



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF  
**SCHAFFHAUSEN**

A young woman with dark hair and glasses, wearing a white lab coat, is smiling at the camera while holding a blue smartphone. She is working on a robotics project, with a yellow and black robot arm visible in the foreground. The background shows a classroom setting with other students and educational equipment.

ISSH Secondary School  
**Together, we belong  
achieve and thrive**

# Choosing a pathway

Grades 11–12



We offer a variety of pathways that allow every student to shape their learning journey and prepare for a successful future.

## The ISSH High School Diploma (HSD)

Accredited by the Middle States Association (MSA), the HSD combines academic rigor with flexibility. Students can integrate selected IB courses, tailoring their studies to their strengths and aspirations. This pathway ensures a globally recognised qualification that supports both personal growth and university entry.

## International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme (DP)

This two-year programme combines deep learning with personal choice. Students explore six subject groups among languages, sciences, humanities, mathematics, and the arts, while engaging with the core components theory of knowledge (TOK), the extended essay (EE), and creativity, activity, service (CAS). This prepares learners to develop into knowledgeable, well-rounded individuals prepared for university and life beyond.

**44/45**

highest IB Diploma score

**100%**

IB Diploma pass rate  
for more than 10 consecutive years

**Above**

world average  
IB Diploma scores

**34%**

acceptances to global top 100 universities including ETH Zürich, Harvard & London School of Economics

Want to explore the IB-DP?  
Scan the QR code.



# Personalised learning, proven results

Welcome to ISSH Secondary School, where students in Grades 6 to 12 embark on a journey of academic excellence, personal growth, and global citizenship.

Rooted in our values of compassion, curiosity, and courage, we foster a nurturing environment where each student is known, encouraged, and inspired to thrive.

As an IB World School, with small class sizes and a vibrant international community, we empower every learner to discover their voice and have a meaningful impact on the world.

## Inquiry-based learning & real-world connections

At ISSH, learning extends beyond the classroom and into the world around us. Our skills-focused approach to education adapts to the needs of each learner, while developing the academic competencies students need to thrive.

Through experiential learning, whether it be class excursions, hands-on projects, or business partnerships, students build bridges between classroom knowledge and the outside world. The ISSH curriculum teaches more than facts and figures; our students learn how to learn, a skill that will equip them for success beyond school.



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ISSH prepared me for my time at university not only academically but also by helping me develop soft skills. These have enabled me to develop effective study methods, confidently address both public speaking and collaborative work, and overcome challenges.”

Andrea Ibañez | ISSH Graduate 2024

# Strong foundations and tailored pathways for academic success

At ISSH, our dynamic international secondary curriculum, combined with small class sizes and dedicated teachers, ensures that every student is guided on a personal learning journey.

Grounded in the International Baccalaureate (IB) philosophy, we foster critical thinking, research, collaboration, communication, and self-management skills.

## Building strong foundations

Grades 6-8



In these formative years, students explore a broad and balanced curriculum covering languages, sciences, mathematics, humanities, arts, and physical education.

Our curriculum provides extended time for science, giving students earlier and broader exposure to innovation and scientific thinking.

## Preparing for the future

Grades 9-10



Our Pre-Diploma strengthens academic skills and study habits. It also keeps future pathways open, preparing students not only for the IB Diploma, but also for the ISSH High School Diploma, Swiss apprenticeships or academic options such as the Kantonsschule.

Students begin to personalise their learning through elective choices such as business management. They extend their studies through STEM education and career guidance, including financial literacy, CV writing, and optional SAT preparation.

At the International School of Schaffhausen, we are more than a school.

We are a community where every student is  
valued and empowered to succeed.

With local roots and a global family, we provide a safe, nurturing environment where students grow in **compassion, curiosity, and courage**. Our graduates attend leading universities worldwide, carrying with them the skills and values that will guide them through life.



Learning. Belonging. Growing.  
Your journey starts here, and we'd love to meet you.

Together, we  
**thrive**



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