



MEF High School, Istanbul Turkey

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Our Motto

"The education received leaves an imprint on one's life forever".

Our Vision

To form a pioneering model in education by staying open to new developments and ideas.

Our Mission Statement

MEF High School offers a stimulating educational program that strives to meet the individual learning needs of today's students. The school provides equal opportunities to all, so that each child is given the chance to discover and develop their intellectual, creative, social and physical potential. In doing so, the school endeavours to empower its students with a life-long passion for learning. Students are encouraged to be confident, balanced and socially responsible individuals who will contribute positively to their local and global communities. As a school, we also embrace the principles of Turkey's founding father, Atatürk.

School History & Information

The Foundation of MEF Schools and the Stages of Establishment:

We are all aware of the fact that the most important way to keep pace with this constantly changing and developing time is "education". It is very important for us that our students will learn how to learn and will take pleasure in learning. At the start of our educational journey, our aim was to create a strong foundation for our students' constantly changing educational needs. Prior to the establishment of our school, we analysed and evaluated the educational systems in various countries. Then we prepared feasibility studies followed by a development plan and curriculum; and finally our education program was started.

MEF Schools started its first academic year in 1996 with its kindergarten, primary school and high school students. In 1998, MEF International School opened serving the international community.

With the approval of the Turkish Ministry of Education, MEF High School became a project school and a four year high school.

- In the academic year 2004-2005, MEF International School in Izmir opened.
- In the academic year 2008-2009, MEF Bahçeşehir Schools opened.
- In the academic year 2014-2015, MEF University opened.

Our school's main campus in Ulus is centrally located just above Ortakoy, built on a 40 acre lot with multi-purpose facilities, only minutes away from the Bosphorus Straits and residential locations preferred by the expatriate community.

The languages of instruction (Turkish and English) are complemented by other languages (French, German and Spanish).

Curriculum Description

The academic program is bilingual with a university preparatory curriculum. English is the language of instruction for science, math and English literature courses as well as a variety of electives. Turkish is the language of instruction for Turkish language and literature and social science courses.

Students follow a common core curriculum, consisting of English, Turkish literature and language, maths, sciences, social sciences, a secondary foreign language, and electives. It is required that students planning to study science, maths, or engineering complete 4 years of maths and science. Students take an average of 12 courses per year, including electives.

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program is a rigorous pre-university course of studies leading to examinations that meets the needs of highly motivated secondary school students. Designed as a comprehensive two-year curriculum, the diploma model incorporates the best elements of various educational systems.

Grading

At MEF National High School the passing grade for examinations is 50% as illustrated in the following table:

85-100	Very Good
70-84,99	Good
60-69,99	Average
50-59,99	Pass
0-49,99	Fail

High School Faculty

The faculty is comprised of 54 teachers. Of these 32% hold advanced degrees and 8% are foreign nationals.

MEF School Body

High School	: 303
Secondary School	: 342
Primary School	: 349
Kindergarten	: 103
MEF International	: 391

Authorized Programs

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program : Grades 11-12
International Baccalaureate Certificate Program : Grades 11-12
International General Certificate of Secondary Education: Grades 9 - 10

Extracurricular Activities

Students are involved in a wide range of activities and organizations. They are active participants in Model United Nations (MUN). They participated in a special EU Comenius Project supported by the European Union entitled "H2O-Not Only Water" that aimed to increase awareness on the importance of water for our planet. MEF School has been organizing "The Research Projects Contest" among high school level students for twenty-one years in order to support science education in Turkey and in order to motivate the students who are capable in this area to perform scientific research and enable them to aspire to be the "Scientists of the Future". Students of high schools from Turkey and abroad are invited to take part in the contest.

Since the beginning of the 2015-2016 academic year our school has been a partner in a project entitled The Innovative Schools Network (ISN) 2030. It is a two-year successor educational project of the OECD Tohoku School which applies "active learning" in the global context, including project-based learning, inquiry-based learning, and challenge learning as its framework. The project aims to develop creative community models by leveraging the power of students and their fresh creative and innovative minds.

