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## ENROLLMENT

Pre-School	178	<b>98</b> Students in the Class of 2024	<b>7:1</b> Student to Teacher Ratio
Primary School	309		
Middle School	344		
High School	403		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1234</b>		

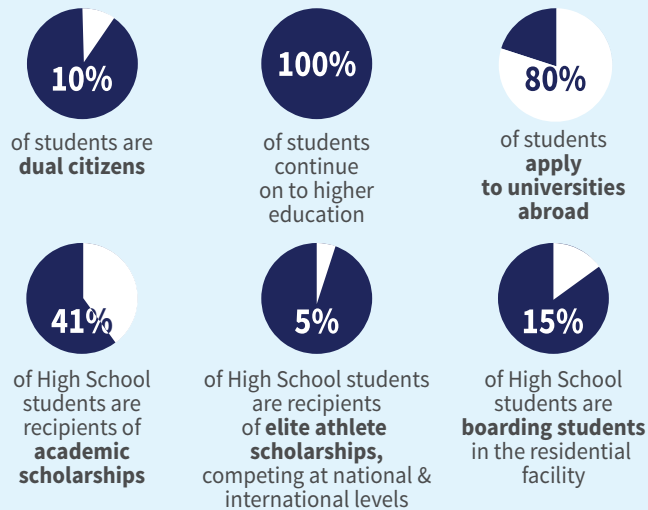


## FACULTY

<b>203</b> Total Teaching Staff	<b>91</b> Leadership & Support Team	<b>144</b> Turkish Nationals	<b>59</b> Foreign Nationals
<b>62%</b> Masters <b>5%</b> Doctorate	<b>15</b> Avg. Years of Experience	<b>8</b> Avg. Years at ENKA	<b>16</b> Nationalities on staff



## STUDENTS



## HOW DOES "LIVING YOUR MISSION" CHANGE A SCHOOL?

When ENKA decided to act upon its stated value of Equality-- that neither religion, ethnicity, geographical origin, nor financial standing shall preclude a student from enrolling-- something radical happened. While the school has had a longstanding commitment to provide financial aid to every enrolled student whose family demonstrates need, six years ago the school decided to add academic scholarships to its bursary offerings. Since doing so, the school's supporting foundation has granted **148 full academic scholarships** to transfer students, who typically rank scholastically in the top 1% of the nation. In combination with the other bursary options, this means that **currently 41% of ENKA's high school is on full scholarship**. To make opportunity more accessible to more students, three years ago (despite the pandemic), ENKA opened its residential boarding facilities, which now houses **62 academic scholarship students from 14 different provinces**, which is 15% of the high school student body. The rigor of our academics, the organic challenge spurred by a growing number of academic scholarship students, and the diversity engendered by students from different regions has allowed the school to truly live its mission and witness the edifying results.



## THE SCHOOL

ENKA is a private, non-profit Pre-K-12 co-educational school in Istanbul, Turkey. Founded in 1996 as a center of educational excellence, ENKA aims to provide an inspirational model for schools within Turkey and internationally.

Our academic programs foster global awareness and incorporate academic excellence. ENKA offers multiple rigorous curricula which promote a globally-minded student population who learn leadership and responsibility.

ENKA is fully authorized K-12 to offer all three IB programs: PYP, MYP, and DP. ENKA is the first Turkish school in the country authorized for IBPYP. Additionally, ENKA offers a range of AP courses as well as university preparation courses.

Our programs are internationally accredited, with the most recent CIS, NEASC, and IB evaluation conducted in 2023.

## THE CAMPUS

The campus, which now includes an expanding residential program, is situated on the European side of Istanbul in the heart of the business center, nestled in 16 wooded acres within the ENKA Sports complex.

The range of facilities demonstrates the importance ENKA places on contemporary education, sports, and the arts. Facilities include three full science labs, a design tech lab, a robotics lab, three libraries totaling 40,000 volumes, computer labs, a multimedia room, a student kitchen, and contemporary, purpose-built classrooms. In addition, the school has an amphitheater, a music hall, an art gallery, two indoor pools, an outdoor olympic-sized pool, twelve tennis courts, a full gymnasium, fitness center, and a tartan track and field.

The residential facilities currently house 15% of the high school students-- those who have transferred in from other cities around Turkey. This number will continue to grow.

