

«We could not be happier with Academia Bilingual School! It is a relatively little school which has been growing a lot in the past few years. It is well organised, with a familiar feel, lovely premises and an amazing art studio. The teachers and the headmaster really go over and beyond to make sure all children thrive, learn and behave well. The school is inclusive and attention is given to all children, in collaboration with the families. Very recommended.»

Mutter aus dem Kanton Baselland

«Tolle Schule! Lehrpersonen, Schulleiter und Administration – alle sind super herzlich und fördern die individuelle Entwicklung der Kinder ambitioniert, spielerisch und mit viel Herzblut.»

Mutter aus dem Kanton Basel-Stadt

«We are very grateful for this amazing school. We just moved to Basel and there was a lot to adapt including learning the language. My introverted kids felt home from the first day and felt welcome. We, as parents, felt home right away as well. The teachers, the principal and staff are extremely loving, welcoming and open minded. My kids have been to three schools before this one and it is by far the best. I cannot recommend this school enough.»

Mother originally from the USA / Turkey

«Ein Ort, an dem sowohl unser Kind als auch wir Eltern mit viel Herz, Professionalität und Respekt aufgenommen wurden.»

Vater aus dem Kanton Basel-Stadt



Fact Sheet
Bilingual School Basel



«We would really like to recognize your unwavering passion, positive drive, empathy, warm care and support.»

Mother originally from the USA

About us

Academia Bilingual School at a glance

Founded in Basel in 2010, our day school offers a consistent approach to immersive bilingual education (German/English) from kindergarten to Year 6. We follow a blended version of the Cambridge International Curriculum and Lehrplan 21 (the national curriculum of Switzerland), which affords our pupils a broad array of options as they move into senior school studies.

How we guarantee academic success

We support each child individually.

- ✓ Highly qualified mother tongue teachers
- ✓ Small classes
- ✓ Booster lessons in English or German for new students

We convey more than knowledge.

- ✓ Special attention on logical and creative thinking
- ✓ Eloquence in at least two languages
- ✓ Targeted promotion of self-reliance, capacity for teamwork, motivation and respect

We offer a variety of connecting options.

- ✓ Targeted preparation for secondary schools, such as the Pre-IGCSE-programme of Academia International School
- ✓ Transition agreement with the Canton Basel-Stadt

We have an international orientation.

- ✓ Consistent bilingual teaching according to the Swiss Curriculum (Lehrplan 21) and the Cambridge International Curriculum
- ✓ Teachers and students from Switzerland as well as all over the world
- ✓ Promotion of cultural awareness by means of diverse projects

We can also look after your child outside lesson times.

- ✓ Flexible before and after school care
- ✓ Varied extracurricular programme
- ✓ Holiday programme during 6 weeks per year
- ✓ School bus for a safe journey to and from school

Registration



Contact us

Contact us to arrange an admission meeting.



Admission meeting

The admission meeting gives us an opportunity to get to know the student and the family.



Recommendation and reports

We ask for a recommendation from the current school and the most recent report card.



Insight week

Students can register for non-binding trial days at our school.



Decision

Students, families and the school then decide whether our school is the right choice for the student.



Kindergarten

Playfully discovering new worlds

The atmosphere in our bilingual kindergarten is caring and open. The perfectly natural co-existence of German and English allows children to immerse themselves in both languages and learn without pressure. We attach great importance to the children developing strong relationships in an attentive and warm learning environment. We value the individual nature of each child and support positive social and emotional development through considered interactions.

This makes us unique

- ✓ Qualified and experienced kindergarten teachers with assistant teachers before, during and after lessons
- ✓ Bilingual learning material
- ✓ Extensive recreational activities programme
- ✓ Weekly outdoor education programme with trained specialist

Primary School School life

Fun while learning

Our bilingual primary school offers children an ideal environment for an enjoyable and relaxed learning experience, helping them to become self-confident, responsible, creative and committed personalities. We attach respectful behaviour based on a positive behavioural tone. Our experienced native-speaking teachers support the children individually, awaken the joy of learning in them and encourage them to give their best. Small classes allow us to focus on individual requirements.

This makes us unique

- ✓ Committed and experienced native-speaking teachers
- ✓ Individual support by additional teachers
- ✓ Bilingual teaching material
- ✓ Additional lessons in the core languages (German, English) for new students
- ✓ Extensive recreational activities programme
- ✓ Annual outdoor education and ski camps from Year 3 and Year 4 respectively
- ✓ Homework supervision

Schooling options after primary school

Because we follow a consistent approach to bilingual teaching and adhere to both the Basel-Stadt Cantonal Curriculum (Lehrplan 21) and the Cambridge International Curriculum, all further educational pathways are always open to our students.

