

FMV NİŞANTAŞI IŞIK HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE

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FOUNDATION & HISTORY

FMV stands for “**Feyziye Mektepleri Vakfı**” (**Feyziye Schools Foundation**) which oversees the four K-12 IŞIK schools and the IŞIK University, all located in Istanbul, Turkey. **Feyziye Schools Foundation is celebrating its 135th anniversary this year.**

The first IŞIK School was established in 1885 at Thessaloniki. After World War I, the school moved to Istanbul in 1923, and finally settled in its current **Nişantaşı Campus**, in the center of the city. The second IŞIK School, **Ayazağa Campus**, was established in 1986 in Maslak district, and the third IŞIK School, **Erenköy Campus**, was established in 2000 on the Anatolian side of the city. The fourth IŞIK School, **Ispartakule Campus**, was established in 2013 in Bahçeşehir district. In addition, IŞIK University was founded in 1996 and moved to its current residential campus in Şile in 2003.

IŞIK Schools have always prided themselves in being innovative as well as leading institutions. IŞIK was the first Turkish high school to start teaching foreign languages in Istanbul. It was also the first Turkish school to add courses such as Philosophy, Sociology and Logic to its curriculum. Furthermore, it was the first to adopt co-education schooling and finally the first school that brought the Socrates-Comenius programs to Turkey.

ENROLLMENT & FACULTY

FMV IŞIK Nişantaşı School is a private, co-educational K-12 school. The high school has an enrolment of 351 students and 47 academic staff. The **Nişantaşı Campus** consists of four buildings in an area of 17,500 sq. meters. It is well-equipped with two conference halls, a library, science and computer laboratories, two indoor gyms, two outdoor football pitches, a multi-media room, a cafeteria and an art gallery. **The school is accredited by the Turkish Ministry of Education, Council of International Schools (CIS) and is a member of the Turkish Private Schools Association. The school is an authorized AP exam center by the College Board.**

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The academic program is bilingual and bicultural. Turkish language and literature, social sciences, art and physical education are taught in Turkish. English language and literature, mathematics, and the natural and physical sciences are taught in English.

The weekly course load is 40 hours (each period is 40 minutes) and consists of both required and elective courses. In 9th grade, all students follow the same curriculum. At the end of 10th grade, students choose one of two tracks; the Turkish-Mathematics or the Mathematics-Sciences group of courses to study until the end of 12th grade.

Since Turkish is the official language of the country, Turkish language and literature classes play an important role in our academic program. Apart from following the national curriculum, we encourage our students to participate in national and international literary and cultural competitions, including the culture and literature symposium we host in our school every year.

English is one of the most important subjects in the school. Literature, essay writing and preparation for TOEFL are highlights of the program. Model United Nations, as well as public speaking and debates are some of the important activities that support the English curriculum. French, German or Spanish language is taught as a second foreign language throughout prep-12 grades. Students take either DELF, GOETHE ZERTIFIKAT A2 or DELE exams to certify their proficiency in these languages.

AP is offered as an enrichment program in addition to our regular academic programs.

CURRICULUM

Mathematics: In 9th grade, the curriculum includes logic, sets, equations and inequalities, triangles and data, counting and probability ; in 10th grade, data, counting and probability, functions, polynomials, quadratic equations and functions, quadrilaterals, polygons and solids; in 11th grade, trigonometry, analytic geometry, application of functions, equations and inequalities, circle, data and probability ; in 12th grade, logarithm, trigonometry, limit, derivative and integral.

AP Calculus AB: In 11th and 12th grade, students can follow the AP Curriculum in addition to their regular mathematics curriculum. AP Calculus AB is offered as a supplementary course and conducted as an afterschool class.

Physics: In 9th grade, the curriculum includes introduction to physics, matter and its properties, motion and force, energy, heat and temperature and electrostatic; in 10th grade, electricity and magnetism, pressure and buoyancy, waves, and optics; in 11th grade, force and motion, electricity and magnetism; in 12th grade, uniform circular motion, simple harmonic motion, wave mechanics, introduction to atomic physics and radioactivity, modern physics, application of modern physics in technology.

AP Physics 1: In 11th and 12th grade, students can follow the AP Curriculum in addition to their regular physics curriculum. AP Physics 1 is offered as a supplementary course and conducted as an afterschool class.

Chemistry: In 9th and 10th grades, the curriculum includes the subjects in general chemistry; in 11th grades, analytical and physical chemistry and in 12th grade, electrochemistry and organic chemistry.

AP Chemistry: In 11th and 12th grade, students can follow the AP Curriculum in addition to their regular chemistry curriculum. AP Chemistry is offered as a supplementary course and conducted as an afterschool class.

