

ISR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
ON THE RHINE

ISR POLICY DOCUMENT

ISR HIGH SCHOOL
DIPLOMA
REQUIREMENTS

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ISR High School Diploma Requirement

Please note that these requirements are the *minimum* requirement to graduate.

Version: 1.0.0 for AY 23/24 and onwards

This document outlines the path to graduation at ISR. For ease of understanding, this document is divided into the following sections:

- 1. General School Regulations and Policies**
- 2. ISR High School Diploma Requirements**

1. General School Regulations and Policies

1.1 ISR Regulation Framework

This policy amends and/or clarifies all ISR policies for G9 to G12 learners.

In particular,

- ISR Parent / Student Handbook
- ISR Academic Honesty Policy
- IB Contract
- IGCSE Contract
- ISR Academic Probation Contract (if applicable)

1.2 Earning Credits at ISR

The framework for the ISR High School Diploma encompasses all courses from Grade 9 to Grade 12. To earn an individual credit, learners must successfully complete a course within the respective school year with a passing grade. Retaking exams after

the school year is not permitted for achieving passing grades. Generally, all courses at ISR are equivalent to 1 credit unless stated otherwise.

For learners enrolling at ISR after Grade 9, credits accumulated from other educational institutions may be utilized to fulfill the minimum credit requirement.

Any accommodation must receive written approval from senior management and be documented in the learner’s file.

2. ISR High School Diploma Requirements

2.1 Minimum Credit Requirement

Learners must earn a minimum of 26 credits in courses between Grade 9 to Grade 12.

2.2 Subject Courses Requirements

The minimum of 26 credits must be earned in the following subject area courses:

4 Credits = Language Arts Courses (IB Group 1)	
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G9 English IGCSE • G10 English IGCSE • G11 IB English Language and Literature SL or HL • G11 IB English Literature SL or HL • G12 IB English Language and Literature SL or HL • G12 IB English Literature SL or HL
German	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G9 German Language • G9 German Differentiation • G10 German Language • G10 German Differentiation • G11 IB German Language and Literature SL or HL • G11 IB German Literature SL or HL • G12 IB German Language and Literature SL or HL • G12 IB German Literature SL or HL
Japanese	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G9 Japanese Literature • G10 Japanese Literature • G11 IB Japanese Literature SL or HL

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G12 IB Japanese Literature SL or HL
Chinese	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G9 Chinese Literature • G10 Chinese Literature • G11 IB Chinese Literature SL or HL • G12 IB Chinese Literature SL or HL
IB Self Taught	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G11 IB Self Taught in an approved Language SL • G12 IB Self Taught in an approved Language SL

4 Credits = Foreign Languages Courses (IB Group 2)

→ Two of the Credits in this category must be earned consecutively in the same language

English (as foreign language)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G9 English IB Preparation (A2) • G10 English IB Preparation (B1) • G11 IB English B SL or HL (B1) • G12 IB English B SL or HL (B2)
German (as foreign language)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G9 German Foreign 1 (A1) • G9 German Foreign 2 (A2) • G9 German Foreign 3 (B1) • G9 German Foreign 4 (B2) • G10 German Foreign 1 (A1) • G10 German Foreign 2 (A2) • G10 German Foreign 3 (B1) • G11 IB German B SL or HL (B1) • G11 IB German ab initio SL (A1) • G12 IB German B SL or HL (B2) • G12 IB German ab initio SL (A2)
French	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G9 French IGCSE (A2) • G9 French DELF (A2) • G10 French IGCSE (A2) • G10 French DELF (B1) • G11 IB French Language B SL or HL (B1) • G11 IB French ab initio SL (A1) • G12 IB French Language B SL or HL (B2) • G12 IB French ab initio SL (A2)
Spanish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G9 Spanish Foreign (A1) • G9 Spanish IGCSE (A2) • G9 Spanish DELE (A2) • G10 Spanish IGCSE (B1) • G10 Spanish DELE (B1) • G11 IB Spanish Language B SL or HL (B1) • G11 IB Spanish ab initio SL (A1)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G12 IB Spanish Language B SL or HL (B2) • G12 IB Spanish ab initio SL (A2)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any other Language Arts Course Credit (Mother Tongue) which has not been used in the Language Arts Courses (IB Group 1) section • The reference levels indicated in the brackets refer to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) Framework (A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2) • Special accommodation for learners entering ISR in G8 or later require documentation and written approval by the school management. They have to be documented in the learner's file 	

4 Credits = Social Studies Courses (IB Group 3)	
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G9 History IGCSE Introduction (= 0.5 Credits) • G10 History IGCSE • G11 IB History SL or HL • G12 IB History SL or HL
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G9 Geography IGCSE Introduction (= 0.5 Credits) • G10 Geography IGCSE • G11 IB Geography SL or HL • G12 IB Geography SL or HL
Economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G9 Economics IGCSE Introduction (= 0.5 Credits) • G10 Economics IGCSE • G11 IB Economics SL or HL • G12 IB Economics SL or HL
Business Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G9 Business Management IGCSE Introduction (= 0.5 Credits) • G10 Business Management IGCSE • G11 IB Business Management SL or HL • G12 IB Business Management SL or HL

