



AIS-Salzburg

Admission Information

2026-2027

Your future is our tradition.

Welcome

Welcome to the American International School-Salzburg, the oldest international boarding school in Austria serving the international community since 1976. We thank you for your expression of interest in our school and hope that this information package will give you an overview of the school and programs, providing you some detail about our school, the process of admissions, tuition and fees, as well as enrollment requirements.

AIS-Salzburg is a purely college-preparatory secondary school with an outstanding reputation for equipping our students with outstanding skills applicable to their future university studies as well as providing them with those character traits most important to any worthwhile undertaking in life: determination and responsibility; self-discipline and balance, independence of thought; an international outlook; and an acceptance and regard for diversity.

Central to our mission and educational philosophy is to establish and maintain a small school with a personal, familiar feel that helps every student to security, a significant academic challenge, while being cared-for and respected at all times. Therefore, we maintain a total enrollment for grades 7 through 12 of no more than 100 students, including accommodation for 80 boarding students in our dormitories and space for up to 20 day students.

Our graduates can gain acceptance to universities worldwide. Over the past 20 years, approximately 30% matriculate to full-degree programs in North America, 30% are accepted to universities in the United Kingdom and the remainder initiate their tertiary studies here in Continental Europe.

We thank you for your inquiry. Our long-term administration and staff would be very pleased to assist you with any questions you may have about our school and programs at any time. Send us a message by email, give us a call, or stop by on your next visit to the enchanting city of Salzburg to find out more about our remarkable school and meet some of the incredible professionals who ensure that every child's future becomes the ongoing spirit of our school's 50-year tradition.

– Paul McLean, Headmaster, AIS-Salzburg

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AIS-Salzburg Statement of Mission

The American International School-Salzburg is a boarding and day school committed to the college-preparatory education of qualified and conscientious young people. The academic and boarding programs nurture the students' intellectual growth and creativity, as well as their social, physical, and personal development within an environment that is secure and professionally safeguarded. The school community is guided by and dependent upon self-discipline, mutual respect, integrity, care and compassion. The school empowers students to succeed in further studies, to exercise informed judgment, and to become active and responsible members of society.

Admission Philosophy

The American International School-Salzburg is an independent, nonsectarian, non-denominational, private educational institution offering college-preparatory, secondary educational programming to students of any nationality between the ages of 12 and 19 who are accepted after completing the admissions process.

In its admissions decision, the AIS-Salzburg administration will try to establish a diverse student body representative of a wide variety of students from various backgrounds in order to emphasize our belief that diversity and understanding are essential elements in an international education. This is detailed in the AIS-Salzburg Equality & Diversity Policy.

The school will process applications in a timely way and maintain clear communication with the applicant and family. As a school in which English is the language of instruction, applications will be reviewed with the applicant's proficiency level in English as a fundamental criteria. Further criteria include:

- a) the applicant's previous academic record and conclusions about the student's academic promise;
- b) evidence of plans to attend university programs following completion of secondary schooling;
- c) review of confidential recommendations received;
- d) evidence of agreement with the school's expectations, policies and procedures; and
- e) level of maturity as recognized through application documentation and direct or online interview.

The school reserves the right to deny admission or revoke a previous decision for admission if it is discovered that false information was provided the school through the admission process.

Admissions Process

An admission decision by the school will be made at the conclusion of the following process of application:

1. Download or complete and submit online, the Student Application Form and return this to the school with appropriate photo of the applicant.
2. Submit up-to-date copies of transcripts from the present school of enrollment with translation if necessary. For applicants to grades 7 through 10, only the previous year's transcripts need be submitted. Applicants to grades 11 and 12 need to provide transcripts that include academic records from all high school grades completed or in which the applicant is presently enrolled.
3. Submit a copy of the applicant's passport photo page along with any currently-held visas for Austria or another Schengen nation.
4. Request that the applicant's current English and mathematics teachers submit a confidential recommendation to the school. The teacher recommendations can be forwarded or downloaded here.
5. Pay the application fee (€ 150.00) by bank or online transfer to the following account: The American International School-Salzburg;

Raiffeisenverband Salzburg
Moosstrasse 13
A-5020 Salzburg, Austria
BIC: RVSAAT2S; IBAN: AT84 3500 0000 0814 5054.

Upon reception of the above, the AIS-Salzburg administration will make a decision concerning enrollment OR determine that further testing (English proficiency) is required along with a personal or online interview with the applicant. One or the other will be immediately communicated with the parents of the applicant. If the applicant is accepted, a copy of the Enrollment Agreement and other documents relevant to this agreement alongside invoices for tuition and fees, the Capital Levy, and mandatory fees will be sent out as well. Parents of applicants have 30 days to consider the offer of admission before the offer is revoked. Please see the Schedule of Tuition and Fees and the Enrollment Agreement terms for further details.

All materials submitted to the school become school property and are not returned. These will be processed and stored in accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulations. If the applicant does not accept an offer of admission or is not offered enrollment, all documentation received will be destroyed.