MEF High School Students take part in a prestigious competition organized by TÜBİTAK (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey) nationwide every year.

The following projects from our school have received special recognition from TÜBİTAK:

- 2010- 2011 Geography 1st
Computer Sciences 2nd
Physics 3rd
- 2011-2012 Sociology 3rd
- 2012-2013 Mathematics 1st
- 2013-2014 Mathematics 1st (Asia District)
Computer Sciences 3rd (Europe District)
- 2014-2015 Chemistry 1st (Malatya District)
Computer Sciences 2nd (Asia District)
Geography 3rd (Europe District)
- 2015-2016 Computer Sciences 3rd (Europe District)
Chemistry 2nd (Samsun District)
Values Education 3rd (Europe District)

In 2014, in the 22nd International First Step to Nobel Prize Physics contest organized in Poland, our High School grade 12 student **İlayda ŞAMİLGİL** was awarded the "Honour Award" with her project entitled "**A Cheap, Fast and Portable System for Computing Water Percentage of Liquids by using Magnets**".

As a result of the second and the final evaluations, our student's project was awarded **first place**.

In 'Dis-moi dix mots 2016, a competition involving over 1000 projects from 26 different countries organized by the French Ministry of Education and supported by the French Ministry of Cultural Affairs and the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, our school's project, prepared by four students in the 11th grade under the supervision of their French teacher, was awarded first prize.

In the 8th International Folk Dancing Competition 2016 in Italy, Rimini, our dancing group was awarded first place

Our school, in collaboration with MEF University, offers its students a 10-week-student personal development programme, which is the first of its kind in Turkey.

Where Our Graduates Have Been Attending

Perhaps the ultimate measure of a quality high school education is the success of its graduates. Approximately 99% of graduates enrol in distinguished colleges and universities both in Turkey and around the world. Acceptances from **2010-2016** are listed below.

<p>United States:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cornell University • Duke University • Michigan University • University of California • Columbia University • Boston University • Johnson and Wales University • Savannah College of Art and Design • Rhode Island School of Design • IBC • Florida State University • University of Illinois • Duke University • Regent University • Kennesaw University • University of Southern California • University of Miami • Miami Dade College • Northeastern University • Babson College • University of Illinois • New York Film Academy • Bryant University • Pratt Institute, Brooklyn NY • Rutgers University • Oxford College of Emory University • Syracuse University 	<p>UK:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UCL –University College London • London School of Economics • Royal Holloway University of London • University of Warwick • Kings College London • Nottingham University • Goldsmith University • The School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) • University of York • University of Reading • Bournemouth University • New Castle University • Durham University • Into City University London • University of Manchester • University of East Anglia • Regent’s Business School • University of Central Lancashire • University of South Wales • Imperial College • Kent University • University of the Arts, London 	<p>Turkish Universities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boğaziçi Üniversitesi • İstanbul Üniversitesi • İstanbul Teknik Üniversitesi • MEF Üniversitesi • Galatasaray Üniversitesi • Mimar Sinan Üniversitesi • Trakya Üniversitesi • Anadolu Üniversitesi • Sabancı Üniversitesi • Koç Üniversitesi • Özyeğin Üniversitesi • İstanbul Bilgi Üniversitesi • Kadir Has Üniversitesi • Bahçeşehir Üniversitesi • Doğu Üniversitesi • Okan Üniversitesi • Maltepe Üniversitesi • Işık Üniversitesi • Yeditepe Üniversitesi • Yakın Doğu Üniversitesi
<p>Canada:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • York University • University of Toronto • University of Waterloo • Simon Fraser University • McGill University • Ryerson University, Toronto, CA 	<p>International Universities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IE University- Madrid • University of Bocconi- Italy • University of Rotterdam Erasmus • Karlsruhe Institute of Technology • Vrije Universiteit • Nuova Accademia Di Belle Arti Milano (NABA) • Ecole hoteliere de Lausanne • Vistula University Poland 	