



International School of Ouagadougou

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The International School of Ouagadougou (ISO) is a nonprofit, independent, coeducational day school that offers an English language educational program to children between the ages of 3 and 19, from PK-grade 12. The school was established in 1976, and its mission is to provide an education to children from wide ranging backgrounds, including children of diplomats, businesspeople, and international development organizations. The school year is comprised of 180 days of instruction, organized into two semesters, extending from August through January and from February into June. The International School of Ouagadougou cultivates diversity, respect, knowledge, and character, and strives to develop global citizens who contribute towards a better, more peaceful world. ISO is fully accredited through the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA). The last accreditation visit was in October of 2020 and resulted in the school being re-accredited through May 1, 2028.

Organization: The school is governed by a nine-member board of trustees. One member, the U.S. Ambassador's representative, also sits on the board, while all other members are members of the Association of the International School of Ougadagou. The Board of Trustees is strategic in nature and hires a director to oversee the day-to-day operations of the school.

Curriculum: The school follows an American-style curriculum adapted to emphasize intercultural understanding, character development, and community involvement. The ISO elementary school focuses on the total development of each child and provides many opportunities for personal and academic growth in a nurturing, structured environment. As learning progresses through the upper grades, an increasing emphasis on inquiry-led and independent study seeks to instill in each student a life-long love of learning. French is taught daily from K-grade 12. The newly introduced IB Program courses in grades 11 and 12 provides students with the skills needed for success in tertiary institutions.

Faculty: In the 2021-2022 school year, there are 35 faculty members, including 14 U.S. citizens, 12 host-country nationals, and 9 third-country nationals. The American Director oversees the overall school operations. In Upper School there is an Associate Upper School Principal and a Dean of Students/college admission to assist students. The Upper School also has an IBDP Coordinator. In the elementary school, an Elementary School Principal helps support student learning. A full-time team of administrative personnel, a librarian, a part-time doctor, a nurse, and a science lab technician assist the faculty. The administrative staff reflects the diverse culture of the school.

Enrollment: At the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year, enrollment was at 166 students, 31 of which are U.S. nationals, 37 are host-country nationals, and 98 are third-country nationals. Of the U.S. student enrolment, due to external variables, there were no dependents of U.S. government direct-hire or contract employees, at the start of the present school year.

Facilities: The school is on a seven-acre, purpose-built campus located adjacent to the city's main residential section. The facility is walled and secured. ISO has a large grassed playing field, dressing rooms, a multi-sport court, a swimming pool, a basketball court, and a tennis court. There are 10 major buildings housing the classrooms, administration, and resource areas, including a library of 15,000 volumes, 2 IT labs, a science laboratory, a maker's space for the elementary school, an upper school student center, and a snack bar. The school has a dedicated service line for Internet and is completely networked. There are 80 computers for student use in the computer lab, library, and classrooms. Construction of a new secondary building was completed seven years ago. This building houses a 300-seat auditorium, two science labs, two computer labs, seven regular classrooms, and a student study area.

Finances: In the 2021-2022 school year, the annual tuition rates are as follows: PK3: €3,663 PK4: €5,907; grades K-5: €19,428; grades 6-8: €20,901; and grades 9-12: €21,464. There is a one-time non-refundable registration fee of €288 for grades K-12, as well as an annual €84 facility fee. The school charges a fee of €2,431 per student, per year, for English-as-a-Second-Language (English for speakers of other languages) classes. There is also an annual capital levy fee of €3,000 per student the first year, and €1,000 per student per year thereafter. For students starting in PK, the initial capital levy fee is €500, and €1000 per student each year thereafter. (All fees are quoted in euros.)

This Fact Sheet is intended to provide general information. Prospective users of the schools may wish to inquire further of A/OPR/OS or contact the school directly for more specific and up-to-the-minute information. Information and statistics are current as of September 2021 and are provided by the school.