Other Admissions Process Information

Applicant Age Limitations

AIS-Salzburg can only accept applications from students who will be 12 years of age with six years of previous formal schooling for the 7th grade and those who will not be 20 years of age at the time of completion of the school's program and reception of diploma.

Confidentiality

All recommendations received by the school administration must be confidential unless other arrangement have been agreed to.

Visits and Interviews

All applicants and their families are encouraged to visit the school if possible. We welcome visitors during weekdays between 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Please call or write for an appointment. Online conferencing and interviews are also possible.

German Language

Previous German language study is not a requirement for admission. German language courses are required of all students enrolled. German I is available to students at any grade level who have no background in the language.

Application Deadline

AIS-Salzburg does not establish an application deadline. Applications can be received and reviewed for admission at any time up to the point that the school's capacity has been reached. Please note that students from nations whose citizens are required to receive a visa before entering Austria must complete the application procedure in time to apply for the student visa at the nearest Austrian Consulate to their residence. This process, although guaranteed, can take up to 90 days. Therefore, admission and enrollment must be secured before the end of May for the following school year.

Late admissions

Provided space is available, AIS-Salzburg can accept students who meet the application criteria at any time during the school year. After the start of the school year, enrollment can be actualized either: (1) within the first month of the school year; (2) at the end of the Fall Trimester (late November); or (3) at mid-year in January.

Curriculum and Programming

As a college-preparatory school, AIS-Salzburg offers a challenging curriculum for students in grades 7 through 12 which is based upon benchmarks and best practices in similarly-sized college-preparatory boarding schools in the United States. AIS-Salzburg offers an American High School Diploma with Advanced Placement® credentials which meet the equivalency standards for high school diplomas worldwide.

All courses except foreign language sections are taught in English by experienced teachers who have many years of service to the students at AIS-Salzburg as well as other college-preparatory schools. The teaching faculty is separate from the resident-care staff which is responsible for the proper care, supervision and guidance of the boarding students at AIS-Salzburg. This gives the school a total staff : student ratio of 1 : 3.

Students in the Junior High Section, grades 7 and 8, are introduced to subject areas that are standard in college-preparatory curricula worldwide. Emphasis at the junior high level is competency in skills and abilities that will assist them in achieving success at the later high school grades.

Junior High Academic Course Schedules:

Junior High English Language Development
Junior High English Literature & Composition
Junior High Mathematics I (grade 7) or II (grade 8)
Junior High Science
World History
German (at any level required)
Studio Art
Physical Education
Ethics Seminar I

Note that several of the Junior High requirements are two-year courses that include students in grades 7 and 8 whereby the curriculum repeats every two years.

9th and 10th Grade Academic Course Schedules**9th Grade:**

English 9 Literature & Composition
English 9 Academic English Skills
Mathematics 9
Biology
World Cultures
German (at any level required)
One or two electives (French or Italian Language, Journalism & Yearbook, Drama, German Tutorials, Studio Art, and other elective courses offered annually)
Physical Education
Ethics Seminar II

10th Grade:

English 10 Literature & Composition
English 10 Academic Reading and Writing Skills I
Mathematics 10
Chemistry
European History
German (at any level required)
One or two electives (French or Italian Language, Journalism & Yearbook, Drama, German Tutorials, Studio Art, and other elective courses offered annually)
Physical Education
Ethics Seminar III

9th and 10th grade academic courses are pre-college preparatory in that the fundamental knowledge, skills and processes of thought required for success at the upper levels of high school (Grades 11 and 12) in Advanced Placement® courses..

11th and 12th Grade Academic Course Schedules

11th Grade:

English 11 Literature & Composition
English 11 Academic Reading and Writing Skills II
AP Precalculus or Mathematics 11
Physics and AP Biology or AP Environmental Science (if desired)
AP Human Geography or AP Psychology
German (at any level required)
One or two electives (French or Italian Language, Journalism & Yearbook, Drama, German Tutorials, Studio Art, AP Calculus BC Prep, AP Physics Prep)
Physical Education
Ethics Seminar IV and College Counseling

12th Grade:

AP English Literature or English 12 Literature & Composition
English 12 Humanities
AP Calculus AB or Advanced Mathematics
AP Biology or AP Environmental Science
AP European History or AP Psychology
German (at any level required)
One or two electives (French or Italian Language, Journalism & Yearbook, Drama, German Tutorials, Studio Art, and other elective courses offered annually)
Physical Education
Ethics Seminar V and College Counseling

Grades 11 and 12 provide a high number of Advanced Placement® courses as options for the students. AP® courses are university-level courses with the possibility to sit an external examination at the end of the school year in May. With passing AP® Examination scores, students can meet equivalency with secondary-school diplomas in Europe, the UK as well as around the world. Language proficiency may also apply for such equivalency.

Students attend academic courses throughout the school year, Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 AM until 15:35 PM. Boarding students have a two-hour study hall each evening before academic days. Because around 85% of our students are boarders, we hold classes on holidays that fall during the week (*see school year calendar*).

