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school of wuxi

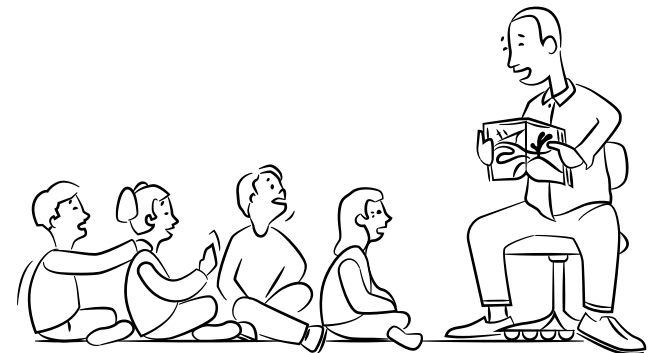
A LifePlus® International School

**Inspiring
learners to make
a life-changing
difference for the
common good.**



Hello, welcome to International School of Wuxi. We are a vibrant international community in Wuxi that provides transformative, holistic Pre K–12 education to develop globally minded individuals who learn, love and lead.

As a LifePlus international school, we inspire our students to go and make a life-changing difference for the common good.



Worldwide learning for all

Head of School's welcome

Welcome to the International School of Wuxi. It is my honor to serve as Wuxi's Head of School. For 17 years, we have worked to build strong relationships with our students and their families. We are deeply committed to providing our students with a high-quality and well-rounded educational experience. Students have the opportunity for hands-on experiences giving them the opportunity to apply their learning.

We want our students to become lifelong learners and be transformed into globally minded individuals. We help them grow academically, and also nurture their other gifts and talents.

We understand that everyone is unique. We will work with you to ensure your child has varied educational

opportunities as well as access to the appropriate resources to reach their full potential.

International School of Wuxi is a warm and caring community of teachers and professionals who want to serve and to see students successfully grow into individuals who learn, love and lead.

Warmly,
Dr Phillip Williams
Head of School



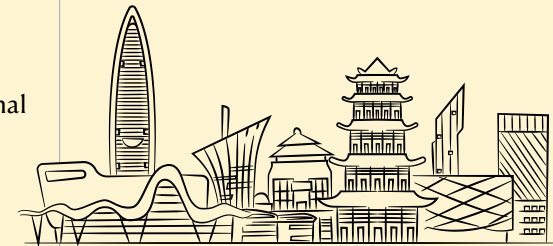
Growing up in Wuxi

A brief history

2007

Small beginnings

Leadership Development International (now LifePlus) collaborates with DongFang International School to establish the International School of Wuxi.



2012

Recognized for excellence

We earn the highest level of Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation, which lasts for six years.

2015

Better together

Through our parent organization, we partner with other international schools across China to share knowledge and ideas, resources and expertise, talent and support.

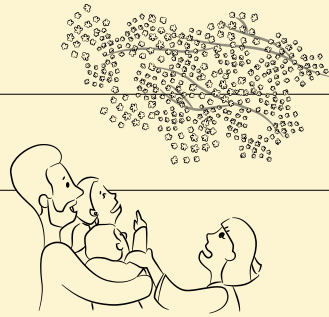
2021

Growing with our students

As part of the LifePlus family, we become accredited by Cognia—a world-renowned educational body—making us the only international school in Wuxi to enjoy two formal accreditations.

A world-class education

Our community in numbers



Average class size

11

By program

Early Childhood ×12

Elementary ×9

Middle School ×12

High School ×9

Teacher:Student

1:3

College destinations

47

Student nationalities

13

Countries include

Australia, Brazil, Canada,

China, Germany,

Indonesia, Japan,

Malaysian, New Zealand,

Philippines, South Africa,

South Korea and USA

Average SAT® score, 2022

1,258

Staff nationalities

8

Home countries include

Brazil, China, Ghana,

Indonesia, Philippines,

South Africa, South

Korea, USA

Recognized for excellence

Aiming higher, taking students further



Through LifePlus, our school is accredited by Cognia, a world-renowned educational body that recognizes the incredibly high standards of our work and continues to evaluate our performance. LifePlus also benefits us in three important areas.

First, LifePlus helps us to innovate: sharing research, knowledge and ideas. Second, LifePlus is a truly international and robust setup that lets us focus on what we do best: growing servant leaders of outstanding character, competence and calling. Third, LifePlus makes Wuxi more than a local school, connecting us to a worldwide network of talent, knowledge and support.

