



British International School of Timisoara

We Provide the Foundation on Which Our Children Can Flourish

School Policies

BIST Vision, Mission, Values and Aims

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General

British International School of Timisoara is a coeducational private international school offering a British-style education and accepting children aged between 4 and 18.

British International School of Timisoara offers its students a truly international experience through a British-style curriculum and adheres to the guidelines of the Council of British International Schools, Cambridge Assessment International Education and the International Baccalaureate Organisation. Our qualified, internationally-experienced and dynamic educators teach all subjects in English, with the exception of the lessons of Romanian, which are being taught by qualified and engaging local teachers.

Our Vision

*We provide the Foundation on which our Children can Flourish
Inspiring our students to Learn and Live with Purpose*

Our Mission

Building a community of learners where students are given meaningful opportunities to learn, experience, grow, succeed and excel in all areas of their academic and personal development

Our Core Values

*We Think, We Explore and We Learn
We Listen, We Respect and We Care
We Speak Up, We Participate and We Strive*

It is fundamentally important for us to underline our vision and mission, and to promote these values within our school programmes. These values will be embedded within the routine of our school, in and outside the classroom. It is equally important for all of the members of our community to understand that we are all accountable for our actions and we must do our best to follow these values which are in place to ensure a safe, friendly and happy environment for all of the members of the BIST community.

Vision

*We Provide the **Foundation** on Which Our Children Can **Flourish***

Foundation – in our view



Flourish– in our view

One of our main aims is for our children to become responsible, independent and happy young adults, aware of their passions and strengths, with a complex, positive and balanced approach towards life and equipped with a set of skills, values and abilities that will enable them to build successful and meaningful lives for them and the community around them.

Mission

Building a community of learners where students are given meaningful opportunities to learn, experience, grow, succeed and excel in all areas of their academic and personal development.

It is in our declared mission that we aim to build a community of learners where children are given rich opportunities to grow and develop at all levels. We extend the term 'learners' to children, teachers and other members of our community who will be influenced in one way or another by what we do in our school. We believe that great teachers are at the heart of a great school; great teachers are also learners and must continually reflect on the impact they have on children and continually seek ways to improve their practice. Developing good practice is done on an individual and team level to ensure continuity and excellence from all members of the BIST team.

One of our ambitions at BIST is to ensure that our school becomes a centre of excellence in the matter of education and will provide a model and a reference point for other educational establishments. We will develop links with other schools and organizations, and we will promote our values and vision in and outside of our school.

Our Values

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Educational Values

We Think, We Explore and We Learn – **Learning** is the process of acquiring knowledge and skills. Children are born with a tremendous curiosity and desire to learn new things. It is our responsibility as parents and educators to maintain and increase this desire and provide opportunities for our children to **Explore** and discover. We want our children to develop a love for learning and a routine for reflecting and **Thinking**, as well as the ability to analyse various perspectives and possibilities before expressing opinions and making decisions.

Personal development values

We Listen, We Respect and We Care – We want our children to develop self-esteem, resilience and confidence. Likewise, we want our children to be compassionate and develop empathy and **Care** for others. We want them to understand that their actions, words and day-to-day habits will define their characters and will always impact on others and the environment. Therefore, they must learn to **Listen**, and they must understand that **Respect** for others and environment is vital for developing positive and healthy relationships and a fruitful life.

Community minded values

We Speak Up, We Participate and We Strive – One of the most important roles of a school is to ensure that children understand that they are a part of a big world, a fast growing and changing society and their contributions can and must be meaningful. For this to happen, they must learn to **Speak Up** with confidence, to **Participate** with generosity and benevolence and to always **Strive** in everything they do. We want children to understand that our society will have an impact on them, just as they can have an impact on our society.

Our Aims

Students

We will put students at the centre of all our decisions and activities, we will always place children's well-being, needs and learning at the forefront We will do our very best to support our students with their emotional, social, cultural and academic development;

Environment

We will provide an environment that is nurturing, stimulating, positive, healthy and safe for all children, ensuring that their curiosities and desires to learn are nurtured and encouraged;

Curriculum

We will implement an internationally recognised curriculum, which is broad, balanced, competitive, stimulating and flexible;

Pastoral Care

We will put in place a pastoral care system to ensure all children are supported and valued;

Approach

We will have a modern, positive, engaging and stimulating approach, meant to give our children the confidence to express themselves without the fear of making mistakes;

Enrichment

We will enhance our students' learning by encouraging and supporting their participation in a wide variety of extracurricular activities and learning experiences;

Relationships

We will learn to live and work individually and together, cultivating strong caring relationships between students, staff and parents;

Communication

We will do our best to teach our students to interact and communicate effectively with multiple audiences in more than one language and through a variety of mediums;

Service

We will engage our students in meaningful community service projects, which will lead to reflection and personal growth and will show them how they can take an active role in making their community, city and world a better, more loving place;

Improvement

We will support a process of continual improvement in our school. We will do our very best to ensure students understand that growth and progress can only happen when you are reflective, work hard and always look for ways to improve;

School / parents' partnership

We will develop a strong partnership with our parents.

BIST is committed to child protection and safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all students. We expect staff, parents, volunteers, visitors and the students to share this commitment.