AIS-Salzburg added the International Baccalaureate® Diploma Program to our curriculum from 1991 through 2002 and decided against this curricular program on the basis that the variety and flexibility of the Advanced Placement® Program was more flexible and better attuned to international students' needs—with no disadvantages concerning diploma recognition and international university study.

The faculty members of AIS-Salzburg offer tutorials to the students on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the school year from 3:45 until 5:00 PM. We feel that this tutorial assistance is critically important to the success of students enrolled in a college-preparatory program.

Boarding Programming

As a true boarding school, AIS-Salzburg offers a wide variety of programming for full- and five-day boarding students resident at the school and included in their tuition rates. These include:

1. Weekend activities - between 12 and 15 each weekend with three required
2. Excursions - Two multi-day excursions to locations in Europe in the fall and winter
3. Athletics - AIS-Salzburg is a founding member of the Danube Valley Athletics Conference and organizes competitive sports teams that play seasonally.

Boys' Volleyball	Fall Season
Girls' Varsity Volleyball	Fall Season
Girls' Junior Varsity Volleyball	Fall Season
Boys' Soccer	Fall Season
Girls' Varsity Basketball	Winter Season
Girls' Junior Varsity Basketball	Winter Season
Boys' Varsity Basketball	Winter Season
Boys Junior Varsity Basketball	Winter Season

In the Spring Trimester, students are invited to participate in individual sports practice and competitions or intramural, open-gym events.

The facilities used by AIS-Salzburg for all sports and physical education programming is the *Universitäts- und Landessportzentrum* Rif, approximately 15 minutes from the campus. Students are transported to and from this outstanding facility for all physical education and sports programming.

College Counseling

The AIS-Salzburg College Counselor works directly with students in the 11th and 12th grade and, in collusion with the parents, help finalize determinations concerning desired university programs as well as application criteria and procedures, providing all school documentation required.

Student Status

AIS-Salzburg accepts and enrolls students at three levels of status: full-boarding; 5-day boarding, or day.

Full-Boarding Students:

are resident at the school in our dormitories on campus, 7-days a week and are provided with full room and board alongside academic and social and extracurricular programming. Please see the Schedule of Tuition and Fees for a full list of provisions. Full-boarding students are registered at the school address and a school year visa is provided with the assistance of the school administration.

5-Day Boarding Students:

are provided room and board from Sunday evening until Friday afternoon weekly. 5-day boarding students return home to immediate family members on weekends at registered addresses in Austria and Germany. 5-day boarding students are invited to join the full-boarders on excursions and weekend activities at cost. 5-day boarding students are registered at the school's address as their secondary residence. Please see the Schedule of Tuition and Fees for a full list of provisions applicable to this status.

Day Students:

are provided with daily instruction throughout the school year as well as breakfast (if desired) and lunch each school day. Day students are also invited to accompany the school on excursions and join weekend activities at cost. AIS-Salzburg cannot assist day students with school-year visas. All immigration and residency requirements must be met by the family. Please see the Schedule of Tuition and Fees for a full list of provisions applicable to this status.

Boarding students are housed in comfortable rooms on campus at AIS-Salzburg. Most of the dormitory rooms are double rooms. There are also triple, and a few single rooms. All dormitory rooms at the school include en suite bathroom and shower.

The resident-care staff is made up of resident assistants and dorm parents under the leadership of the dean of students. This staff is personally responsible for the well-being, guidance and supervision of all boarding students and represents a separate staff from the teaching faculty.

Schedule of Tuition and Fees 2026-2027

Tuition and Fees Rates

Application Fee	€ 150.00
Capital Levy	€ 2,500.00

The Application Fee is due upon application and before an admission decision is made by the school administration. The Capital Levy is a one-time charge levied for all newly-enrolled students which assists the school with specific, capital expenditures in facilities and campus improvements. This Capital Levy is charged one time for siblings and is non-transferable and non-refundable. If a student is enrolled and pays the Capital Levy, departs the school and returns within 24 months, the Capital Levy is not charged again.

Full-Boarding Student Tuition Charges

Grade Level	Annual Tuition
Boarding students in grades 7 and 8	47,500.00
Boarding students in grades 9 and 10	48,500.00
Boarding students in grades 11 and 12	49,500.00

5-Day Boarding Student Tuition Charges

Grade Level	Annual Tuition
5-day boarding students in grades 7 and 8	€ 46,500.00
5-day boarding students in grade 9 and 10	€ 47,500.00
5-day boarding students in grades 11 and 12	€ 48,500.00

Day Student Tuition Charges

Grade Level	Annual Tuition
Day students in grades 7 and 8	€ 24,500.00
Day students in grades 9 and 10	€ 25,000.00
Day students in grades 11 and 12	€ 25,500.00

Please see details concerning tuition and fees in the Schedule of Tuition and Fees document available for downloading [here](#).

Admission Agreement Conditions and Terms 2026-2027

Please review and read through the Schedule of Tuition and Fees document available in this brochure. Upon offer of admission, this document and others referred to in the agreement constitute the contract between the parents and the school.