We have created a unique school in the heart of Dubai where children from all over the world can live and thrive in a multilingual and multicultural environment. At SISD we believe that being ‘international’ means opening one’s mind to other cultures and different ways of thinking. Our students are uniquely privileged to be learning the skills and aptitudes required to thrive in a perpetually changing world, as a fundamental part of their education.

Well over 70 nationalities are represented on campus, which creates an exceptional mix of languages, cultures and ethnic backgrounds. Our international programmes reflect a sincere commitment to a Swiss vision of excellence in education that enables our students to embrace future opportunities fully.

Welcome to SISD
Your genuine ‘home away from home’

Vision
The Swiss International Scientific School in Dubai (SISD) is a leading international school where future generations are inspired to become confident and enthusiastic lifelong learners, ready to embrace the opportunities and challenges of a global world.

Mission
SISD provides an inspiring, inclusive and challenging learning environment while celebrating academic excellence. We encourage and support all our students to become successful, global minded, enthusiastic lifelong learners who will confidently take advantage of future opportunities and help make a difference. Together with our teaching staff and parents, we support our students to develop their potential fully in a motivating, multilingual and international learning environment.
With English serving as the foundation, our students also speak, read and write in French or German and Arabic. As global citizens we celebrate diversity, treating all languages and cultures with equal respect.

**BILINGUAL**

We believe in maintaining high standards and aspire to be the best that we can be. We foster a spirit of enquiry, encouraging both creative and critical thinking.

**EXCELLENCE**

We believe that social, cultural, economic and environmental awareness prepare us to play our part in shaping a better future, both for ourselves and for those around us. Our school campus is eco-friendly, using less energy to create a comfortable and healthy environment.

**SUSTAINABILITY**

In our international community, we know that we are at our best when we all work together. We view active participation in the community, from the most local to the most global, as the foundation of a valuable life.

**TOGETHER**

Languages taught: French, German, English, Arabic and more.

**70+ Nationalities**

**1200+ Students**

**50+ After-School-Activities**

**250+ Staff**

IB Curriculum
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**Boarding Options**

Swiss boarding in the heart of Dubai

1. Dynamic progressive metropolis
2. Ranked as one of the world’s safest cities
3. Open and multicultural hub
4. Numerous cultural and sports options
5. 360 sunny days a year
At SISD each student enters a carefully structured academic programme, drawing from the leading International Baccalaureate (IB).
Filled with natural light, our spacious boarding houses are designed to inspire and engage young minds. Boarding students are accommodated in modern and generously spaced double rooms, with protected Wi-Fi access, air conditioning, integrated en-suite facilities and a private study area.

The newly furnished boarding houses have four floors, each has a fully equipped pantry room and there is a spacious community room full of things to do for when the students have time to relax. The dormitory building also features dedicated apartments for housemasters and tutors.
Life as a boarding student

At SISD the welfare of our boarding students is of the greatest importance, as parents have entrusted us to guide, nurture and develop their child to become a mature and healthy young adult.

Boarding students are offered outstanding levels of pastoral care, reflecting our commitment to creating a genuine home away from home. Every boarding house has its own carefully selected staff, who care for the students’ welfare and practical needs, with the support of the school’s Medical Centre.
**Weekend Activities:**
During the weekend boarding students experience, fun, educational and cultural activities in Dubai, Abu Dhabi and the surrounding emirates.

Saturdays are reserved for leisure and study time.

Some of the weekend activities include:
- Wadi Adventure rafting
- Louvre Abu Dhabi
- Jameel Culture Foundation
- Ski Dubai indoor skiing
- Desert Safaris
- XDubai Spartan Race
- Beach trips
- Dubai Sevens Rugby
- Cinema Trips
- Yas Waterworld and Ferrari world
- Tennis Championships
- iFly Indoor Skydiving
- Dubai Design District
- Wild Wadi Waterpark
Learning and Curriculum

IB Middle Years Programme (MYP)
Grade 6 - 10 (ages 11-16)
- 8 subject groups
- External Assessment at the end of Grade 10-IB MYP Certificate
- Holistic approach to students’ intellectual, social, emotional & physical well-being
- ATL skills help students demonstrate learning through meaningful assessment
- Grade 10 students undergo the work placement initiative in selected companies across Dubai.

