

Excellent ISA Results 2016

The results are back for our February 2016 participation in the International Schools' Assessment (ISA) in mathematics and English reading and writing. According to the ACER website, over 73,000 students from 340 schools across nearly 80 countries participated in ISA 2014-2015 (the figures for 2015-2016 were not listed). The ISAs constitute a critical English language benchmarking measure for international schools, testing mathematical literacy, reading comprehension, and narrative and argumentative writing of students around the world. Not only do the tests enable schools to assess their overall progress as an institution, but they also help identify strengths and weaknesses according to year group, class, subject and student. For those who would like to learn more about the ISAs, you may visit the Acer website: www.acer.edu.au/isa.

As the latest statistics show, the SIS Basel continues to enjoy a long wave of very encouraging results, again scoring above average across all the school's year groups. The SIS group of schools takes these exams very seriously and closely analyzes the results in order to monitor growth and progression of the school's curricula.

Based on thorough analysis of this year's results, we are very pleased with our students' progress and see that SIS Basel is on the right track. The SIS bilingual curriculum is solid and reliable, even improving year by year. In keeping with bilingualism research, the results seem to confirm that bilingual students have some advantages.

The SIS synthesis of bilingual language immersion in German and English, plus intensive instruction in maths, sciences and ICT, seems a recipe for success. We have cause to be proud!

International Schools' Assessment 2016

For easier reading we have highlighted scores attained by SIS Basel students:

Yellow:	slightly above (within 5%) score of all schools
Pink:	slightly below (within 5%) score of all schools
Green:	more than 5% above score of all schools
Red:	more than 5% below score of all schools

Grade	Domain	Mathematical Literacy		Reading		Narrative Writing		Argumentative Writing	
		Nº. of students	Mean score	Nº. of students	Mean score	Nº. of students	Mean score	Nº. of students	Mean score
3	SIS Basel	52	393	53	376	52	404	53	462
	All schools	2131	332	2123	255	2124	363	2118	394
4	SIS Basel	47	458	46	428	47	452	47	498
	All schools	1705	383	1704	318	1696	405	1703	427
5	SIS Basel	52	490	53	480	53	498	53	542
	All schools	2181	435	2164	361	2172	454	2161	469
6	SIS Basel	25	517	27	498	27	516	27	565
	All schools	1628	472	1624	409	1623	483	1623	492
7	SIS Basel	34	549	34	508	34	526	34	565
	All schools	2157	515	2136	454	2157	517	2136	492
8	SIS Basel	23	603	23	561	23	591	23	597
	All schools	1228	548	1231	489	1227	539	1231	553
9	SIS Basel	13	600	13	554	13	602	13	607
	All schools	1406	562	1286	525	1291	563	1286	581
10	SIS Basel	9	619	9	554	9	585	9	619
	All schools	868	580	869	545	866	576	871	599