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A LifePlus International School



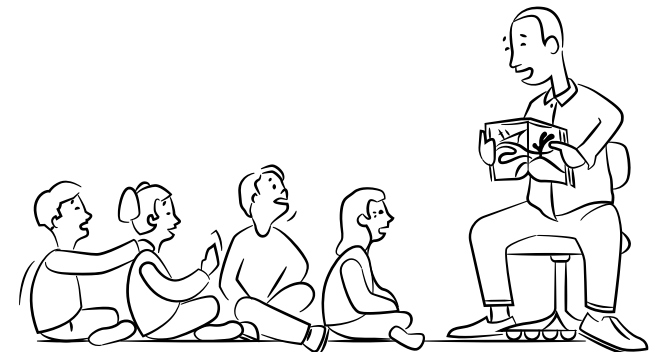
**Inspiring  
learners to make  
a life-changing  
difference for the  
common good.**





**Hello, welcome to International School of Qingdao.** We are a vibrant international community in Qingdao that provides transformative, holistic Pre K–12 education to develop globally minded individuals who learn, love and lead.

As a LifePlus international school, we inspire our students to go and make a life-changing difference for the common good.



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## Worldwide learning for all

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### Head of School's welcome

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Welcome to the International School of Qingdao! We are proud to be a part of LifePlus, where we develop servant leaders who learn, love and lead. Guided by our purpose and our globally recognized Cognia accreditation, we strive for excellence. We provide our international students with the highest quality education, delivered by world-class teachers, in a school designed to support each student's needs and aspirations.

We prioritize character formation and the application of learning—both inside and outside the classroom—to set our students apart. Because of this, we teach and engage our students with our LifePlus 9 Qualities for Life (visit [lifeplusworldwide.com/qualities](https://lifeplusworldwide.com/qualities) to learn more). Our holistic well-being program, extra-curricular activities and strong partnerships with parents provide extra layers of support as well as opportunities for growth. Together, these elements equip every student with the stepping stones needed to

face the challenges of our world, discover their purpose and drive positive change.

Students are challenged and inspired on a daily basis. Not just to memorize books, but to live them. Never just to study science, but to experiment with it. From our pioneering days as the first international school in Qingdao to now with nearly 500 alumni, we continue to remain deeply committed to providing world-class education.

Warmly,  
**Chris Peek**  
*Head of School*



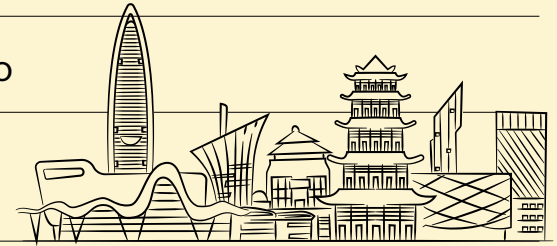

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## Growing up in Qingdao

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### A brief history

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## 1996

### Small beginnings

The very first international school in Qingdao and Shandong province—International School of Qingdao—opens its doors on September 23, 1996, welcoming our initial cohort of eight foreign students.

## 2005

### A year of many firsts

We earn the first accreditation from Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) in Qingdao, graduate our first class of six students and become a founding member school of the Association of China and Mongolia International Schools (ACAMIS).

**“When we looked at the schools [in Qingdao], we not only looked at the academics, but all aspects to find the best fit... where [our children] could fully realize their potential.”**

Parent of alum

## 2017

### Moving with the times

Our school continues to evolve and moves to the Licang district. With our new location, we bring our Early Childhood Center (ECC) to the same campus.

## 2021

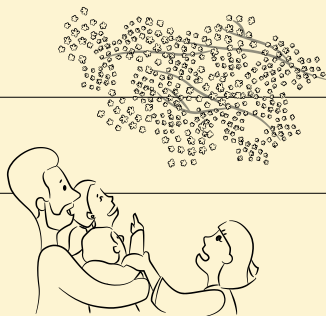
### Birthday celebrations

As we celebrate our 25th anniversary, our school proudly boasts more than 400 high school graduates. To date, we have welcomed over 400 teachers and staff, enrolled more than 2,400 students and are witnessing countless lives transformed. Furthermore, we transition our accreditation to Cognia—the world's leading education improvement organization, which is a conglomerate of three accreditation bodies: NCA CASI, NWAC, and SACS CASI.