IB Career-related Programme (CP)
Grade 11 & 12 (ages 16-19)
- Designed for students interested in pursuing a career-related education in the final two years of study
- Minimum of two IB DP courses, and a core consisting of four components and a career-related study
- Students gain transferable and lifelong skills in applied knowledge, critical thinking, communication, and cross-cultural engagement
- SISD is a candidate school for the IBCP Programme.

IB Diploma Programme (DP)
Grade 11 & 12 (ages 16-19)
- 6 subject groups + DP core: theory of knowledge (TOK), creativity, activity, service (CAS) and the extended essay
- Students receive grades ranging from 7 to 1 (Total score out of 45)
- Qualification recognised by universities around the world
- Through the Diploma Programme (DP) core, students reflect on the nature of knowledge, complete independent research and undertake a project that often involves community service.
In 2011, figures from the UK’s Higher Education Statistics Agency found that IB graduates were much more likely to be enrolled at one of the top 20 higher education institutions than entrants holding other qualifications. Studying six subjects means students aren’t forced to narrow their choices while still at school, and can keep university options open.
Ensuring that our students are equipped for future success is central to our school life. Our College Counselling Team will guide and support our students as they prepare for life beyond our school.

IB Admission to International Universities:
- The IB Diploma is accepted in 90 countries in over 2000 universities.

IB Admission to Swiss Universities:
- Most Swiss universities require 32 of 42 points (excluding extra points) and have additional Higher Level (HL) subject requirements.
- ETH Zurich and EPF Lausanne require 38 of 42 points (excluding extra points) and have stringent HL and Standard Level (SL) subject requirements.
- Please check with the respective university for specific admission requirements.

IB students develop:
- Time management skills and a strong sense of self-motivation; a keen interest in civic engagement; notable academic ability; strong research and writing skills; critical thinking abilities and an international outlook.
- Research suggests, that IB students are more likely than their peers to complete their undergraduate degrees and pursue graduate work.

IB students are strong on:
- Student leadership activities, working with university faculty on research projects, finding opportunities to study in other countries, tutoring other students, taking part in voluntary and community service and completing internships.

Swiss Baccalaureate admission to International Universities:
- The Federal Swiss Baccalaureate diploma allows students to study at international universities. Please check with the respective university for specific admission requirements.
- Holders of a Swiss Baccalaureate do not have to take part in an admission process if they wish to study at a Swiss university (with the sole exception of medical studies).
World Class Facilities

At SISD, Boarding students have access to all of the superb facilities on campus which include:

- Olympic sized swimming pool
- 400m Outdoor running track
- 200m Indoor running track
- 2 outdoor tennis courts
- 2 padel tennis courts
- Fully equipped Gymnasium
- Two Indoor sports halls
- Tennis and Volleyball courts
- Full sized natural grass football pitch

These are complimented by many more facilities such as a climbing wall, dance studios, a beach volleyball court and our new 600 seat state of the art auditorium.

50+ after-school-activities available, including a wide range of sports, languages, arts, science/technology plus academic and EAL options.
Science and Technology

SISD aims to lead the charge in innovation in scientific education in Dubai. We are located in Healthcare City, a zone within Dubai that is devoted to providing world-class medical facilities, medical research institutions, equipment, and an all-in service of the science of healthcare.

On the education side, we provide our students with top-quality science facilities for instruction in the STEM field.

These include:
• 4 Science labs and a prep room
• Technology and innovation lab
• Food technology lab
• 2 workshop labs
Full Boarding Fees

Full boarding students spend the whole term on campus and return home during the holidays. Fees are applied to term dates.

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- Medical insurance
- Deposit of 2,725 USD (10,000AED): Amount will be used to fund 2 compulsory external after-school activities, extra weekend activities. Any remaining balance will be refunded at the end of semester 2.

**Registration Fee:**
- A non-refundable registration fee of 13,620 USD (50,000 AED) is required. This amount is adjustable against the final annual payment.

**Full boarding fees include:**
- School tuition fees
- Accommodation
- All meals and snacks
- Airport transfer (school terms & breaks)
- 3 internal after-school activities per week
- Selection of weekend activities
- Evening activity programme
- Student visa
- ESL/EAL classes
- Books & examination fees
- 3 sets standard uniform
- Use of all school facilities
- Laundry service

**Full boarding fees do not include:**
- Optional social trips
- Additional uniforms
- Whole School Trips
- Personal items
- Insurance for personal items brought to School
- Private academic, music and sports lessons
- Costs arising from damage to property
- Stationary, lap top and class materials
- Other charges listed above

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