, indoor pool, football pitches, sports areas, library and play parks are all easily and regularly enjoyed by our students.

Parent Quotes

"Our family likes ISOCS because of the great teachers. They really love teaching and they genuinely care about the students. They support the children and put a lot of effort into creating a stimulating learning environment." (CL)

"I think my son would live at ISOCS if he could." (TB)

"We can feel the warmth and happiness that comes from this school and we are so grateful to be in the middle of it all." (CZ)



Our Campus





Our Community



Being part of a Community

Our mission challenges us to help every child feel connected. Therefore, ISOCS students deliberately explore their connection to the local people and the environment around us.

We work in close association with the local council, neighbouring sports clubs, primary and music schools and community run playgrounds to offer a healthy and balanced programme to our students.

Teaching physical education and instrumental music in German helps our students learn and apply their language in real everyday situations so that they can integrate more easily into Swiss life.

Students participate in field trips throughout Switzerland to support their learning.

Grades four and above participate in a residential field week.

Student Quotes

"Since starting at ISOCS I am actually excited to come to school for the first time in my life." (AH)

"I enjoy every single thing about ISOCS. It's the best school in the world." (DZ)

"I have learned that anything is possible if you set your mind to it!" (CW)

Teacher Quote

"ISOCS has inspired me. You can feel the love of education permeating the whole school. I feel very fortunate to be teaching here." (VL)

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Coming to ISOCS

By Car (GPS: Knonauerstrasse, Cham)

Our school is ideally located: 5 minutes from the centre of Zug and 20 minutes from the centres of Lucerne and Zurich.

From Zurich / Lucerne on the A4 motorway

Leave the A4 at Exit 33 (Cham, Aarau, Hünenberg) and turn onto Sinslerstrasse direction Cham. Continue for 1.4km. At the roundabout take the third exit onto Zugerstrasse. After 200m turn left (at the yellow Krone Restaurant) onto Knonauerstrasse. Continue for 800m until you see our modern bronze-coloured building on the left side, opposite open fields.

From Zug (Chamerstrasse)

Upon entering Cham turn right (next to the yellow Krone Restaurant) onto Knonauerstrasse. Continue for 800m until you see our modern bronze-coloured building on the left side, opposite open fields.

Parking

Please park at rear of building and walk up the central wooden staircase to find our reception on your right hand side.

Public Transport

The regular bus service (Number 42 timetable - Lorzenpark Bus Stop) makes the short trip (6 minutes) from Cham railway station to the front of our building approximately every 15 minutes at peak times.

Personal Transport

A significant proportion of our local students travel to school by foot or by bicycle. Bus or taxi pick-up can be arranged to meet most requirements.

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