

International School of Dakar

ISD CORE Values: Creativity, Open-Mindedness, Responsibility, and Excellence



ISD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FACT SHEET

ISD Students at a Glance

560 Students Total (PK3 through Grade 12)
290 in Elementary School (PK3 through Grade 5)
Over 60 nationalities school-wide

ISD School Day

PK3 and PK4: 8.30am to 12.00pm

- Students are dropped off at the classroom after 8.00am. Pick-up is at 12.00pm from classroom; gate sign-out.
- Preschool students do not stay on campus for lunch, and playground not available after 12:00 due to ES recess.
- ISD does not run an After School Activities program for the preschool students.
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Kindergarten through Grade 5: 8.30am to 3.20pm

- Students are dropped off at ISD after 8.00am, as there is no supervision before that time.
- **Pick-up is at 3.20pm. K-5 children are picked up from their teacher by their parent/guardian (ISD MS/HS siblings are not permitted to pick up elementary siblings)**
- After 3:20, K-5 children may play on campus, but **ONLY IF WATCHED BY THEIR OWN PARENT/GUARDIAN**. They are not permitted to play in any of the building areas after school.
- Grades K-5 wait in the main office if they are not picked up on time. This is for security and safety reasons.

School Lunch and Snacks

Students may either bring a lunch from home or order lunch from Shady Shack, the canteen we have on campus. Orders for lunches are made on a weekly basis by filling out the menu form found in the main office or in ISD's weekly online newsletter, The Jaguar Journal. Parents or students bring the menu and their money directly to Shady Shack each week. Parents are also asked to send in a healthy, mid-morning snack. Please read our Snack and Lunch Guidelines – essentially, no candy, sodas, or chips.

After School Activities

ISD offers numerous After School Activities that provide new experiences in academics, sports, and special interests. Most activities are free, but some instructors charge a fee. Activities have included pottery, soccer, chess, dance, photography, and others.

Transportation and Dress Code

ISD does not provide bus service for families. There is no school uniform. Students should wear comfortable, appropriate clothes. The ISD dress code can be found in the Parent-Student Handbook.

School Supplies

Students are not required to bring any supplies with them. ISD provides school supplies to each child. The cost for this is included in tuition and fees

Class Size



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ISD is committed to small class-size. In our Elementary School, we have one PK3 class, with a maximum of 16 students. We have two PK4 classes, with a maximum of 36 students (18 students per section). For Kindergarten through Grade 5, we have two sections at each grade level with a maximum number of 40 students per grade (20 students per section).

6-Day Rotation Schedule

ISD follows a 6-day rotation for specials classes. This approach preserves the sequence of specials lessons and reduces the likelihood of repeatedly missing the same specials class. The 6-day rotation schedule can be found on the main ISD Elementary School page of our website.

Absences/Tardies

Parents should call the front office at 33.825.0871 or 33.860.2332 by 8.30am if their child is to be absent that day. If your child arrives after 8.40am, s/he must be signed in at the front office before proceeding to class.

CORE Values

At ISD, we are developing lifelong learners. This effort is supported by the CORE values, which are at the heart of our mission. They are: Creativity, Open-mindedness, Responsibility, and Excellence. Children in the Elementary School are challenged to aspire to these values – we reflect upon them often and they are celebrated in school assemblies.

Faculty & Staff

Elementary students at ISD are taught by one grade-level class teacher and several specialist teachers. Special subjects at ISD include: Art, Physical Education, Computers, Music, ELL, and French.

Our faculty and staff have teaching experience in over 55 countries. ISD has 65 teachers and teaching assistants.

Each section of PK3 through Grade 2 has one class teacher as well as a teaching assistant. Each section of Grades 3 through 5 has one class teacher and an assistant who is shared by the two classrooms.

ISD has learning-support staff to provide additional assistance where necessary. Please visit the learning support pages of our website for details on the level of learning support that ISD can provide.

ISD has a nurse on staff to provide health services for the school community, health promotion activities in and out of the classroom, and to serve as a point of contact for parents who have concerns about their children. The office is open daily.

Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)

The PTO is a voluntary service organization made up of parents and teachers who sponsor and manage fundraisers and community-building events. PTO participation not only gives parents the opportunity to learn more about the school environment, it also offers a quick way to make new friends and learn about the many cultures represented here.

ISD Communications

- ISD's school-wide online newsletter, *The Jaguar Journal*, is emailed to all parents every week.
- Targeted emails go out to parents regularly
- All school events are also posted on the school calendar and are noted in the weekly *Jaguar Journal* update.
- Teachers email parents to let them know about upcoming items of interest that are student or class-specific.



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- A bulletin board with Sports and Activities information stands under the trees by the playground.
- Open House is a welcome to the classroom evening held once at the start of the school year.
- “Unpacking the Classroom” (K-2) and “Goal-sharing” (Gr 3-5) conferences held in October.
- Parent-teacher conferences are held in November for only parents and teachers.
- Student-led conferences are held in March, involving students, teachers and parents
- Report cards and mid-terms are sent home 4 times/year – parents must sign and return a report card envelope.
- In addition, ISD’s website (www.isdakar.org) is a wonderful resource both for new and returning parents.



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