

HOW ACCREDITATION BENEFITS STUDENTS

Having received the award of CIS International Accreditation, your child's school joins a community of schools worldwide that are dedicated to providing a high quality education in an international context. Over 340 schools worldwide now hold accredited status with the Council of International Schools.

CIS Accreditation is recognised by the National Association of Independent Schools (USA) as a *bona fide* accrediting agency and by various other government and non-government agencies in a number of countries.

CIS Accredited Schools have demonstrated their commitment to international education and continual improvement. Colleges and universities acknowledge that a CIS Accredited School meets globally recognized standards and promotes qualities and skills that they are seeking in students

Schools throughout the world recognize CIS Accreditation, and the education received by the student, as meeting an international standard.

"The award of Full Accreditation Status provides us with the recognition and credibility which reassures parents and students of our school's commitment to the best practices in education."

Sr. Anne Marie Hill, Head of School,
Marymount School, France

CIS supports over **1,050 International School and Higher Education Member Institutions** with an integrated portfolio of world-class, professional and competitive services including:

International School Accreditation Service
Teacher Recruitment Service and Fairs
School Leadership Search Service
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CIS Forum on International University Admission and Guidance
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CHARACTERISTICS OF A CIS ACCREDITED SCHOOL

The award of CIS International Accreditation demonstrates:

- The school is devoted to its mission. It cares enough about what it does to seek validation by a recognised accreditation authority.
- The school knows itself. It has thought deeply about the services it offers to students, family and community.
- The school is student-orientated. Its philosophy of education is suitable for the students on roll and encompasses the development of the whole individual.
- The school keeps its promises. It promises only what it can deliver.
- The school accepts objective assessment. It is prepared to open its doors periodically to regular evaluation by the school community and by outside experienced evaluators.
- The school is constantly seeking to improve its performance in curricular and other areas.
- The school plans for the future. As part of the on-going nature of the evaluation process, accredited schools are continually planning future developments.

Accreditation ensures that the school meets rigorous criteria and standards in the following areas:

- Philosophy and Objectives
- Curriculum
- Governance and Management
- Staff
- Student Support Services
- Resources
- Student and Community Life

“The students we see coming from CIS accredited schools - by and large - are bright, curious, worldly and have a passion for learning. The best predictor of academic success at Trinity is taking, and succeeding in, a rigorous secondary school curriculum, which is what we know CIS accredited schools offer.”

Eric Maloof, Director of International Admissions, Trinity University, USA

ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS

To achieve international accredited status the school was required to:

- Meet stringent entry requirements, verified by a visit to the school by a CIS Accreditation Officer, to determine the school’s readiness for the accreditation process
- Carry out an in-depth self-study over a significant time period aimed at strengthening the school’s programmes and operations
- Host a Visiting Team of peer evaluators from international institutions
- Demonstrate that the school delivers that which it promises in its own philosophy and objectives
- Demonstrate that it meets the rigorous Criteria and Standards for Accreditation established by CIS
- Commit to continuing action to address recommendations arising from the internal and external evaluations and thus demonstrate dedication to on-going school improvement.

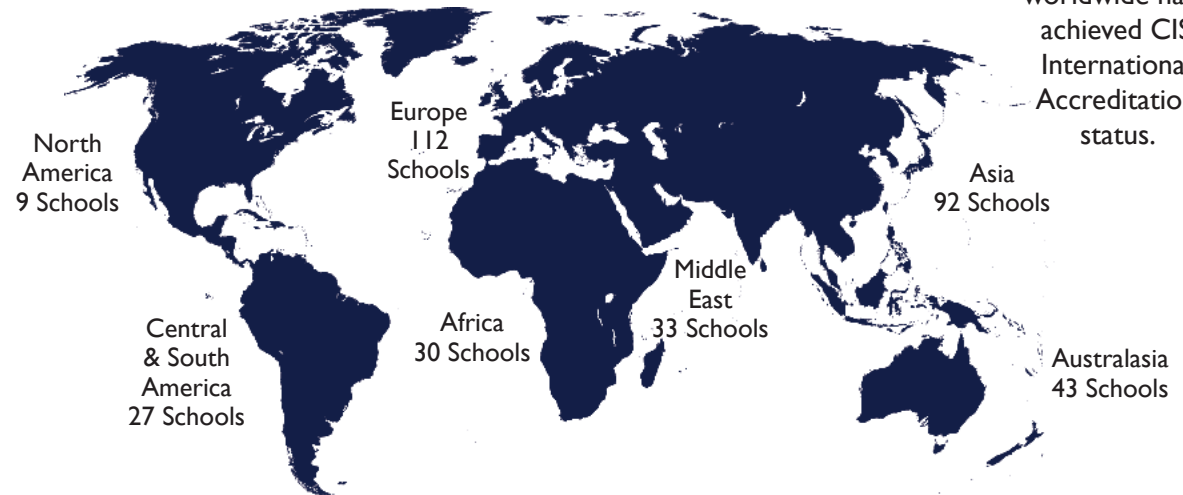
WHAT IS THE COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS?

The Council of International Schools (CIS) is a non-profit membership organisation that provides services to elementary and secondary schools and higher education institutions around the world that have the following in common:

- a desire to provide students with the knowledge, skills and abilities to pursue their lives as global citizens; and
- a commitment to high quality education.

To achieve this goal, CIS schools must infuse international and intercultural perspective into their programmes so that students can move forward with the attitudes and understanding that will provide them with a solid base wherever their studies or work may take them. Elementary and secondary school members must further commit to undertaking an ongoing quality assurance process to enhance student learning.

GLOBAL REACH



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