



ITU Development Foundation Private İzmir High School (2026–2027)

General Information

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Spreading over an area of 22,000 square meters, ITU Development Foundation Private İzmir High School continues its educational activities in the Gaziemir district of İzmir

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Vision

To educate individuals who embrace the fundamental values of the Republic guided by Atatürk's principles; who possess the skills to access knowledge; who have developed efficient study habits; who are creative, inquisitive, and capable of independent thinking; who are sensitive to art and humanity; who respect ethical values; and who are principled and self-confident

Mission

At ITU Development Foundation Schools, by taking students' individual differences into consideration and implementing continuously renewed and improved educational programs, the aim is to educate academically inquisitive and questioning individuals. In addition, through rich artistic, athletic, and social activities, the goal is to graduate self-confident individuals.

Our Goals

- To ensure that students learn democracy by experiencing it,
- To provide methods based on sharing and collaborative work,
- To implement an assessment and evaluation system that values the effort put into achieving results as much as the results themselves,

- To remain open to learning and to serve as a role model for students in acquiring knowledge,
- To emphasize school–family cooperation and ensure effective communication that contributes to students' development,
- To demonstrate a modern administration based on democratic, consistent, disciplined, and collaborative principles,
- To support students' healthy and balanced development in psychological, physical, and intellectual terms,
- To encourage positive thinking and constructive behavior while communicating and fulfilling responsibilities,
- To raise civilized individuals and responsible citizens,
- To provide opportunities for students to develop their interests, curiosity, and talents to the highest level,
- To ensure readiness and willingness for continuous development and progress required by the age,
- To support students' focus on success,
- To help students internalize the institutional culture.

History

The ITU Development Foundation Schools began their educational journey in 2000 with the Private Sedat Üründül Kindergarten. This was followed by Natuk Birkan Primary School in 2001, Ekrem Elginkan High School in 2005, and Beylerbeyi Private Kindergarten and Primary School, which began operating in 2011, continuing educational activities at the İstanbul Ayazağa and Beylerbeyi campuses.

Providing education in four different schools in İstanbul, ITU DF chose İzmir to expand its educational activities outside the city and cooperated with NESAN Group of Companies, one of İzmir's most distinguished industrial organizations. Since 2014, NESAN Group of Companies has undertaken the İzmir representation and investment of ITU DF. İzmir Kindergarten, Primary School, Middle School, and High School were established as the newest link of the ITU Development Foundation Schools.

ITU DF İzmir Schools accepted kindergarten students in the 2014–2015 academic year, primary and middle school students in 2015, and high school students in 2016, continuing their educational activities as a K–12 school. The first graduates of ITU Development Foundation Private İzmir High School were given in 2020.

The ITU Development Foundation Schools are structured as five separate schools under Kültürel A.Ş. The Education Advisory Board, composed of university faculty members, determines educational policies and supervises and guides academic development in line with these principles. Students receive education in modern, technologically equipped buildings and are supported by the cultural heritage, experience, and academic staff of İstanbul Technical University, enabling them to pursue their education within an integrated system.

Student Admission Requirements

Student admission is based on the results of the Ministry of National Education High School Entrance Exam and the ITU High School Entrance Exam. Students who fail either of these exams are not admitted.

Students who successfully pass the exams are interviewed by the School Guidance and Counseling Service to better understand the student.

Every student admitted to ITU Development Foundation İzmir High School is enrolled in the Preparatory Class. The Preparatory Class is a one-year program with a strong emphasis on English. In addition to English courses, classes from other academic disciplines are also offered. Students wishing to skip the Preparatory Class must take the Preparatory Exemption Exam. Students scoring above 70 directly advance to the 9th grade. Those who fail the exam attend the Preparatory Class for one year.

Curriculum

ITU DF İzmir follows the national high school curriculum determined by the Ministry of National Education. As the school is categorized as an “Anatolian High School with a Preparatory Class,” emphasis is placed on foreign language education. The primary foreign language is English. Students choose either German or Spanish as a second foreign language.

Within the scope of English education, mathematics and science courses in the 9th and 10th grades are taught with integrated English terminology. In the 11th and 12th grades, courses are taught in Turkish to prepare students for national university entrance examinations.

For students wishing to take AP exams, courses such as AP Calculus AB and AP English Language and Composition are offered in line with students' needs and interests.

The school offers numerous extracurricular clubs and organizes cultural, artistic, and sports activities throughout the year.

Grading Scale

Excellent	85–100
Good	70–85
Average	60–70
Pass	50–60
Fail	50 and below

Grade Point Average (GPA)

The GPA is calculated using the grading scale above. All courses, whether passed or failed, are included starting from the 9th grade. To graduate, all courses must be completed with a grade above 50. Grades are recorded on transcripts, and the GPA is calculated in January and June.

Faculty

- The teaching staff consists of 80 full-time and 4 part-time teachers.
- 3 teachers are native English speakers.
- The student–teacher ratio is 6:1, with an average class size of 16–18 students.

Students

At ITU Development Foundation İzmir Schools, there are 510 students aged between 3 and 18 (K–12):

- 50 Kindergarten
- 163 Primary School
- 150 Middle School
- 147 High School

University Placement Data

- Graduates of ITU Development Foundation Schools in 2025–2026 have been admitted to many universities, including those listed.
- 30% of the graduates from 2025–2026 were placed in universities abroad

Turkey

- Bahçeşehir University
- Boğaziçi University
- Bursa Uludağ University
- Ege University
- Eskişehir Technical University
- İhsan Doğramacı Bilkent University

- Istanbul Bilgi University
- Istanbul Medipol University
- Istanbul Technical University
- İzmir Bakırçay University
- İzmir University of Economics
- İzmir Katip Çelebi University
- İzmir Institute of Technology
- Koç University
- Manisa Celal Bayar University
- Middle East Technical University
- Özyeğin University
- Sabancı University
- Yaşar University

Universities Abroad Accepted by Our Students

- DE ANZA COLLAGE
- DELFT UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
- POLITECNICO DI TORINO
- PECS UNIVERSITY
- SEMMELWEIS UNIVERSITY
- UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM
- BOCCONI UNIVERSITY
- VILNIUS GEDIMINAS TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY
- NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY
- ESSEX UNIVERSITY
- LUISS UNIVERSITY
- VENEDİK CA' FOSCARİ DEVLET UNIVERSITY
- BUDAPESTE METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY
- ERASMUS UNIVERSITY ROTTERDAM
- BERLİN TEKNİK UNIVERSITY
- SAPIENZA UNIVERSITY
- MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY
- SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY
- QUEEN MARY UNIVERSITY
- LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY
- RİGA TECNICAL UNIVERSITY
- UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-GREEN BAY IN UNITED STATES
- UTAH TECH UNIVERSITY
- DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY
- ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY
- KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
- NEW YORK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
- WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
- VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY
- UNIVERSITY OF TRIESTE
- MARCHE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY
- UNIVERSITY OF TURIN
- UNIVERSITY OF PAVIA