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Bringing an International Education to the German International School Chicago *The German International School Chicago achieves International Baccalaureate World School status*

The German International School Chicago (GISC) has today become the newest member of an ever-growing global community of more than 4,500 schools offering the International Baccalaureate (IB) in 147 countries worldwide.

The IB has a positive impact on students, schools, and their wider communities with learning going well beyond the classroom. Due to the concept-based nature of the IB, the students learn skills they are able to easily apply to any life situation. The IB's unique and innovative approach to learning means both students and teachers are genuinely engaged with the programs and benefit from being a part of an unparalleled global network. Students are able to participate in international conferences and educators work with their peers internationally to ensure that the IB remains at the cutting edge of international education.

GISC's Director Petra Obritzberger says:

"We wanted to offer our students a more holistic education which will instill in them the skills, knowledge, and outlook to succeed in the future, both in their local and global communities. We are delighted to become an IB World School and we look forward to building GISC further both figuratively by reaping the many benefits of the IB program and literally by moving to a bigger campus in early 2018! It's definitely been very exciting times at GISC!"

Katharina Koch, IB Coordinator at GISC, says:

"The IB is recognized across the world for its innovative approach to education. We strongly believe that it is important to place an equal focus on academics and other, transferable skills, in order to best prepare students for success beyond school."

That the German International School Chicago has now successfully completed the authorization process marks an exciting time for GISC, and more importantly, for the students who will benefit from an IB education.

The German International School Chicago has rolling admissions. Upcoming Open Houses are Fridays from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon on January 5th, January 19th, February 2nd, February 9th, March 2nd, and March 16th. Private school tours are available upon request throughout the school year. Please contact GISC at 773-880-8812 or admissions@germanschoolchicago.com.



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About the German International School Chicago:

The German International School Chicago (GISC) is an independent, not-for-profit, bilingual IB World School. Since opening its doors in 2009, GISC has grown to over 100 students from Pre-K through Middle School. Every school year, a grade level is added. During the 2017-2018 school year, our oldest students are currently in 7th grade, and for the 2018-2019 school year, an 8th grade will be added. GISC intends to grow to the completion of high school.

GISC's curriculum is taught mainly in German with an intercultural approach. GISC students work on transdisciplinary units with global perspectives within the framework of the International Baccalaureate (IB). Low student/teacher ratios enable students to learn in a supportive and individualized environment that nurtures curiosity and creativity while fostering global awareness. GISC students – fluent in German and English – will become well-rounded, creative, responsible, and tolerant global citizens. GISC welcomes students of all backgrounds and nationalities. The current student body represents 30 different nationalities. It is a very open-minded, diverse, positive, and international learning institution with a strong sense of community.

GISC is an IB World School offering the Primary Years Programme (PYP) of the International Baccalaureate (IB). GISC is also a Provisional Member of the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS), is recognized as a DSD school by the Central Agency for German Schools Abroad (ZfA), and is an official PASCH Partner School.

About the International Baccalaureate:

Founded in 1968, the International Baccalaureate (IB) is a non-profit foundation, which offers four high-quality and challenging educational programs for a worldwide community of schools. For close to 50 years, IB programs have gained a reputation for their rigor and high academic standards, for preparing students for life in a globalized 21st century, and for helping to develop citizens who will create a better, more peaceful world. Currently, more than 1.3 million IB students attend over 4,500 schools in 147 countries. To learn more, please visit www.ibo.org.