In a world of 7.5 billion, you are *somebody* at ISA.

**EDUCATING LEARNERS, LEADERS AND GLOBAL CITIZENS**

The International School of the Americas (ISA) is a public magnet school that draws students from the North East Independent School District and greater San Antonio area. Students are selected through a lottery of all submitted applications.

**PIONEERS ON THE ROAD OF LEARNING**

ISA is committed to providing students with an authentic and meaningful education. ISA achieves this success through project-based learning, a low student-teacher ratio, interdisciplinary curriculum, and the integration of Web 2.0 technology tools.

ISA also features academic teaming at each grade level, creating a support system to address students’ academic and personal needs.

**GLOBALLY COMPETENT**

In an increasingly interconnected world, students must prepare themselves as citizens and leaders of a 21st century global community. To do so, ISA offers grade-level travel experiences and an exchange program with partner schools in China, Germany, Japan and South Korea. But more importantly, ISA students connect and communicate directly with other students around the world via online collaborative projects.

**COLLEGE READY**

Students are well-prepared for life after ISA. Our 2017 graduates have gone on to attend such schools as Columbia University, Southwestern University, Stanford University, Trinity University, UT Austin, and UTSA. The average ISA student will complete 8 Advanced Placement courses by the time of graduation. In addition to internship and community service, they build a strong portfolio of academic achievement for post-secondary pursuits.

**ISA Class of 2018:**

- Scholarships Offered
  - $12.4 million
- National Merit Recognized
  - 5%

Here at ISA, I am somebody in a world of 7.5 billion....

I am able to test my mental boundaries and see my future potential. Testing myself comes as second nature now, rather than an idea that I have never thought was possible. I am in a diverse community, with minds who think differently, and I have gained knowledge that will last a lifetime. Here at ISA, I know the activities I complete make a difference in the person I am and the person I dream to be.

*Erica Williams, Class of 2018*
A Closer Look at Authentic Learning and ISA

Project-Based Learning

At ISA, students explore course content through project-based learning and the investigation of real world challenges. In their projects, students tackle such issues as globalization, climate change, and government response to natural and economic crisis. One such project is Model United Nations San Antonio, or MUNSA, the largest student-led simulation in the country. As the host school, ISA welcomes over 1,000 students from around the world who are eager to find creative solutions to complex world problems.

Grade-Level Travel Experiences

Our grade-level travel experiences are unique to the ISA curriculum. Each academic team designs a trip around a central global theme. In the spring, students present projects documenting their learning. Sustainable Development-Freshman travel to Heifer Ranch in Perryville, Arkansas, to participate in a simulation that examines the needs of developing countries. Cultural Diffusion-Sophomores travel to New Mexico to explore sites along the Camino Real and the intersection of ideas and people. Social Justice-Juniors travel to Alabama, examining the Civil Rights Movement as it relates to the discussion of human rights. Global Issues-Seniors travel to Washington, D.C., to explore local and global developmental goals, connected to the San Antonio 2020 Initiative; including civic engagement, environmental sustainability and education.

ISA Portfolio, Internships, and Service Learning

In addition to meeting state requirements, ISA students exceed expectations by completing a four-year portfolio that includes both an internship and service learning component. The Internship Program is one of ISA’s hallmark real-world learning experiences. Each senior designs his or her internships to acquire 120 hours of practical experience while participating in coursework designed by the Internship Coordinator. The ISA Service Program exists to actively engage students in meaningful, authentic, and personally relevant service activities by asking students to complete 120 hours of service. For the past three years, the ISA community has participated in Globie Youth Service Day, accumulating more than 10,000 hours of service.

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Awards & Partnerships:
*Goldman Sachs Prize for Excellence in International Education
*Professional Development School for Trinity University
*International Studies Schools Network Anchor School
*Confucius Classroom Institute Participant School

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ISA Shadowing Program
October-January
Application Due
Wednesday, January 30
4:30pm