## MISSION & VISION

To lay the intellectual and behavioral foundations that will prepare and motivate students to develop to the full extent of their capacities, and to employ the mental skills and ethical habits that foster freedom of thought and action, thus helping them to be leading citizens of the world.

## VALUES

### EQUALITY

ENKA Schools commits that neither religion, ethnicity, geographical origin, nor financial standing shall preclude a student from enrolling.

### CHALLENGE

ENKA Schools commits to challenge each child to see beyond the ordinary, teaching them that the path to expanding one's potential mentally, physically, and spiritually is through discipline, rigor, and tenacity. We seek to instill in learners the value of intellectual pursuits and the necessity of respectful debate.

### EXCELLENCE

ENKA Schools commits to providing academic rigor in its curriculum, designed to develop each scholar to their fullest academically, socially, and emotionally by exposing them to a wide area of study, encouraging student agency, and guiding them towards in-depth pursuit of their strongest interest.

### COLLABORATION

ENKA Schools aspire to partner with families to prepare each child to be contributing members in their community, responsible and respectful citizens of the world, positive influences, and propellers of their society through their ideas and actions.

# CURRICULUM

## All High School Students

- **Meet the requirements for and receive a Turkish High School (Lise) Diploma.**
- Study a third language from grades 5-12.
- Receive most of their instruction in English:

**55%** of all courses are taught in English for Grades 9-10

**75%** of all courses are taught in English for Grades 11-12

## Grade 9 & 10 Students

- Follow the Turkish National Curriculum along with IBMYP.
- Take High School Math and Science courses in English.

## Grade 11 Students

As of the 2019-2020 school year, Grade 11 students select one of the following pathways based on their career targets and academic ability.

**OPTION 1: MEB**  
• Turkish (Lise) Diploma only

**OPTION 2: MEB + IBDP**  
• Turkish (Lise) Diploma  
+  
• Full IB Diploma

**OPTION 3: MEB + AP**  
• Turkish (Lise) Diploma  
+  
• 1-6 AP courses

**AP**

ENKA AP Subjects

- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics 1
- AP Physics C Mechanics
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Microeconomics
- AP Statistics
- AP Psychology
- AP 2-D Art
- AP 3-D Art
- AP Computer Science A
- AP European History

**CLASS OF 2024**  
breakdown of program selection



MEB  
IBDP

29

students pursuing MEB + IBDP

**29%**



MEB  
AP

34

students pursuing MEB + AP

**35%**



MEB

35

students pursuing Turkish National curriculum (MEB)

**36%**



ENKA IBDP Subjects

**Group 1**  
• Turkish Lit A  
• English Lit & Lang A

**Group 2**  
• French B  
• German B  
• Spanish B

**Group 3**  
• Business Mgmt  
• Economics  
• ITGS  
• Psychology  
• Global Politics  
• Turkey in the 20th Century

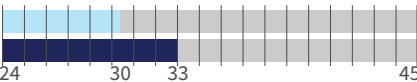
**Group 4**  
• Biology  
• Chemistry  
• Computer Science  
• Physics

**Group 5**  
• Mathematics Analysis & Approaches

**Group 6**  
• Film  
• Visual Arts  
• Music



## IBDP Results 2023



World Average **30.24**  
ENKA Schools Average **33**



**100%**  
Pass Rate

**43**

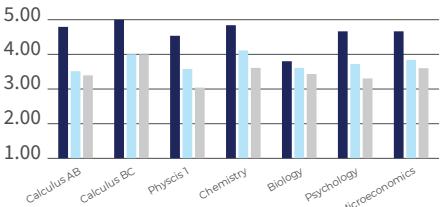
**Top Score**

**22**

Number of subjects in which ENKA students surpassed the world average

**AP**

## AP Results 2023



ENKA Schools Average

Turkish Average

World Average

**SAT**

## Class of 2024 Results



ERW  
Mean  
Average  
**639**



Math  
Mean  
Average  
**712**



**79**  
Test takers,  
of whom  
**99.9%**  
were non-native  
English  
speakers

## Assessment & Grading

All grades in Turkish High Schools are recorded on the Turkish Ministry of Education's 100 point scale. ENKA uses this scale. However, it should be noted that grading is very competitive. Thus, we encourage you to refer to our adjacent chart showing the individual school distribution of grades at ENKA.

ENKA does not rank students. Students are given grades each semester and the final course grade is an average of the two semesters.

