



# INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF KIGALI - RWANDA

Engaging Individuals  
Encouraging Success  
Enriching Global Citizens

Elementary Profile  
2018 – 2019

## Our Guiding Statements

### Our Vision

We **enrich** lifelong learners who achieve their full potential and choose to act as responsible citizens in their local and global communities.

### Our Mission

We are a student-centered community of learners rooted in intercultural understanding. We positively **encourage** individual growth through curiosity, critical thinking, and meaningful engagement in the World.

## Our School

We are a diverse community offering an inquiry-based university preparatory program from Early Childhood through Grade 12. Accredited in Europe and the United States, we **engage** individuals through the IPC, IMYC and AP Capstone Diploma Program. ISKR is fully accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS) and the Middle States Association (MSA)

ISKR serves families from the diplomatic, INGO, and local business communities in Kigali, Rwanda.

## ISKR at a glance...

We have a very diverse student body and faculty with over 45 nationalities represented.  
18% of our students have two or more nationalities.

As of August 2017, our total number of students is 248 with 108 students in elementary.

Our average class size is 20 students.

All full-time teaching staff hold university degrees, professional qualifications, international teaching experience, and are recruited globally.

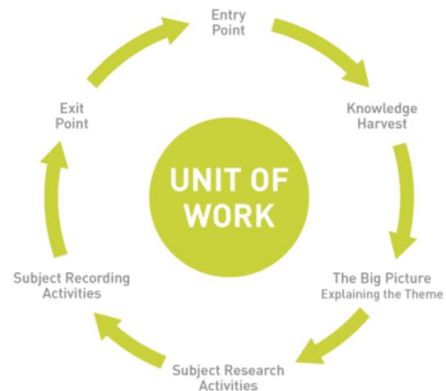
## Curriculum

In the elementary school, we use the **International Primary Curriculum**, an inquiry based, thematic and interdisciplinary approach to teaching science, history, geography, and technology. It also includes international and societal links. We use **AERO (American Education Reaches Out) Standards** for teaching English language arts (literacy) and mathematics. AERO Standards are aligned with Common Core Standards used in the United States, but are internationally focused.

We use a mathematics program called **Prime Mathematics**, published by Scholastic International and influenced by Singaporean and Korean mathematics programs.

Additionally, students take co-curricular courses taught by specialist teachers in the areas of drama, art, French language, Information and Communications Technology (ICT), PHSE (Personal Health and Safety Education), Library, music, and Physical Education (PF).

## IPC Inquiry Cycle



SCHOLASTIC

# PRIME Mathematics



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## How your child will spend the day:

Subject Area or Activity	General Time Allotment
English Language Arts	90-120 minutes daily
Mathematics	45-60 minutes daily
International Primary Curriculum	45-60 minutes daily
French & PE	45 minutes twice weekly
Library, ICT, Drama, Art, PHSE (health), Music	45 minutes weekly
Lunch, snack, outdoor play	1 hour 15 minutes daily

## Annual School Events

<b>Rwandan Arts &amp; Culture Week</b>	A celebration of our host country, Rwanda. Each grade learns about an aspect of Rwandese culture such as traditional dance, drumming, weaving, etc. and showcases what they learned at the end of the week.
<b>Book &amp; Literacy Week</b>	A week of activities related to reading. These include a book character dress up day, 'Battle of the Books' competition, a book swap and sale, and buddy reading with secondary students
<b>International Week</b>	A celebration of the diversity at ISKR. Activities include a home dress fashion show, a parade of nations, a food fair, and a rotation of activities about different continents
<b>STEM Week</b>	A week of activities related to science, technology, engineering and maths. Students compete in an engineering challenge and participate in a makerspace
<b>World Maths Day</b>	Students participate in an online global maths challenge and earn points for our school
<b>Author's Tea</b>	Students share a piece of writing with parents, demonstrating how they've used the writing process. Tea and treats are provided for parents
<b>Sports Day</b>	A rotation of activities designed to get students moving outdoors!

## Home-School Communication

<b>Academic report cards</b> are sent four times per year. Student personal development (including behavior) is reported too.
<b>Parent-Teacher conferences</b> happen twice per year, usually in October and March.
Parents receive regular communication from teachers on <b>Seesaw</b> — an app for android/apple that allows students to upload digital portfolios of school work. This is also used for announcements about school wide events.
Teachers are always welcome to <b>email</b> teachers or staff members with questions or concerns.

## After School Activities

ISKR provides a number of after school activities that run from 3:15-4:15 Monday through Thursday. These activities are run by teachers as well as outside professionals. Some examples follow:

**basketball, football, swimming, tennis, gymnastics, Yoga, student council, Roots & Shoots (gardening & recycling) club, Take Action Monday (community and service learning), sewing and crocheting, piano lessons, recorder club, French club, art & sculpture, drama club, karaoke club, pop dance club, and many more!**

### Our Secondary graduates have been accepted to:

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| University College London, UK            | Carleton University, Canada               | Durham University, UK         |
| University of British Columbia, Canada   | KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden | University of Cincinnati, USA |
| University of Cape Town, South Africa    | Lewis & Clark College, USA                | University of Udine, Italy    |
| University of California, San Diego, USA | Colorado State University, USA            | University of Utah, USA       |
|  |   | Arizona State University, USA |

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