



BISHKEK INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

PRIMARY SCHOOL PROFILE

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VISION AND MISSION

- BIS' Vision is to be the best international school in Central Asia providing inspirational education in a happy environment for globally minded students who are the leaders of the future.
- Our Mission is to enable our students to:
 - Develop their intellectual curiosity and achieve their academic, sporting and creative potential;
 - Be confident in their abilities and respectful of others;
 - Learn about local and global issues and prepare to tackle common challenges.
- In a school which:
 - Delivers and celebrates excellent teaching for internationally accredited education;
 - Values diversity;
 - Contributes positively to development of the Kyrgyz Republic.

- Students are offered 7 foreign language choices across the entire school, with French, Russian, Madarin, and Kyrgyz offered to Primary Years students. Options for Spanish, German, Japanese, are available in certain grades and levels.
- Purpose built, secure, campus, with 3 fully equipped Science laboratories, drama hall, indoor sports court, Computer laboratory, 12,000+ book library, outdoor football field and basketball court, wi-fi accessible campus, common areas, etc.

PRIMARY CURRICULUM AND ACCREDITATION

International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme is offered from Preschool 2 -Primary 6

- 6- six week 'Unit of Inquiries' following central ideas in a transdisciplinary model.
- Learning Outcomes and Benchmarks taught and assessed at BIS align with American and British standards, ensuring students are able to transfer smoothly into other international schools.
- 'Scope and Sequence' documents outlining Learning Outcomes and Conceptual Understandings are followed in the following subjects:
 - English Language
 - Foreign Language(s)
 - Mathematics
 - Social Studies
 - Sciences
 - Personal, Social, and Physical Education (Covering Dance and P.E.)
 - Visual Arts
 - Music
- Foreign Languages- Students begin studying a foreign language at the age of 5 (Primary 1)
 - French or Mandarin (twice weekly)
 - Russian (twice weekly)
 - EAL (in lieu of foreign language if determined by school)
 - All Students take 15 minutes of Kyrgyz Language every day, allowing them to appreciate local language and culture.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

- Bishkek International School (BIS) is a liberal secular non-profit community school, founded in 2010 and opened in September 2011.
- Current enrolment is 250 students, with a Primary School comprising of approximately 110 students.
- BIS is a candidate school for –New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), with full accreditation expected in the Fall of 2018.
- BIS employs 54 part-time and full-time teachers. This provides the learning community with a 5-1 student-teacher ratio.
- BIS' student body includes representatives of over 30 nationalities, with 44% Kyrgyz Citizens and 56% from countries worldwide.
- Mother tongue: 33 different mother tongues amongst our school's student body, with English as the main language of communication in the school.



ADMISSIONS AGE REQUIREMENTS

- Primary 1- Age by 1 September: 5 years
- Primary 2- Age by 1 September: 6 years
- Primary 3- Age by 1 September: 7 years
- Primary 4- Age by 1 September: 8 years
- Primary 5- Age by 1 September: 9 years
- Primary 6- Age by 1 September: 10 years

While BIS admissions policy aligns with the provided minimum ages above, previous school reports and other factors can affect admissions.

CLASS SIZE

Regular enrolment for Primary classes ends at 18. With the last two spaces, (19 and 20) being reserved only for siblings of students enrolled elsewhere in school, or for dependents of certain international teaching staff. Therefore, no class can exceed 20 students in the Primary School. As of last year, we have two Primary 4 classes to accommodate 24 students. There are also tentative plans to add additional Primary classes to accommodate growth, this would effectively make class size smaller for at least the following year. The current breakdown of class sizes for the 2017/18 academic year is as follows (these numbers fluctuate throughout the year)

- Primary 1- 18 students
- Primary 2- 19 students
- Primary 3- 18 students
- Primary 4A- 12 students
- Primary 4G- 12 students
- Primary 5- 17 students
- Primary 6- 15 students

FACULTY

As reflected in the diversity of the student body, our teachers also represent many different cultures and nationalities. Primary School teachers come from France, Japan, Kyrgyz Republic, Colombia, Poland, U.S.A, U.K., Australia. There are over 26 part-time and full-time Primary School teaching staff. This creates a Student/Faculty ratio in the Primary School at: 4/1.

STUDENT BODY

The Primary School student body is the most multi-cultural, and diverse, section of the school with no single class having a majority of any nationality.

- Female: 55% Male: 45%
- 40 local students, 71 international students.
- Number of Nationalities: 22

SPORTS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students in the Primary Years are able to participate in sports as extra-curricular activities. Sports available for Primary School students include Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Swimming, and Cross-Country.

Primary extra-curricular activities offered from Sep.-Dec. 2017 included:

- Basketball (P3-P6)
- Cosmic Yoga (P1-P6)
- Rock Climbing (P3-P6)
- Board games (P1-P4)
- Art therapy (P3-P6)
- Silent reading (P1-P6)
- Homework club (P1-P6)
- Soccer (P1-P6)
- Baking club (P1-P3)
- Etiquette (P1-P6)
- Puzzle game (P1-P4)
- Computer games (P1-P6)
- Guitar (P5-P6)
- Anniversary show (participants only)
- Chess (P1-P6)
- Crafts (P1-P6)
- Lego (P1-P4)
- Cross country (P4-P6)
- Ballet (P1-P4)
- Art studio (P1-P4)
- Miniature plasticine art making (P1-P4)
- Mixed games (P1-P6)
- Choir (P2-P6)
- Jewelry making (P5-P6)
- Mahjong (P5-P6)
- Reading club (P1-P2)
- Wushu (P2-P6)
- Raz-Plus (P1-P6)
- Story writing (P5-P6)
- Gymnastics (P3-P4)
- Mental arithmetic (P3-P6)
- Mini-Chess Level 1 (P1-P2)
- Taekwondo (P4-P6)