IBDP and AP class grades are unweighted and are reported on the same 100% Turkish scale. An average of 85% is required to earn high honors. An average of 70% is required to earn academic honors. A passing grade is 50% in grade 12.

## Grading Scale & Distribution of Class of 2024's Cumulative Averages from Grades 9 through 11

	Turkish 100 Point Scale	# of Students	% of Students
HIGH HONORS	95.00 - 100	12	12%
	90.00 - 94.99	31	31%
	85.00 - 89.99	21	21%
HONORS	80.00 - 84.99	15	15%
	75.00 - 79.99	10	10%
	70.00 - 74.99	4	4%
	65.00 - 69.99	3	3%
	60.00 - 64.99	0	
	55.00 - 59.99	0	
	50.00 - 54.99	0	

## 2023 Academic Distinctions

### 7 Students currently on Turkish National Academic Teams:

Chess- 5 (grades 9, 10, 11, 12)  
2 IMs, 2 WCMs, ELO rankings 1636-2512  
Math- 5

### MATHEMATICS

**World-** 11th World Mathematics Invitational (WMI)

**Diamond Award**  
"The Star of the World" honor

**World-Gold Medal-** 19th International Zhaitykov Olympiad

**World- Silver Medal-** International Mathematics Olympiad

**World- Silver Medal-** 40th Balkan Mathematical Olympiad (BMO)

**World-Gold Medal-** Junior Balkan Mathematics Olympiad

**National-** Kangaroo International Mathematics Competition

**Gold Medal**  
**2nd Place**

### National Team Selections

**1st seed draft pick-** U18 Turkish Sudoku National Team

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**2nd seed draft pick-** TÜBİTAK Math Olympiads Junior Nat. Team