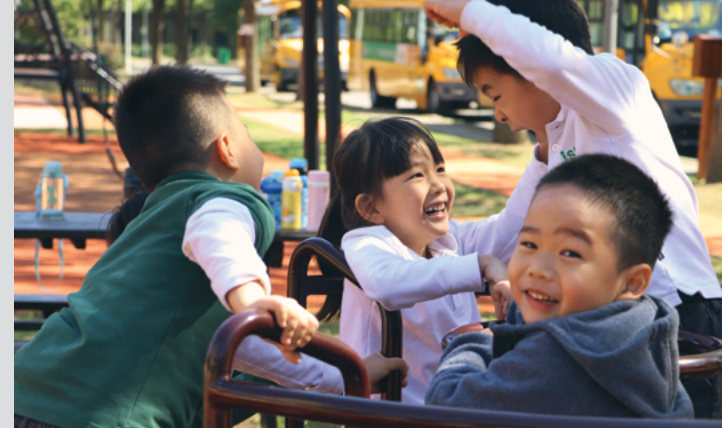
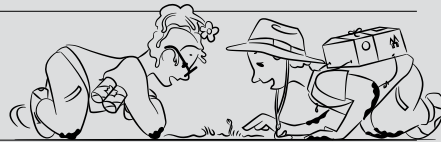
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"I have many stories that I can recall of time spent at International School of Wuxi. All the best stories revolve around its community of students and staff."
LifePlus
Superintendent
of Schools



ECC3-ECC4

Our Early Childhood Center



Wuxi's Early Childhood Center is a vibrant and joyful community that values every child. One of the key aspects of our program is purposeful play, which research has shown to be crucial for young students' social-emotional, physical, and cognitive development. Our teachers model the use of real-world materials and tools, allowing students to explore learning themes in math, literacy, and science. They also practice verbal language and problem-solving skills both indoors and outdoors. Additionally, our students develop a strong foundation in early reading, learning all English letter sounds, practicing writing skills,

and listening to rich stories read aloud daily.

Fundamental life skills are also emphasized in our early childhood program. We believe that this age is critical for developing values, integrity, moral character, critical thinking, clear communication, teamwork, and environmental responsibility. Our educational experience provides a balanced and varied approach, extending the child's awareness from home to the classroom.

The Early Childhood program at Wuxi focuses on language development, number concepts, creative skills, and social and physical development. Students are provided with concrete experiences that lay the foundation for perceiving, thinking, and problem-solving. Our center also prioritizes creating a warm, safe, and family-like environment for our youngest students.

Art, music, and movement are incorporated into daily activities to promote play and physical development.

Character development is a core aspect of our program. We believe that instilling a growth mindset and habits of character is essential for developing innovative thinkers, skilled communicators, and courageous leaders. This is achieved through the LifePlus 9 Qualities for Life our students begin to learn at Early Childhood, and continue to embrace for the rest of their education with us. For more information, visit lifeplusworldwide.com/qualities

"[Teachers] are available for my children and for parents. We can really communicate together and ask many questions at any time."
Parent of alum



KG–Grade 5

Our Elementary School

International School of Wuxi's Elementary Program is designed to cater to the individualized learning styles and intelligence levels of each child in KG–Grade 5. The program offers an in-depth, hands-on experience that allows children to explore their own set of values and encourages imaginative freedom. Classes promote the joy of learning and provide opportunities for children to develop a sense of self and control over their lives. The curriculum focuses on language arts and math, while specialized enrichment programs in music, art, physical education, language, and technology ensure a well-rounded education.

Leadership is a key aspect of the program, as students learn problem-solving and critical thinking skills through active participation in the learning process. Teachers and students ask questions, explore, and investigate together, fostering skillful communication in written, verbal, and aesthetic forms of expression. Students also learn to make wise choices in leading themselves and their peers.

Exploration is encouraged in elementary children, who are given the freedom to read, sing, move, explore, create, and discuss their activities. Literacy is a foundational



skill, and students start with a structured synthetic phonics program to develop their reading abilities. They also learn to write at length and depth and explore pressing issues in the world around them.

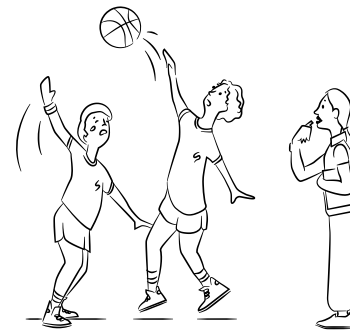
A well-rounded education is provided through collaborative projects, the use of technology, and increased independent learning. Students become critical thinkers and skilled communicators in

English language arts, math, science, social studies, and Chinese. Additionally, specific instruction in art, music, and physical education is given twice a week to develop well-rounded students of character.

Overall, Wuxi's Elementary Program focuses on nurturing leadership skills, encouraging exploration, and providing a well-rounded education to help students thrive and succeed.



