

Learner's World International School (LWIS) Istanbul

- › **First Day of School:** Sept 9: Grade 6 and up, Sept 10: KG to Grade 5.
- › **Accreditation:** LWIS Istanbul is Licensed by the Turkish Ministry of Education. License Numbers: 99999591 and 99999592.
- › **Our Motto:** We measure success one happy learner at a time!
International Membership & Affiliation: LWIS Istanbul is a member of the LWIS Network across Lebanon, the UAE (Dubai) and KSA (Riyadh). LWIS Network schools offer a range of international approaches to education. Parents in Lebanon can choose the American High School Curriculum accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) or the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP). In Dubai and Riyadh, the schools offer the American High School Curriculum respectively accredited by NEASC and Cognia. Both schools are IBDP candidates.
- › **Network Reach:** The LWIS Network is home to more than 800 staff members and 5000 students from over 45 nationalities. Our graduates attend universities across the world including the United States, Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Germany, France, Spain, Italy, Lebanon, and the United Arab Emirates among many others.
- › **The School:** LWIS Istanbul is a private, international, English-medium, co-educational day school (K-12). The school aspires to become an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School like its sister schools in Lebanon.
- › **Languages:** LWIS Istanbul is an English-medium school that also provides English language support for non-native speakers and Turkish language as the home country language. Additional languages include Arabic and French.
- › **Teaching Staff:** Our faculty members are qualified, native/native-like English language teachers with a bachelor's degree and Teaching Diploma, or a master's degree and Teaching Diploma. The school provides continuous in-house professional development of faculty and staff to ensure that teaching and learning are of international quality and standards.
- › **Classrooms and Technology:** Classrooms are equipped with state-of-the-art furniture and smart-boards. The school provides Android and Windows tablets for use at school for all Kindergarten and Elementary students. A "Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)" policy applies for Grades 7-12. The school provides parents with required technical specifications before the start of the academic year.
- › **Class Size:** The number of students in any given learning space does not exceed 18 to optimize learning and best practices.

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- › **School Facilities:** The school provides a well-designed environment that supports the best learning practices. Our learning spaces include student lounges, a library, computer and robotics lab, an art room, a Maker Space, a science lab, a covered gymnasium, a music and movement room, a theater, a mini-football green field, a basketball court, an outdoor play area and an organic garden.
- › **Co and Extra-Curricular Activities:** The school offers a variety of after school activities based on student interest including languages, Islamic studies, robotics, cooking, ceramics, music, dance, yoga, gymnastics, martial arts, as well as football, basketball and volleyball amongst other athletics.
- › **School Schedule:** The school day starts at 9:00 a.m. from Monday to Friday for all divisions (EY/Primary/ Middle & High School). We expect our Primary/Middle & High School learners to arrive from 8:30 a.m. onwards as there is no supervision provided by school prior to that time. Early Years learners have a staggered start which allows them to arrive any time from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The daily schedule includes a short morning break and a longer lunch break.

The school day will end at 03:10 p.m. ; however, children can stay at school for pick-up along with other siblings if they are not taking the bus. On Friday, early dismissal will be at 1:45 p.m.

Please see the timetables below for your reference:

Days	Division	Class Starts	Dismissal
Monday-Thursday	Early Learners	9:00 a.m.	3:10 p.m.
	Primary Learners	9:00 a.m.	3:10 p.m.
	Middle & High School	9:00 a.m.	3:10 p.m.

Day	Division	Class Starts	Dismissal
Friday	Early Learners	9:00 a.m.	1:45 p.m.
	Primary Learners	9:00 a.m.	1:45 p.m.
	Middle & High School	9:00 a.m.	1:45 p.m.

Dismissal for learners registered in the optional Islamic studies course on Tuesday or Thursday is at 4:30 p.m.

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- › **Admissions:** Admission to the Early Years Programme includes children 3 years of age by September 1 of the academic year.
- › **LWIS Istanbul Community:** The school community includes the students, parents, teachers, staff, management, consultants, Board of Trustees (LWIS Network BOT) and surrounding community. Students vote for a Student Council while teachers and parents form a Parent Teacher Association (PTA). This allows the BOT to form an Advisory Council to include the Head/s of the Student Council, PTA, Management as well as recognized educators from the local and expat communities. The school adheres to an open-door policy where all stakeholders' input is valued.

We look forward to having you in our community of lifelong learners!