**4th seed draft pick-** U18 Turkish Brain Team

**14th seed draft pick-** Turkish Brain Team

### SCIENCE

**World-** International STEM Olympics

**1st Place & Gold Medal**

**2nd Place & Gold Medal**

**National- 2nd Place-** TÜBİTAK 54th High School Students Research Projects Competition

**National- 1st Place-** TEAMS Competition (Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science)

### CHESS

**World- 1st Place-** 2023 FIDE World Schools Team Championship  
*undefeated rounds, no draws*

**World- 1st Place-** Azerbaijan U16 Chess Olympics

**World- 1st Place-** Marienbad Indoor GM Norm Chess Tournament

**World-** 39th Capelle La Grande Open Chess Tournament

**1st Place-** U18

**1st Place-** U16

**World- 1st Place-** European Schools Chess Championship

**World-** World Schools Chess Championship

**1st Place-** 17YO

**2nd Place-** 15YO

**World- 2nd Place-** Elite Category Chess Tournament

**National- 3rd Place-** Türkiye Stars Chess Tournament 16YO

**Local- 1st Place-** Istanbul Youth Chess Provincial Championship

**Local- 1st Place-** Istanbul Youth Chess Tournament

**Local- 1st Place-** Istanbul Chess Tournament

### DEBATE

**National-** ECNAIS Debate Turkey League National Tournament

**1st, 2nd, 5th Best Speakers**

## 2023 Athletic Distinctions

### 61 Students past and present on Turkish National Athletic Teams.

### 11 Students currently on Turkish National Athletic Teams:

1 Basketball (grade 10) 1 Synchronized Swimming (grade 11)

1 Football (grade 12)

1 Tennis (grade 9)

7 Swimming (grades 9, 10, 11)

### SWIMMING

**World- 1st Place-** 400m Medley, Multinations Junior Swimming Championship

**World- 2nd Place-** 4x100 m overwater relay, 17th CMAS Finswimming World Cup

**World-** International Swimming Tournament Grand Prix Burgas 2023

**1st Place and New Turkish Record-** 4x50m Freestyle Relay

**1st Place-** 400m Individual Medley and 4x50m Medley Relay

**2nd Place-** 200m Backstroke, 200m Medley, 200m Butterfly,

4x50m Freestyle Relay, 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke

**3rd Place-** 200m Freestyle, 200m Medley, 100m Breaststroke

### WATER POLO

**National- Turkish National Water Polo Competition**

**1st Place-** U11 Boys

**2nd Place-** Girls' A Team

**3rd Place-** U19 Girls

**3rd Place-** U17 Girls

### TENNIS

**World-** Tennis Europe International Cudi Cup

**1st Place-** Singles Girls

**1st Place-** Doubles Girls

**National-** 16YO Turkey Championship

**2nd Place-** Doubles Girls

**3rd Place-** Singles Girls

**Local- 1st Place-** 16YO Singles Girls Winter Cup

**Local-** Istanbul Inter-School Tournament

**3rd Place-** Boys

**4th Place-** Girls

### FENCING

**World-7th Place,** U14 Fencing Euro Cup

**World- 6th Place,** International Children's Fencing Cup

**National-3rd Place-** U14 Epee, Turkish Fencing Tournament

### TRACK & FIELD

**Regional- Provincial Schools Athletics Championship**

**2nd Place-** 80m

**3rd Place-** Long Jump

### JUDO

**Local- 3rd Place,** Inter-school Judo Competition

### EQUESTRIAN SPORTS

**National-** Inter-school Equestrian competition

**2nd Place-** Juniors Category

**3rd Place-** Stars Category

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community Service is highly emphasized at the core of ENKA School's mission and this is reflected throughout K-12 as an embedded part of the curriculum.

Students volunteer regularly throughout Istanbul as well as in community service projects throughout Turkey and internationally. The school believes in acting locally first, becoming aware of one's community, seeing and acting on needs of your immediate surroundings. In this way, students begin with "grassroots" before going global. This includes partnering with schools and organizations in our Pinar neighborhood, an area of lower economic means. Groups of students and teachers have engaged in outreach in underdeveloped areas in Turkey and abroad to help disadvantaged children in Baksı, Finike, Gaziantep, Urfa, Nepal, and other locations.

## ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

ENKA student athletes, musicians, and artists are highly successful participants in teams, competitions, and exhibitions both nationally and internationally. Several students have ranked at the top in world championship events. ENKA is affiliated by THIMUN and the European Youth Parliament. Offerings change according to student interest.

### Academic

- Chess
- Debate & Critical Thinking
- Entrepreneurship Club
- Gaming Design
- Model United Nations
- Philosophy & Citizenship
- TEAMS- *Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science*
- World Scholars Cup

### Athletics

- Basketball
- Darts
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Swimming
- Volleyball

### Arts

- Caricature Drawing
- Cinema & Short Film
- Cooking
- Photography & Digital Media
- Radio & Podcast
- Reading/Book Club
- Rock Orchestra
- Theater
- Yoga & Mindfulness



## A Selection of Extended Essay Subjects- Class of 2023

### BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

To what extent have the marketing strategies used by McDonald's in India been successful in creating a loyal customer base in order to increase market share?

### PHYSICS

What is the relationship between initial velocity and stopping distance in eddy current braking?

### FILM

To what extent does Alfred Hitchcock emphasize mise-en-scene elements to develop femme fatale figures in *Vertigo* and *Psycho*?

### ENGLISH

How has racial discrimination against African-American minorities in 1960s America been depicted in *The Nickel Boys* by Whitehead and *The Help* by Stockett?

### ITGS

To what extent are high school students affected by the use of location tracking applications in terms of their privacy versus safety issues?

### PSYCHOLOGY

To what extent does bilingualism positively affect executive functions?

### VISUAL ARTS

In what ways did the postmodern technique of copying and appropriation influence the work of Turkish contemporary artists?

### GLOBAL POLITICS

To what extent does the democratic deficit in the European Union undermine its legitimacy?

# UNIVERSITY MATRICULATIONS 2019-2023

Typically, around 80% of graduating students apply to overseas universities. The class of 2023 matriculations are shown in **bold**.



