



Educational Excellence

FOR A FUTURE WITHOUT BORDERS



International
School of Panama

There is no place like ISP

At ISP, we are exceedingly proud of our history and traditions spanning over 30 years. Our story began in 1982, when a small group of dedicated parents set out to establish a non-profit international school with the best possible educational offering. Though we treasure our history and tradition, we are always seeking to improve and grow. From its original 35 students to now over 1,200 students, representing 50 nationalities, ISP continues to grow into an internationally recognized and leading educational institution.

This digital brochure aims to provide a brief overview of our school to families considering joining our growing international community.

Globalization and technology continue to transform our world. Rather than focusing on acquiring and recalling information, education is shifting towards a focus on the 21 Century Skills students need to discover fulfilling careers and make meaningful positive contributions to society.

So what are we doing to better prepare our students for a future without borders?

Traditional education focuses on the teacher as the person who controls and directs learning. However, educational best practices have shifted towards a student-centered approach providing students with opportunities to direct their own learning.

This shift will allow students to go beyond asking what they want to be when they grow up and instead ask what problems they want to solve. Giving them more opportunities to gain real world experiences every day and in every class.

Strategic Plan 2015-2020



Academic Excellence

To establish and maintain a vision for academic excellence.



Organizational Health

To attract and retain highly motivated professional staff.
To have financially sound business plan.

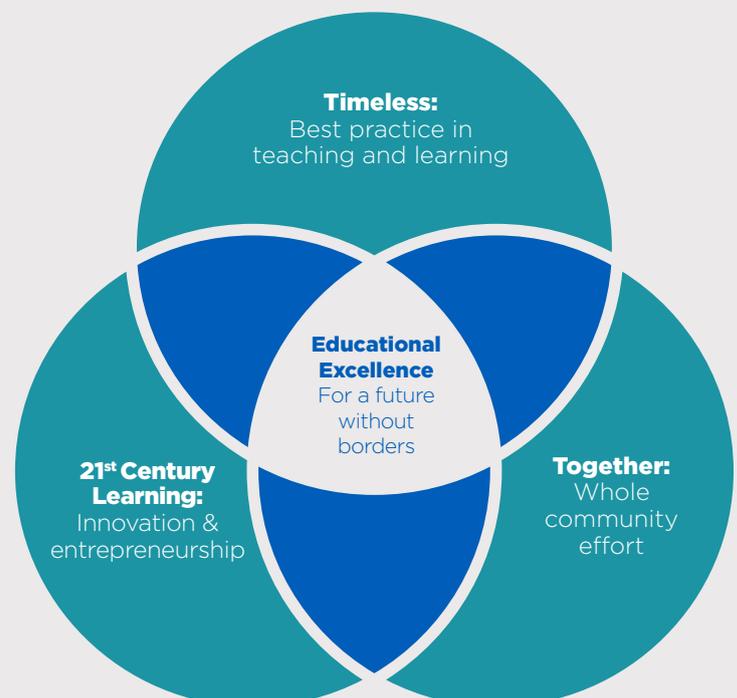


Climate and Culture

To establish sense of belonging and affinity amongst all community members.

Key Focus on Academic Excellence

- Strengthening the IB Diploma program.
- Introducing the ISP Innovation Certificate at High School.
- Driving progress in science and technology.
- Deepening expertise in mathematics.
- Diversifying Physical Education and Arts Offerings, Including Dance.
- Building on our counseling program at High School
- Attracting and retaining high quality teachers.



Life at ISP



Strengthening the IB Diploma Program

We were among the first schools to implement the IB Diploma in the region and are recognized for the strength of our IB program. Every year we take steps to improve the quality, adding subjects of relevance to students. For example we have introduced IB Theater as well as Business Management and were among the first schools in the world to offer Global Politics. Despite the academic rigor of the IB program our students continue to perform above the world average.



ISP's Innovation Certificate

For students not pursuing the IB Diploma we offer the ISP Innovation Certificate, a novel program focused on innovation and entrepreneurship. Just a handful of leading schools in the world are beginning to offer similar programs. In addition to a rigorous and balanced course load, the Innovation Certificate allows students the opportunity to demonstrate leadership through the creation of an original product or the improvement of a real-world system. This hands-on engagement builds necessary 21st century skills for success at university and in the workplace.



A Focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) & Deepening Math Expertise

Expanding our curriculum in Science Engineering Technology and Math will help deepen students understanding of the engineering and design process. Providing spaces for students to become explorers and inventors. Our program innovation doesn't stop there. We continue to grow STEM education at ISP, igniting in our students an interest and excitement around science, technology, engineering and math. In the 21st century, scientific and technological innovations have become increasingly important as we face the challenges of both globalization and a knowledge-based economy.



Additionally, a math specialist with deep subject area knowledge works with teachers across divisions to help students deepen their understanding of this important subject. In addition to exploring new frontiers of curricular progress, we offer an exciting array of co-curricular activities for students at all levels to apply math concepts to real world situations and participate in local and international math competitions.

From the classroom to the stage

At ISP creativity moves from the classroom to the stage. Our state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center provides students with the tools and space they need to pursue their passion for the arts. As we continue to expand our Visual and Performing Arts Program, we encourage students to explore new instruments, materials and techniques. Shaking up what they already know and sparking their curiosity to create something meaningful. Furthermore, having a 540 seat theater, art gallery, make up rooms, lighting and scenery building spaces allow us to continue presenting inspiring performances, showcasing our student's talents and bringing our community together.

Excellence in athletics and after school activities

When a dolphin wins all the dolphins win. World-class athletics facilities together with high-caliber coaches ensure we continue preparing well rounded student athletes to compete at the highest levels in Panama and abroad, learning valuable life skills like leadership and teamwork.

Life at ISP does not end when the bell rings. After school activities are always on the calendar for ISP families. With more than 400 students staying after school every day and a dedicated team of coaches and staff, students are able to complement their learning experiences by choosing one or several options to continue exploring their curiosity.

Exposing students to an array of academic and extracurricular choices allows them to discover what inspires them and gives them the skills to pursue their passion and contribute something of value. ISP students are driven by a curiosity to inquire, create and self-discover in and outside of the classroom. They can go anywhere and do anything. Although we cannot predict what the careers of tomorrow will be, we can prepare students who are ready to ask the right questions and have the skills to succeed in a future without borders.



Building community together

Board of Directors

Carrying on the traditions of our founding families, our school board ensures that ISP perpetuates its goal to provide a world-class education to its students, preparing them for success in continued educational endeavors and positive roles in society.

Parent Teacher Association

A cornerstone and pillar of the ISP community, the P.T.A is fundamental in helping plan and execute unforgettable events for our community. Together with hundreds of parent volunteers the P.T.A helps ensure that events are successful, fundraise to further support activities at ISP, and strengthen our sense of community. Making ISP an international community that feels like family.

For more information, testimonials and virtual tours please visit www.isp.edu.pa

Parent Testimonials

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