4 Credits = Science Courses (IB Group 4)	
→ Three of the Credits in this category must be earned consecutively in the same Science	
Physics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G9 Physics IGCSE • G10 Physics IGCSE • G11 IB Physics SL or HL • G12 IB Physics SL or HL
Chemistry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G9 Chemistry IGCSE • G10 Chemistry IGCSE • G11 IB Chemistry SL or HL • G12 IB Chemistry SL or HL

Biology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G9 Biology IGCSE • G10 Biology IGCSE • G11 IB Biology SL or HL • G12 IB Biology SL or HL
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4 Credits = Mathematics Courses (IB Group 5)

- G9 Mathematics IGCSE Extended
- G10 Mathematics IGCSE Extended
- G11 IB Mathematics Analysis and Approaches SL or HL
- G11 IB Mathematics Applications and Interpretation SL or HL
- G12 IB Mathematics Analysis and Approaches SL or HL
- G12 IB Mathematics Applications and Interpretation SL or HL

4 Credits = Practical and Technical Arts Courses (IB Group 6)

Computer Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G9 Computer Science • G10 Computer Science • G11 IB Computer Science SL or HL • G12 IB Computer Science SL or HL
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any other Science course which has not been used yet
Lab & Science Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G10 Lab course (Pass/Fail) • G11 Collaborative Science Project (Pass/Fail)

3 Credits = Fine and Performing Arts Courses (IB Group 6)

Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G9 Art • G10 Art • G11 IB Art SL or HL • G12 IB Art SL or HL
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G9 Music • G10 Music • G11 IB Music SL or HL • G12 IB Music SL or HL
Drama	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G9 Drama • G10 Drama
Advising (Credits cannot be transferred to elective category)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G9 Advising course (Pass/Fail) • G10 Advising course (Pass/Fail)
Extended Essay (Credits cannot be transferred to elective category)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G11 IB Extended Essay course (Pass/Fail) • G12 IB Extended Essay course (Pass/Fail)

University and Career Counselling (UCC) (Credits cannot be transferred to elective category)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G11 UCC course (Pass/Fail) • G12 UCC course (Pass/Fail)
Philosophy - Theory of Knowledge (Credits cannot be transferred to elective category)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G11 IB TOK (Pass/Fail) • G12 IB TOK (Pass/Fail)

1 Credit = Physical Education, Social and Emotional Health, and Safety Courses (IB Group 6)

Sport Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G9 Sport Sciences IGCSE • G10 Sport Sciences IGCSE • G11 IB Sport Sciences SL or HL • G12 IB Sport Sciences SL or HL
Physical Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G9 Physical Education course (Pass/Fail) • G10 Physical Education course (Pass/Fail)
Service (Credits cannot be transferred to elective category)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G10 Lab course (Pass/Fail) • G11 Group 4 Project (Pass/Fail)

4 Credits = Additional Elective Courses (IB Group 6)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any unused credit may be used to satisfy the elective course requirement • Pass/Fail course credits can only be used to satisfy credit requirements within the respective category

2.3 Attendance Requirement

Credits can only be earned if the respective learner is participating in the scheduled instruction time. 15 % Absence rate or higher (irrespective of being excused and/or unexcused) will result in the learner failing the attendance requirement and not earning credit for a respective course.

To request special attendance accommodations, learners must submit valid documentation for review and consideration by senior management. Approval for accommodations will be provided in writing upon review. All accommodations must be documented in the learner's file.

2.4 ISR Accreditation for ISR High School Diploma

ISR is an accredited International School by Cognia to offer a High School Diploma.

Cognia is the parent organization for the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI). Accreditation from Cognia is a valuable mark of distinction recognized around the world.

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Accreditation Cycle:

- Last accreditation review: Spring 2023
- Next accreditation review: Spring 2028

Appendix A - ISR High School Diploma Checklist

Name (Passport): _____ Birth Date: _____ Date of this Checklist: _____

Subjects	Total Credits for ISR Diploma	Grade 9 School: Transfer: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> / No <input type="checkbox"/>	P / F	Grade 10 School: Transfer: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> / No <input type="checkbox"/>	P / F	Grade 11: School: Transfer: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> / No <input type="checkbox"/>	P / F	Grade 12 School: ISR	P / F	Total
Language Arts / IB Group 1	4									
English										
German										
Japanese										
Chinese										
Other										
Foreign Language / IB Group 2	4									
English										
German										
French										
Spanish										
Other										
Social Sciences / IB Group 3	4									
Geography										
History										
Business Management										
Economics										
Sciences / IB Group 4	4									
Physics										
Chemistry										
Biology										
Mathematics / IB Group 5	4									

Mathematics									
Practical Arts / IB Group 6	1								
Computer Sciences									
Additional Sciences									
Lab Science Project									
Fine and Perf. Arts / IB Group 6	1								
Art									
Music									
Drama									
Advising									
UCC Counseling									
Extended Essay									
Philosophy									
Physical Education/ IB Group 6	1								
Physical Education									
Sport Sciences									
Service									
Additional Electives	3								
Total									

Clarification:

- This checklist is an integral component of the ISR Policy: ISR High School Diploma Requirements
- All rules and regulations outlined in the ISR Policy: ISR High School Diploma Requirements apply to this checklist
- This document is for internal use within ISR and does not hold legal validity externally
- For any clarifications or inquiries regarding policy interpretation, consult the relevant authorities within ISR

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ACCREDITATION AGENCIES NCA CASI, NWAC AND SACS CASI)

ECIS-EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATIVE FOR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS

CIS-COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS (MEMBER)

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