Biology: In 9th grade, the curriculum includes the subjects such as; life science biology, the cell and world of living things; in 10th grade, cell division, common rules of inheritance, our world; in 11th grade, human physiology, population ecology; in 12th grade, from gene to protein, energy transformation in living things, plant biology, living things and environment.

AP Computer Science: In 11th and 12th grade, students can follow the AP Curriculum. AP Computer Science A is offered as a supplementary course and conducted as an afterschool class.

AP Microeconomics: In 11th and 12th grade, students can follow the AP Curriculum. AP Microeconomics is offered as a supplementary course and conducted as an afterschool class.

AP Macroeconomics: In 10th, 11th and 12th grade, students can follow the AP Curriculum. AP Macroeconomics is offered as a supplementary course school and conducted as an afterschool class.

English and Second Foreign Languages: The Prep English program is a one-year intensive program of 20 hours per week. The Main Course is mainly grammar based, with elements of the four skills. The Reading Writing program develops reading competencies and sentence and paragraph structure. In Listening and Speaking students develop these skills and implement them through presentations. For second foreign language study the students are offered a choice of French, German or Spanish. The end of prep target in English is B1 + (intermediate) in CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference) and A1 in German, French or Spanish. In grades 9-12, the aim of the English program is to develop intercultural communicative competence through an exposition of mainly English and American literature. Thus, students read a selection of texts including classical and contemporary prose and poetry.

Essay writing is embedded in the literature course. In 11th grade students are offered a TOEFL IBT Preparatory program at the end of which they are required to sit the official exam. The end of high school target in English is C1-C2 (advanced) in CEFR. The end of high school target in German, French and Spanish is A2-B1 (intermediate) according to CEFR.

PROJECTS & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Arts (design, painting, printing, collage, sculpture, marbling, photography, mosaics, ceramics), **Music** (choir, piano, violin, flute, orchestra), **Drama**, **Sports** (soccer, basketball, volleyball, tennis, ping pong, folk dancing and modern dance), **Service Learning Club**, **Model United Nations Club**, **Destination Imagination Club**, **Debate Club** are some of the major extra-curricular activities that take place on our campus. High school students are encouraged to participate in projects such as Math, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Geography, Art, Music and History in national and international competitions. Many students and their projects have received numerous prestigious awards from organizations like **TUBITAK** (Scientific & Technological Research Council of Turkey), **The Math Olympics**, **Mind Games**, **Math League**, **Beamline for Schools (BL4S)**, **Stockholm Water Prize**, **South Eastern Mediterranean Environment Project**, **Istanbul Children and Youth Art Biennial**, **Waterloo University Math Contests**, **International Basic Sciences Knowledge Contest**, **University of Toronto National Biology Competition**, **eTwinning**, along with service learning projects including **The Duke of Edinburgh Award**.

GRADING SCALE

85-100	Excellent
70-84.99	Good
60-69.99	Fair
50-59.99	Pass
0-49.99	Fail

İŞIK Schools do not report ranking. GPA is calculated by weighting each subject according to the number of hours per week. Transcripts are issued for each semester.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION

CLASS OF 2015	#	DISTRIBUTION OF GRADES	CLASS OF 2014	#	DISTRIBUTION OF GRADES	CLASS OF 2013	#	DISTRIBUTION OF GRADES
# of graduates	73	12 earned 85-100	# of graduates	79	11 earned 85-100	# of graduates	80	4 earned 85-100
Highest GPA	95.19	36 earned 70-84	Highest GPA	95.11	33 earned 70-84	Highest GPA	93.34	23 earned 70-84
Median GPA	75.23	25 earned 55-69	Median GPA	72.05	35 earned 55-69	Median GPA	64.05	43 earned 55-69
Lowest GPA	57.96	0 earned 45-54	Lowest GPA	55.18	0 earned 45-54	Lowest GPA	47.33	10 earned 45-54

CLASS OF 2017	#	DISTRIBUTION OF GRADES	CLASS OF 2018	#	DISTRIBUTION OF GRADES	CLASS OF 2019	#	DISTRIBUTION OF GRADES
# of graduates	60	23 85-100	# of graduates	51	12 85-100	# of graduates	74	19 85-100
Highest GPA	95.32	26 70-84	Highest GPA	95.02	21 70-84	Highest GPA	97.80	44 70-84
Median GPA	64.02	11 55-69	Median GPA	77.30	18 55-69	Median GPA	79.76	11 55-69
Lowest GPA	82.62	0 45-54	Lowest GPA	56.70	0 45-54	Lowest GPA	64.43	0 45-54

CLASS OF 2020	#	DISTRIBUTION OF GRADES
# of graduates	84	33 85-100
Highest GPA	98.07	39 70-84
Median GPA	84.14	12 55-69
Lowest GPA	60.48	0 45-54

