

INSTITUTO DR. JAIM WEIZMAN

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Instituto Dr. Jaim Weizman was founded in 1958 as a private college – preparatory school. It offers an educational program from preschool through 11th grade. Enrollment is made up of 229 students all members of The Jewish Community. Ninety percent of them are Costa Rican citizens and ten percent are from other countries. Instituto Weizman is an IB Continuum School and is also accredited by the Costa Rican Ministry of Public Education (MEP). Students have access to both diplomas offered by these organizations. Instituto Weizman strives to be a leading educational institution in Costa Rica, promoting Jewish values with an experiential constructivist approach. The school's year goes from August to June.

MISSION STATEMENT

We believe in our students' human and academic potential and their ability to be agents of change to create a better world through Jewish values (Tikún Olam) and the attributes of the Learner Profile of the International Baccalaureate community. We exist to form integral human beings, who are citizens of the world, principled, with values and Jewish identity, that they live full lives.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Middle School (7th to 9th Grade)– International Baccalaureate

We implement the MYP program from 5th grade to 9th. This program educates students with local and global learning, with inquiry skills, student-centered pedagogy and the promotion of the International Baccalaureate (IB) attributes. The curriculum of this program consists of the following subjects: Language and Literature (Spanish), Language Acquisition (Hebrew and English), Individuals and societies (Hebrew History, Jewish Studies), Integrated Science, Mathematics, Arts (Music and Visual Arts), Physical Education and Design.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME (10th to 11th Grade)

The International Baccalaureate® (IB) Diploma Programme (DP) is for students aged 16-19. The program aims to develop students who have excellent breadth and depth of knowledge – students who flourish physically, intellectually, emotionally, and ethically. The Diploma Programme (DP) curriculum is made up of six subject groups and the DP core, comprising of the Theory of knowledge (TOK), Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS), and the Extended essay.

<https://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/>

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Weizman began its IB Diploma Programme in 2016. Students graduating in 2024 were offered the following IB Diploma subjects:

Group	IB Course offered	Languaje
Group 1 Studies in Language & Literature	• English A Language & Literature HL • Spanish A Language & Literature HL	English and Spanish
Group 2 Language Acquisition	• English B HL	English
Group 3 Individuals and Societies	• Global Politics SL • Business Management SL/HL	Spanish
Group 4 Sciences	• Biology SL • Physics SL	English and Spanish
Group 5 Mathematics	• Mathematics: applications and interpretation SL/HL	Spanish
Group 6 The Arts	• Music SL/HL • Visual Arts SL/HL • Film SL/HL	Spanish

Additionally, students take the following subjects: Hebrew, Bible, Prayer, and Hebrew History, which are mandatory in our curriculum. Social Studies and Civics are offered by the Programa de Educación Diversificada (Diversified Education Program) del Ministerio de Educación de Costa Rica (Ministry of Public Education) as a requirement to validate the IB Diploma. The Diploma Programme is mandatory from 2019 for students enrolled in 10th grade; therefore, the school has made an effort to increase the subjects offered to students entering the program as of 2020, giving students access to a bilingual diploma.

DIPLOMA PROGRAMME INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE UPDATE 2018-2024						
Subject	Level	Language	2018 - 2019	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022-2024
Spanish A: Language and Literature	HL	Spanish	X	X	X	X
Spanish A: Language and Literature	SL	Spanish	-	-	X	-
English A: Literature	HL	English	-	X	X	X
English B	HL	English	X	-	X	X
English B	SL	English	-	-	X	-
Spanish B	SL	Spanish	-	-	X	-
Business Management	HL	Spanish	X	-	-	X
Business Management	SL	Spanish	-	-	X	X
Environmental Systems and Societies	SL	Spanish	X	X	X	-
History	SL	Spanish	X	X	-	-
Global Politics	SL	Spanish	-	X	X	X
Psychology	HL	Spanish	-	-	-	-
Biology	SL	Spanish	X	X	X	X
Physics	SL	Spanish	X	X	X	X
Physics	HL	English	-	-	X	-
Sports, exercise, and health science	SL	Spanish	-	-	X	-
Mathematics Studies	SL	Spanish	X	-	-	-
Mathematics: applications and interpretation	SL	Spanish	-	X	X	X
Mathematics: applications and interpretation	HL	English	-	-	X	X
Mathematics: applications and interpretation	HL	Spanish	-	-	-	X
Theater	SL	Spanish	-	-	-	-
Theater	HL	Spanish	-	X	-	-
Film	HL	Spanish	-	-	X	X
Film	SL	Spanish	-	-	-	-
Music	HL	Spanish	-	-	X	X
Music	SL	Spanish	-	-	-	X
Visual Arts	HL	English	-	-	X	-
Visual Arts	HL/SL	Spanish	-	-	-	X

Note 1: HL – High Level, SL – Standard Level

Note 2: Because we are a small school, students choose from a limited number of options.



STATISTICS FROM INSTITUTO WEIZMAN'S INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023-2024
Number of students enrolled in IB Diploma	8	3	16	23	8	23	13
Number of students enrolled in IB Courses	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Number of students earned the IB Diploma	8	3	15	22	7	18	-
Average points obtained by students who received the Diploma	33	29	32	32	27	28	-
Highest score obtained by a student	38	32	38	38	34	32	-
Average IB grade of students that obtained the Diploma	5.21	4.67	5.12	5.05	4.31	4.42	-

Co- Curricular Activities

SHORASHIM PROJECT

In this project, eighth-grade middle school students investigate their roots, through conversations with their great-grandparents, grandparents, parents, or research documents. Each work becomes a book, into which students convey their research. In addition, they do a graphic presentation on their research.

JIDON HATANAJ

Is a Bible contest that is organized first at the regional level and an international final that takes place in Israel.

Extra- Curricular Clubs

- Volleyball
- Chess Club
- Robotik-Club
- Garage-Band-Club
- Basketball
- Theater-Club
- Football-Club
- Bridge-Club
- Rikudim
- Ukelele-Club
- 3D-Design-Club
- Box-Club

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITIES WHERE INSTITUTO DR JAIM WEIZMAN GRADUATES HAVE ENROLLED

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Babson College
 Brandeis University
 Boston College
 Boston University
 Elon University
 Fashion Institute of Technology NYC
 Florida State University
 Georgetown University
 Georgia Tech
 Harvard University
 New York University (NYU)
 Northeastern University
 Michigan State University
 Purdue University
 Pennsylvania university
 SCAD University
 Stanford University
 Texas Christian University
 The Ohio State University

The Ohio State University
 Tulane University
 University of California Berkeley
 University of Florida
 University of Miami
 University of Michigan
 University of Tampa
 Yeshiva University

COSTA RICA

Instituto Tecnológico de Costa Rica
 LEAD University
 Universidad de Costa Rica
 Universidad de Ciencias Médicas (UCIMED)
 Universidad Latina
 Universidad Veritas
 ULACIT

CANADA

McGill University

ISRAEL

Bar Ilan University
 Bezalel Academy Arts and Design Jerusalem
 IDC Herzliya
 Technion - Israel Institute of Technology
 Tel Aviv University

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 The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
 The Schechter Institutes of Jewish Studies

SPAIN

IE University
 Universidad Ramon Lull

ITALY

Istituto Marangon