A world-class education

## Our community in numbers



### Average class size

**12**

#### By program

Early Childhood ×9  
Elementary ×13  
Middle School ×14  
High School ×10

### Teacher:Student

**1:5**

#### Student population

Early Childhood ×28  
Elementary School ×96  
Middle School ×82  
High School ×69

### College destinations

**220**

### Student nationalities

**21**

#### Countries include

Australia, USA, Canada,  
Bulgaria, UK, Egypt,  
France, Germany,  
Hungary, Indonesia,  
Japan, South Korea,  
New Zealand and more

### Average SAT® score, 2023

**1,352**

### Staff nationalities

**13**

#### Home countries include

USA, Canada, Jamaica,  
Panama, Colombia,  
UK, Russia, Azerbaijan,  
Singapore, Philippines,  
China, South Korea and  
New Zealand

Recognized for excellence

## Aiming higher, taking students further



Through LifePlus, our school is accredited by Cognia, a world-renowned educational body that recognizes the incredibly high standards of our work and continues to evaluate our performance. LifePlus also benefits us in three important areas.

First, LifePlus helps us to innovate: sharing research, knowledge and ideas. Second, LifePlus is a truly international and robust setup that lets us focus on what we do best: growing servant leaders of outstanding character, competence and calling. Third, LifePlus makes Qingdao more than a local school, connecting us to a worldwide network of talent, knowledge and support.

To learn more, visit [lifeplusworldwide.com](https://lifeplusworldwide.com)

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Parent of alum





## Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten

### Our Early Childhood Center

In our Early Childhood Center (ECC), every day is a joyful exploration where each learner is valued and nurtured. Under the guidance of dedicated teachers, students embark on a journey of discovery, learning to navigate the world with wisdom, empathy and a spirit of collaboration.



#### Purposeful play

Purposeful play is a hallmark of our program. Research shows it is one of the most important factors in young students' social-emotional, physical and cognitive development. With the teacher modeling, our littlest learners

explore mathematical wonders, literacy and science through hands-on exploration with their friends. Guided playtime nurtures their curiosity, encouraging them to voice their thoughts confidently and tackle challenges head-on, be it amidst the pages of an engrossing story, the playground or on stage.

#### Fundamentals

Early childhood is a critical age to begin laying a foundation in fundamental life skills such as developing values and learning integrity, showing good moral character, thinking carefully, communicating clearly, working well with others and taking care of the world around us. The educational experience provided at International School of Qingdao is balanced and varied as the child's world of awareness is extended from the home to the classroom.

#### Development

The Early Childhood program provides emerging learning experiences in language development, number concepts, creative skills, and social and physical development. Students receive



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Parent of former students

the building blocks for perceiving, thinking and problem-solving through the use of concrete experiences. It also provides a warm, safe and family-like environment for our youngest students. Their days include art, Chinese, music, library and movement incorporated into their daily school life.

#### Character

Every day matters as we instill the growth mindset and habits of character that develop innovative thinkers, skilled communicators and

courageous leaders. This is achieved through the LifePlus 9 Qualities for Life; our students begin to learn these qualities in Early Childhood and continue to embrace them throughout their education with us.



Grades 1–5

## Our Elementary School

Our Elementary program is designed with the knowledge that children in Grades 1–5 learn best through hands-on experience and creativity. Our learners are accepted for who they are and encouraged to blossom at their own rate. Through collaborative projects, use of technology and increased independent learning, students become skilled communicators. They develop into critical thinkers through English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Chinese. With a desire to develop well-rounded students, our learners also pursue their interests in art, music, library and physical education every week.

### Leadership

At the heart of our learner's education is development of strong character and leadership skills. Through our LifePlus 9 Qualities, learners cultivate emotional intelligence, conflict resolution skills and the ability to forge healthy relationships. These qualities prepare them to learn, love and lead in a global community.

### Teacher-student relationships

Research shows teacher-student relationships have the most significant impact on student learning. Our teachers are committed to understanding each



student's strengths and learning and strive to see every student thrive as they become innovative thinkers, skilled communicators and courageous leaders. Our well-being program stands as a pillar of support for both teachers and students, encouraging our learners to grow into active, purposeful individuals.

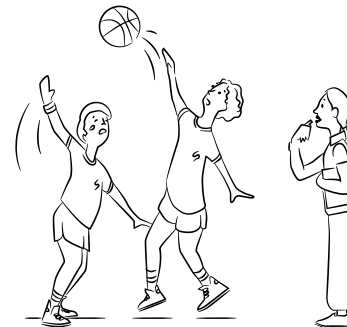
### Well-rounded education

Student well-being at our school extends beyond the classroom,

incorporating enriching experiences and joyful learning. Our after-school offerings provide learners with an array of opportunities to explore different interests and develop new skills, from cooking to martial arts and more. Through immersive trips and excursions, learners expand their horizons, connecting with nature, history and the vibrant community around them. These experiences foster a deeper understanding of their place in the world.



