



SBW
INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL
WESTPFALZ



Dare to do what you dream

At ISW education is our passion. Our aim is to encourage individuals to discover and expand their own identity, to focus on their own dreams, passions and potential, and to mature into personalities who are able both to cope with societal change and to actively shape the future.

Welcome to our School!

The International School Westpfalz (ISW) is a house of learning, where teachers, students and parents work together to engage children in committed and active learning. We focus on the individual potential and the holistic development of your child.

Not only do we aim to provide children with a high-quality education but we also believe in building life skills such as respect, resilience, courage, empathy and self-confidence. In doing so we take into account the basic needs of the learning partners, the individual challenges and difficulties of the children as well as current issues and trends.

The focus is on self-motivated and individual learning in a highly respectful, stress-free and creative environment. Our classrooms are places of interactive encounters. Our learning partners (students) are actively involved in shaping the lessons.

We see ourselves not only as teachers and learning facilitators who help the children to attain educational goals and excellent marks, but do everything to ensure that they are supported in their personal development, so that the potential of each and every child is fully realised. This ensures that our children are well prepared for the future and the challenges of the dynamic 21st century.

We warmly welcome you and invite you to visit our school, a unique place for learning and personal growth!

Providing added value for international employees and their families

The International School Westpfalz (ISW) is a coeducational, full-day international school for children aged 4-18 years. ISW was founded in 2017 by the "SBW Haus des Lernens" organisation (Switzerland). With around 200 students from over 20 nations, ISW offers a caring family atmosphere both for expatriates and local families. Expatriate families enjoy the social network at ISW which eases integration into a new location, while local German parents benefit from the innovative educational program and English language instruction.

ISW offers the Cambridge Primary, IGCSE (International General Certificate of Secondary Education) and A-level programs, and is an accredited examination center for Cambridge International Examinations, offering the full range of English examinations.

ISW is based in a beautiful former monastery in Landstuhl (West Palatine Region) with the school offering lessons from 8.30am until 3.45pm. We also have optional before- and after-school programs running from 7.00 until 8.30am and 3.45 until 5.00pm, including breakfast club, music, drama, art and sports. While the main language of instruction is English, German classes are also taught daily to all students.

Furthermore, ISW is recognized by the state of Rhineland-Palatinate as an accredited supplementary school (,anerkannte Ergaenzungsschule').



Designed environments

One of the most effective ways of stimulating an individual's development is to design the environment in which they live and learn.

A young person with brown hair and glasses is looking intently at a computer monitor. The monitor displays a green, abstract, textured image. The person is wearing a white shirt. The background is a warm, orange-brown color.

Responsibility

At ISW we encourage students to resume responsibility not only for their own learning and actions, but also to use these skills for the benefit their community.

Gain from an international education for your child of the highest standard!

ISW's educational offer combines the world-renowned Cambridge Programs (Cambridge Primary, IGCSE and A-levels) along with elements from the esteemed Swiss education group, SBW Haus des Lernens, which can be summed up best with the motto: 'Curriculum Follows Passion'.

The Cambridge Pathway

In order for our Learning Partners to have a strong academic foundation for pursuing their passions, ISW incorporates the world-renowned Cambridge Pathway:

- **Cambridge Primary Programme** for students aged 4-12
- **Cambridge Lower Secondary Programme** for students aged 12-14
- **Cambridge Upper Secondary Programme** (International General Certificate of Secondary Education) - IGCSE for students aged 14-16

- **Cambridge Advanced Programme** (Cambridge International AS & A Levels) for students aged 16-18

Recognized in Germany, and throughout the world, these programs offer a wide range of subjects and gives ISW the flexibility to shape its curriculum so that it is engaging and relevant for its learning partners. The curriculum focuses on skills and knowledge which Learning Partners need to be successful at university and beyond, and although the programs build upon the academic development from each previous one, they can also be offered separately - offering even more flexibility to Learning Partners joining us from diverse international backgrounds.

Key benefits for your child's future

- Internationally recognised & established courses and qualifications
- Community-based educational approach in a safe and caring environment
- Small class sizes
- The pedagogic concept of SBW Haus des Lernens is focused upon self-reliant and target-orientated learning tailored to individual abilities, interests and requirements
- All-day schooling that meet the demands of today's workplace (from 7am until 5pm)
- English as the language of instruction with a strong emphasis on German
- Additional support for non-English and non-German speaking students
- Experienced, highly qualified learning facilitators and staff
- Cutting edge pedagogic approach and methodology
- After School Activities program offering a range of activities
- Ease of transition both from and to the state school or other international systems
- Possibility to enter at any time

Furthermore, our secondary school students enjoy a number of additional unique elements:

- A new approach to learning through input rooms and Lernatelier
- Uniquely flexible self-study options available to personalize your child's academic programme
- A unique Personal Development Day on Wednesdays
- Weekly careers sessions
- Weekly ATL (Approaches to Learning) sessions focus on the key 5 skills (communication, research, thinking, social competences and self-management as well as SBW Future Skills)
- Personal Project development
- Regular coaching sessions



Respectful Interaction

At ISW we encourage respectful treatment - this includes respect for oneself, for other people and the environment, for other cultures and generations, and for social and cultural values.

SBW Haus des Lernens philosophy

The school is owned and managed by the renowned Swiss educational provider, "SBW Haus des Lernens", which has over 40 years of experience in the field of private education. Currently managing more than 18 schools throughout Switzerland and Germany, some of the innovative approaches developed by SBW and implemented at ISW include personalized student coaching, autonomous learning and the development of Future Skills™.

"At ISW, education is our passion. We dare to do things of which others only dream. Our aim is to encourage individuals to discover and expand their own identity, to focus on their own dreams, passions and potential, and to mature into personalities who are able both to cope with societal change and to actively shape the future.

The spark of curiosity in our minds makes us want to repeatedly question, rethink and adopt new approaches to education. Because we have education in our blood, we keep abreast of the latest developments, continuously developing as a learning organisation; and with a mindful attitude in our hearts we put individuals and their ambitions at the centre of everything we do. Our objective is to support the development of children, young people and adults with tailor-made, customisable solutions."

Reto Ammann, CEO,
SBW Haus des Lernens AG



Believing in success

At ISW great emphasis is placed on "Believing in success" - the importance of trusting each other and having confidence in one's own ability, daring to go beyond one's own limits and taking small risks.



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begins with
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