"I love the teachers and the passion they have for teaching. They can see your kids individually and help them individually. They know the needs of every kid."
Parent of alum



Grades 6–8

Our Middle School

The Middle School program is designed with the awareness that children in Grades 6–8 are establishing their own worldviews and must have the time and tools for imaginative freedom and discovery. It also provides a holistic program that balances the development of concepts, skills and character.

Teachers give each student the chance to question ideas, explore themes and collaborate with others to foster their problem-solving and critical thinking skills. Our approach focuses on the growth of the developing child; addressing social, physical, emotional and cultural needs in addition to academic welfare.

Our comprehensive curriculum emphasizes language arts and math while our specialized enrichment programs in music, art, physical education, language and technology provide students with a varied and rich educational experience.

“This is by far the best environment I’ve ever been in.”
Parent of alum



“My children are very, very happy here. They have great friendships... they are amazing kids from good families and I think this is [what] changes my children.”
Parent of alum

Collaboration

We believe that working together makes all of us better. Not only will students be delving into content and academic skills, they're also learning critical thinking, problem solving and social skills that will prepare them to be global leaders—wherever life takes them.

Well-rounded education

As well as mastering reading, writing and math, our students are encouraged to dig deep into subjects such as technology, fine arts, foreign language, athletics and more.



Grades 9–12

Our High School



Technology

Each secondary student has access to an electronic device at school. Teachers utilize Canvas—a learning management system—and Microsoft Teams, where students can track courses, access and submit assignments, complete quizzes and collaborate with other students at International School of Wuxi or across the LifePlus district. Technology is integrated into the secondary curriculum enhancing students' research, communication, and collaboration skills. Students learn appropriate 21st century technology skills and essential digital citizenship that prepares them for the world around them.



Co-Curricular Activities

At Wuxi, co-curricular activities are essential to education beyond the classroom. These activities give our students the opportunity to expand their learning and creativity while developing their confidence, as all are encouraged to get involved and explore their interests. We find that students who are involved in co-curriculars are more invested in their school experience, in turn leading to higher academic performance, social well-being and leadership development.

College preparation

We provide PSAT® (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test), SAT®



(Scholastic Aptitude Test) and ACT (American College Test) entrance exams for students seeking college or university admission around the world. We also have two College and Career Counselors available for students to receive support as they make decisions about future education.

Students in Grades 9–12 have access to the Advanced Placement® (AP) courses either through our school or the LifePlus Online Academy. Providing students with further credits for university, these courses range from math to English and social studies. AP tests demonstrate a student's competency and measure their ability to study and pass university-level courses. LifePlus Online Academy is a caring, connected community of world-class educators and learners—across cultures, and beyond borders. As a LifePlus international school, it shares the same values and enjoys the same Cognia accreditation as International School of Wuxi. Learn more about the LifePlus Online Academy at lifeplusonline.com

Our students have gone on to study a wide variety of subjects, such as dentistry, teaching, engineering and various fields of medicine, at many universities around the world including...



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THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG



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THE HONG KONG
UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY



香港城市大學
City University of Hong Kong



고려대학교
KOREA UNIVERSITY



PURDUE
UNIVERSITY

Inspire to change

Our student services

At International School of Wuxi we provide support to students of all abilities. We feel that a child's education should not be hindered because there are barriers to their learning. We believe those barriers can be overcome and that a child has every right to a bright future.



Learning Support

The Learning Support team is committed to giving every child the opportunity to learn and grow. Our Learning Support office provides various levels of academic support based on individual student needs. Working closely with teachers and

parents, we identify students who need some extra academic and social support in the classroom. Our team then provides tailored support, and regularly checks up on students' progress through the year. The Learning Support office may also refer students for psychoeducational testing and coordinate a team of parents and teachers to develop a student-centered learning plan based on the unique goals and needs of the child.

School Counseling

At Wuxi, we believe in a holistic approach to education that encompasses academics, character development, social skills, and emotional well-being. Counseling is available to students seeking social and emotional growth, as well as upon request from parents and teachers. Our counseling program aims to guide students in building their confidence, developing social skills, and nurturing positive behaviors. The school counselor facilitates this development through individual counseling, integrating social and emotional topics into classroom discussions, collaborating with teachers to create





“Teachers take seriously mentoring [every child’s] character. They’re invested in the students—not just within the classroom, but outside the classroom, which is really unusual.”
Parent of alum



behavior plans, and supporting parents as needed. Additionally, we offer seminar classes and individual meetings for Grades 10–12 to prepare students for college.

English Language Support

International School of Wuxi is committed to excellence and believes all students can reach their highest

potential through a quality education program. Therefore, our English Language Support (ELS) department works diligently to ensure that all students are offered the proper English support to succeed. We celebrate that many of our students are doing something unique and challenging by receiving an education in a non-native language!



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