**“What excites me about my son learning here is the fact that he’s known, loved and will be motivated to do his best and discover new interests every day.”**  
Current parent





## Grades 6–8

### Our Middle School

The Middle School program is designed with the awareness that children in grades six through eight are establishing their own worldviews and must have the time and tools for imaginative freedom and discovery. It also provides a holistic program that balances the development of concepts, skills and character.

Teachers give each student the chance to question ideas, explore themes and collaborate with others to foster their problem-solving and critical thinking skills. Our approach focuses on the growth of the developing child; addressing social, physical, emotional and cultural needs in addition to academic welfare.

Our comprehensive curriculum emphasizes language arts and math while our specialized enrichment programs in music, art, physical education, language and technology provide students with a varied and rich educational experience.

#### Leadership development

Unique to LifePlus schools, students take Character Development classes to learn and explore worldview, identity and leadership which, in turn, cultivate lifelong skills and the ability to learn,



**“The education students are receiving is going to be something they will carry with them for the rest of their lives.”**

Former teacher  
+ parent of alum

love and lead. Classes and activities every day instill an understanding of leadership, encourage students to have a strong sense of self, their purpose and a vision of their roles in the wider world.

#### Well-rounded education

Learners grow holistically through a rich diversity of artistic and cultural experiences.

Visual arts and performing arts enrich student life, teaching teamwork, grit and the thrill of high performance. On-campus Drama events and Fine Art Galas showcase their talents.

Our students connect deeply with China through excursions and service. Excursions range from local explorations like LaoShan to acts of community service. Middle school trips include multi-day Spring Trips around Qingdao, Shandong Province or Beijing as well as sports tournaments around the country.



Grades 9–12

## Our High School

Our high school students have a variety of courses to choose from, ranging by subject, which allows students to personalize their learning experiences and deepen their knowledge. Each learner will have a varied learning story that reflects a world-class servant leader; each individual will graduate with their unique aptitudes and interests.

### Leaders in the making

Our learners lead and participate in service projects in the school and community. This prepares the way for a leadership style in every student that prioritizes the welfare of others. These experiences are integrated into our curriculum and happen throughout



the academic year, enabling our students to develop key life skills.

### Advanced Placement® (AP)

Our AP program courses offer university-level courses and exams to our students who desire to deepen their knowledge of specific subjects to explore future university majors and careers. AP is recognized by more than 3,600 universities worldwide and 85% of selective institutions report AP experience favorably impacts admission decisions.

### University preparation

Our high school students explore universities and careers, research university choices, and walk through



university application processes together with our University Guidance Counselor. International School of Qingdao also provides PSAT® (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test), SAT® (Scholastic Aptitude Test) and ACT® (American College Testing) college entrance exams.



"I feel like our school has really helped me grow academically... I don't think I could have been the person I am today without being at this school."  
Alum



Our students have gone on to study a wide variety of subjects, such as finance, teaching, engineering and various fields of medicine, at many universities around the world including...

Duke  
UNIVERSITY

BOSTON  
UNIVERSITY

Cornell University

Berkeley  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

UNIVERSITY OF  
TORONTO

서울대학교  
SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

연세대학교  
YONSEI UNIVERSITY

KAIST

NUS  
National University  
of Singapore

WASEDA  
University



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## Inspire to change

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### Student well-being

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At International School of Qingdao we provide support to students of all abilities. We are proud to be a safe and caring community supported by an excellent team of Social-Emotional Counselors, Learning Support Specialists, English Language Support department, Health Office and the Principal of Student Well-being.



#### Learning Support

We are committed to giving every student the opportunity to learn and grow. Our learning support

specialists provide various levels of academic support based on individual student needs. The team collaborates with teachers to identify students in need of learning support, implement classroom strategies and interventions to support student learning and monitor student progress.

#### School Counseling

Our students grow to be resilient, empathetic and well-rounded individuals, thanks to our holistic educational approach and counselors. Through personal and group counseling sessions, our counselors work on enhancing our learners social skills and emotional well-being. The counseling program empowers them to build confidence, emotional intelligence and cultivate strong character traits. It guides them in nurturing fruitful relationships with their peers and the larger community. Regular interactions with parents and teachers form a strong support network, facilitating a united development journey.

#### English Language Support

We greatly enjoy our diverse student body and recognize the commendable efforts put in by







"Teachers take the mentoring of a person's character seriously. They are very invested in the students, not just in the classroom but outside the classroom which is really unusual."  
Parent of alum



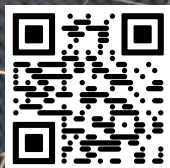
our students to excel in their additional language of English. Our English Language Support (ELS) department stands as a pillar of strength, offering personalized classes and support to ensure their academic success.

Through this program, students refine their English language skills, transforming the challenge into an achievement and celebrating their multicultural educational journey with every step they take.





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