



Backyard – Playground



Classroom



Kindergarten

«We would really like to recognize your unwavering passion, positive drive, empathy, warm care and support as you continue teaching and engaging with children despite challenging environment around us currently. A big heartfelt thank you to you.»

Mother originally from the USA

«1.5 years ago we decided to change our two children to Academia. We can say with a clear conscience that we are very happy about this decision. It was the right one. Especially now through this difficult time of the Covid-19 we feel very well cared for and looked after. I would also like to say thank you to the teachers and the school management for the great support.»

Family from Canton Basel-Stadt

«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 organized, 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.»

Mother from Canton Baselland

«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



Fact Sheet
Bilingual School Basel



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.

Our partners

Academia International School

Academia International School prepares young people from Year 7 for the internationally recognised IGCSE and International A Levels. Our Pre-IGCSE-programme (Year 7 and 8) is run with a unique bilingual concept, while the IGCSE- and A-Level-programme forms the ideal preparation for various further educational pathways such as university studies in Switzerland and abroad.

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 Partner



Entry

Academic success

Our dedication to smaller classes compliments our commitment to differentiation and individual differences. Internal assessments support targeted learning against both international and national standards. Each year we place a large amount of students successfully into our college or local programmes.

We welcome new students warmly. Our language booster lessons entail additional support in the second language to help newcomers commence at our school. Our students have normal or above-average aptitude. They have good learning habits and strong social skills. Admission is based on an interview, student recommendation from the current school, past report card and trial days where possible.

Connection to Swiss state schools

For many families, a bilingual education is a soft landing into Swiss life and education. Students achieving at our school are typically successful should they venture into other educational systems throughout their schooling. Our school is cantonally recognised for the transition to secondary after Year 6. This means no examination is necessary to access state school pathways, rather the strength of our school report cards are accepted, thus easing this burden.

Registration



School life

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.

Additional offers

- ✓ Booster lessons, supervised homework time complement our core programme and are within the standard tuition fees.
- ✓ After school clubs from free play to swimming, cooking to coding and football to dance. A broad mix is offered through the week.
- ✓ School bus with pick up and/or drop off available.
- ✓ Holiday clubs throughout the year rooted in exploring our local area.
- ✓ Professional chef preparing a balanced menu plan onsite.
- ✓ Kindergarten weekly outdoor education programme with trained specialist.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ The Academia Wolves demonstrate their athletic skills in various team sports during matches in our school or against other school teams, where they not only learn how to win and lose, but also get to know team spirit and fair play.

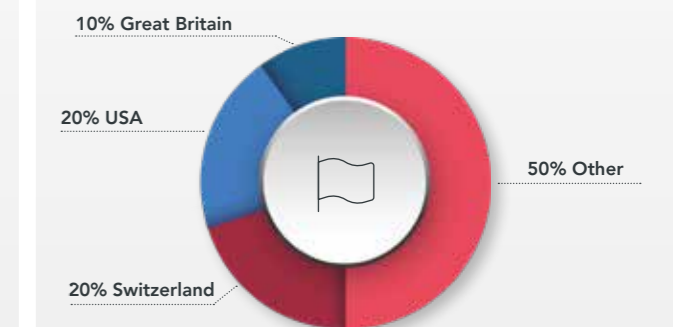


Our community

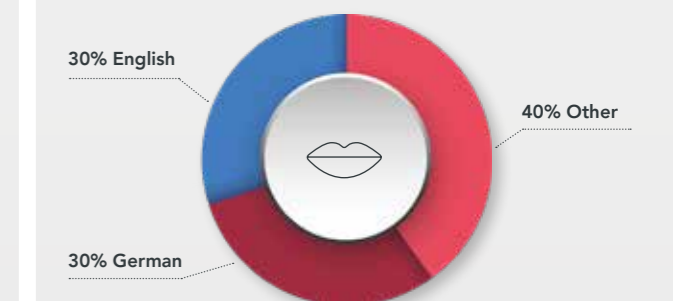
Student population

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



What our students say

«I love the meals, especially when we are treated to home made spätzli»
«Holiday clubs are fun because we get to explore a lot of things around Basel we wouldn't typically venture to with our friends»