## UNITED STATES

- 2 American University
- 6 **Babson College**
- 1 Baruch College of CUNY
- 2 Boston College
- 9 **Boston University**
- 1 Bowdoin College
- 6 Bryant University
- 1 California College of the Arts
- 1 California Institute of the Arts
- 1 California State University Maritime Academy
- 1 Carnegie Mellon University
- 1 Columbia University
- 1 Cornell University
- 1 Dartmouth University
- 1 **Denison University**
- 2 Duke University
- 1 Fordham University
- 5 **George Washington University**
- 6 **Georgetown University**
- 1 Haverford College
- 1 Loyola Marymount University
- 2 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 1 Middlebury College
- 5 New York University
- 1 Northeastern University
- 4 Northwestern University
- 1 Oakland University
- 1 Oberlin College
- 2 Parsons School of Design
- 2 **Pennsylvania State University**
- 2 Pomona College
- 5 **Pratt Institute**
- 1 Princeton University
- 2 Purdue University
- 2 **Ringling College of Art & Design**
- 2 School of Visual Arts
- 2 St. Bonaventure University
- 2 Stanford University
- 1 Swarthmore College
- 1 **Syracuse University**
- 1 Tallahassee Community College
- 2 **Tufts University**
- 2 **Tulane University**
- 1 University of California - San Diego
- 1 University of California - Santa Barbara
- 5 **University of California - Berkeley**
- 7 University of California - Los Angeles
- 1 University of Chicago
- 1 **University of Minnesota**
- 2 **University of Pennsylvania**
- 5 University of Southern California
- 1 **University of Tampa**
- 1 University of Virginia
- 1 University of Wisconsin Madison
- 1 Washington University in St. Louis



## CANADA

- 2 Concordia University
- 1 Dalhousie University
- 8 McGill University
- 1 McMaster University
- 1 Simon Fraser University
- 3 **University of British Columbia**
- 3 University of Toronto
- 1 York University



## UNITED KINGDOM

- 7 **AA School of Architecture**
- 1 Arts University Bournemouth
- 8 **City University London**
- 7 Durham University
- 1 Goldsmiths - University of London
- 5 **King's College London**
- 1 **Kingston University**
- 1 London Southbank University
- 1 Newcastle University
- 2 **Oxford Brookes University**
- 1 Royal Holloway, University of London
- 1 Suffolk University
- 1 The University of Edinburgh
- 2 The University of Nottingham
- 9 **UCL (University College London)**
- 1 University of Bath
- 1 University of Birmingham
- 1 University of Essex
- 1 University of Exeter
- 1 University of Glasgow
- 1 University of Kent
- 4 **University of Manchester**
- 8 **University of Nottingham**
- 2 **University of Oxford**
- 4 **University of Surrey**
- 10 **University of the Arts London**
- 1 **University of the Creative Arts**
- 1 University of Warwick



## TURKEY

- 1 Akdeniz Üniversitesi
- 11 **Bahçeşehir Üniversitesi**
- 2 Bilkent Üniversitesi
- 3 **Boğaziçi Üniversitesi**
- 2 Dokuz Eylül Üniversitesi
- 1 Eskişehir Teknik Üniversitesi
- 2 Hacettepe Üniversitesi
- 2 Işık Üniversitesi
- 15 **İstanbul Bilgi Üniversitesi**
- 10 **İstanbul Teknik Üniversitesi**
- 5 **İstanbul Üniversitesi**
- 1 **İzmir Katip Çelebi Üniversitesi**
- 1 Kadir Has Üniversitesi
- 12 **Koç Üniversitesi**
- 1 Maltepe Üniversitesi
- 1 Mimar Sinan Üniversitesi
- 3 **Orta Doğu Teknik Üniversitesi**
- 6 Özyeğin Üniversitesi
- 1 Piri Reis Üniversitesi
- 4 Sabancı Üniversitesi
- 1 Trakya Üniversitesi
- 2 Yeditepe Üniversitesi



## ASIA

- 1 Duke Kunshan University, China



## EUROPE

### FRANCE

- 1 Toulouse Business School TBS

### GERMANY

- 1 FH Aachen Univ. of Applied Sciences

### IRELAND

- 2 **Trinity College Dublin**

### ITALY

- 4 **Bocconi University**
- 1 Cattolica University
- 1 IED Istituto Europeo di Design
- 1 Marangoni University
- 10 **Nuova Accademia delle Belle Arti (NABA)**
- 1 **Politecnico di Torino**
- 1 **Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma**
- 1 Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

### NETHERLANDS

- 1 Delft University
- 2 Erasmus University Rotterdam
- 1 **Hotelschool The Hague**
- 2 Leiden University
- 2 Maastricht University
- 1 Radboud University
- 2 Tilburg University
- 21 **University of Amsterdam**
- 4 University of Groningen
- 2 Vrije University Amsterdam

### SPAIN

- 1 **IE University**
- 2 Ramon Llull University - La Salle

### SWITZERLAND

- 2 **Les Roches Intl. School of Hotel Mgmt**



## Geographic Distribution of Matriculations 2019-2023

