ISF Academy

Creating Global Citizens of the 21st Century
Objectives

• Create highly literate, highly fluent, and numerate citizens of the 21st Century

• Create bilingual graduates who are equally at ease in using both Putonghua and English
Requirements for ISF Student Success

- Parental involvement is key to all students’ success
- ISF views parents as partners in educating their children
- Parents are the third leg of the ISF community stool
Curriculum Framework

Global Citizens of 21st Century

- Logic (Math)
- Creativity (in all subjects)
- Communication (Languages: English, Putonghua)
- Use of Technology

Global Humanities
Character Education
Knowledge Construction
CHARACTER EDUCATION

• **Five Over-riding Tenets**
  1. Respect
  2. Responsibility
  3. Integrity
  4. Truth
  5. Pursuit of Excellence

• **Self Examining Questions**
  1. Universality (Would it be acceptable to everybody?)
  2. Reversibility (Would I like it if it is being done to me?)
GLOBAL HUMANITIES

Being aware, culturally, historically and geographically of their own place in the present as well as the influence of the past

Being concerned with how they can contribute as Global Citizens in the future
KNOWLEDGE CONSTRUCTION

Occurs when facts are assimilated and internalized

Students make their own sense and order of ‘facts’ they discover.
Class Groupings

- Chinese, English and Math class size 12-15 students per teacher

- Class composition based on each student’s weak areas (as opposed to customarily on strengths)

- Class groupings changed as many as five times each school year
# ISF Organization

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*IBO – International Baccalaureate [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)*
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100 P1/2 children

50 P1 and 50 P2
4 Advisors and 4 specialists

- 4 Advisor/Advisee teams (25 advisees per Advisor)
  - 12 P1 and 13 P2 or 13 P1 and 12 P2

- Learning Groups of 12 or 13 for Languages and Math

- Learning Groups of 25 or 26 for Music, Art and Physical Activity

- Project Teams of 6 or 7 members
Mentoring done by ‘experienced’ students

Secondary School

13 P6
12 P5
13 P4
12 P3
13 P2
12 P1

New P 1
Five Major Projects Each Year

- Thematic
- Problem-based
- Multi-Intelligence
- Interdisciplinary

- Time
  - Time lines
  - Time Capsules

- Family Histories
- Friends/Neighborhood
- Likes & Dislikes
- Changes & Connections
- Tribe & Languages

- Inventions
  - Everyday useful things
  - Hand-Built
  - Labor-saving device

- Celebrations
  - Costumes
  - Foods
  - Beliefs & Myths

- Explorers & Travelers
  - Obstacle Course
  - Self-Competition
  - Teamwork

- Teamwork
- Test own skills
- Build Games

- Cultural Identity
- Myths
- Foods
- Inventions
- Everyday useful things
Assessments

- Pencil and Paper
  (Chinese & English L.A, Math)
- Portfolios
- Student Journals
- Project Evaluations
- Teacher and Advisor Observations