- ✓ Transition to our bilingual secondary school followed by the English College at Academia International School
- ✓ Transition to our German speaking secondary school at Academia Primar & Sek
- ✓ Exam-free transition to public schooling due to a transition agreement with the Canton Basel-Stadt

Before and after school care

As a day school, we offer a comprehensive and flexible range of childcare before and after school as well as engaging holiday clubs.

Timetable

08:00 – 08:30	Arrival of students
08:30 – 10:00	Lessons
10:00 – 10:20	Recess
10:20 – 11:50	Lessons
11:50 – 13:15	Lunch
13:15 – 14:45/16:00*	Lessons
14:45/16:00 – 18:00	Flexible after school care: free play and clubs

*The obligatory school day ends at 14:45 with complimentary language support or homework rooms offered daily till 15:45. On Wednesday, classes end at 11.50, followed by flexible after school care from 11:50 – 18.00.

- ✓ After school clubs from free play to swimming, cooking to coding and football to dance. A broad mix are offered throughout the week.
- ✓ School bus with pick up and/or drop off available.
- ✓ Holiday clubs throughout the year rooted in exploring our local area.
- ✓ Events, a rich mix of adventures and cultural activities are enjoyed by our students and parents annually. Project weeks, art exhibitions, school fetes and carnival are just a few.
- ✓ Private instrumental music offered onsite for piano and guitar enthusiasts.
- ✓ Annual ski and outdoor education camps are embedded in our calendar.
- ✓ Project weeks, sports and buddy days, Halloween, reading and writing challenges alongside a number of community based events are engaged in throughout the year, also with parents.

Interschool Sports

Our students, the Academia Wolves, participate in an array of interschool sports activities throughout the school year with other private schools in the Basel region. These tournaments and competitions are aimed at fostering a healthy interest in sport in general and forging friendships.



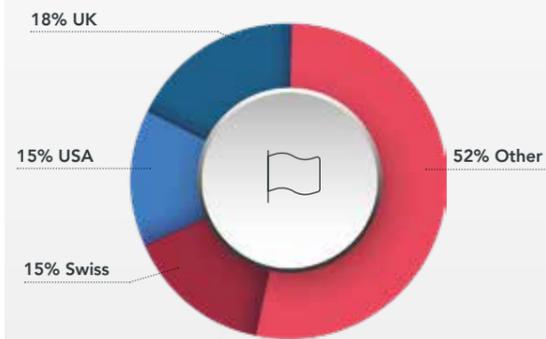
Our community Our school

Our students

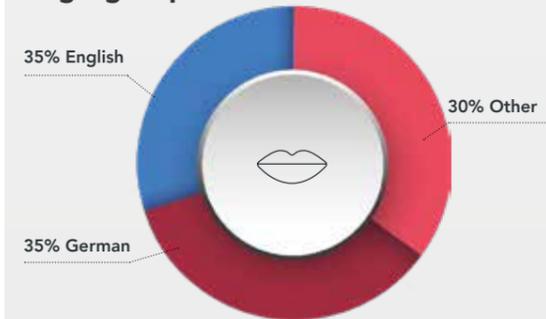
We are a small school by design to meet the needs of the individual in a familiar learning community. Our school has around 100 students from more than 20 nations.

Interestingly we have noted bilingual education is continually becoming more popular with monolingual families which aligns with the measured success and popularity of such educational programmes.

Nationalities



Languages spoken



Our team

Our teaching team brings a great mix of experience, passion and commitment to our school. We are proud that the majority of our teaching team have been with us for an extended period of time. Swiss, German, French, British, American, Canadian and Australian teachers make up our teaching staff.

Location

From October 2024, we shall move into a new premises at Hochstrasse 16 in Gundeldingen, Basel, just 150m from Basel SBB. In short, this location, spaced over 3 levels, will together comfortably house Academia Bilingual School, Academia International School and our senior school Academia Matura under one roof.

Facilities

- ✔ More than 25 bright, well-equipped classrooms in tailored sizes for a diversity of lessons
- ✔ Various specialist rooms: Art & design, science labs, music classes, exams, library, and much more
- ✔ A large multifunctional auditorium with a stage, which will adapt conveniently between sport, theatre or canteen areas
- ✔ Spacious indoor and outdoor recreation areas

Our partners

Academia Group

Academia Bilingual School is part of the Academia Group, one of the largest education providers in Switzerland. We benefit from the exchange with our sister schools in Winterthur and Küssnacht and Academia International School in Basel, Winterthur and Zurich.

Academia International School

We will be sharing the school building with Academia International School from autumn 2024. This English-language school teaches children and young people from kindergarten to International A Level. Our pupils can transfer to the Pre-IGCSE programme, which is run with a unique bilingual concept, without examinations after Year 6.

Academia Primar & Sek

Our German speaking school in Reinach offers a personalised education as its top priority. This affords students the opportunity to find the ideal solution for their future whether that be an apprenticeship or further educational studies.

Other partners

