

# KINDERGARTEN AND PRESCHOOL AT ISF

The ISF Kindergarten and Preschool is located in a secluded part of the school with a welcoming, safe, and well-equipped play area. It provides a wonderful introduction to learning and socialization within a warm and friendly international environment. Each group has dedicated Kindergarten teachers and Kindergarten assistants.

## BILDUNGS- UND ERZIEHUNGSPLAN (BEP) AND SABIS®

The ISF Kindergarten and Preschool follows the Bildungs- und Erziehungsplan (BEP) in Hesse as well the SABIS® Educational System™. After a settling-in period, children start to feel comfortable in the group, learning new concepts every day through free play, as well as socializing with the other children and learning to respect others. As their self-esteem and self-confidence increases, they become more independent, taking on roles such as door holder, line leader and board wiper, as well as keeping the room tidy and putting on their shoes by themselves.

As ISF has a large body of international families, children learn English from an early age through the SABIS® program. They learn to recognize colours, shapes and sounds. In Preschool they are introduced to numbers and letters. Fine motor skills are developed with tracing and curve-drawing exercises in preparation for Grade 1.





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In addition, all children learn German, including the traditional songs, rhymes and games. We also celebrate local festivals such as Laternenfest as well as some other international festivals. Creative skills are encouraged with art and music, and gross motor skills are developed during P.E. in the school gym.

## THE KINDERGARTEN / PRESCHOOL DAY

Kindergarten and Preschool starts at 08:00 and all children should arrive by 08:20. Kindergarten finishes at 15:05 and Preschool at 15:25. There are various breaks as well as a lunch break. Kindergarten children have a nap after lunch.

ISF offers an Extended Day program for children from Kindergarten to Grade 4 until 17:45. This is included in the fees. Children also have the opportunity to participate in activities such as crafts, music, language and sports. Music concerts take place twice a year in winter and summer.

## ADMISSION

Children applying to Kindergarten must turn 3, and children applying to Preschool must turn 4 by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the year they will enter the program. They must be able to communicate, follow simple instructions, feed and dress themselves, and should be toilet-trained. It is possible to arrange a short visit of around one hour to experience the Kindergarten or Preschool. This can be discussed with the Admissions Department during the campus tour.

## SETTLING IN PERIOD FOR NEW STUDENTS

For the first three days a parent must stay with the child to help them settle into their new environment. Initially children stay for half a day and then move on to a full day when they are ready.

