

Leysin American School

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The Leysin American School in Switzerland (LAS) is an international American boarding school with 350 students in grades 9 to 12, with a Post-Graduate program. LAS is located in the beautiful alpine village of Leysin about 90 minutes from Geneva. Excellent academics through the International Baccalaureate program (IB), family-like community, and diverse student body from over 50 nations help build a community where students develop into “citizens of the world.” LAS is owned by the Foundation for the Advancement for International Education, a non-for-profit entity overseen by the Swiss government.

Academics

LAS believes in realistic, high-quality, and individualized goals. The LAS college-preparatory curriculum meets admission requirements for universities in North America. The IB is recognized by universities throughout the world. New York University, Stanford, and Harvard Universities in the U.S.; and Queens and University of Toronto in Canada are some of the universities LAS graduates are currently enrolled.

LAS uses Powerschool, a student information system that provides real-time information for students and parents. It includes grades, attendance records, discipline and health information, financial accounts, and the daily school bulletin.

Music and arts are an essential part of the LAS life. LAS Band, String Ensemble, and Choir

perform regularly. Students can attend concerts and visit exhibits in nearby cities.

Boarding

The school is firmly committed to its “in loco parentis” philosophy. Faculty members reside on campus and supervise evening study halls, sponsor sports, oversee recreational activities, and lead excursions.

Two to three students of different nationalities share comfortable rooms with private showers and toilets. Two full-time nurses are on duty, and a doctor in the village is on call.

Extra-curricular Program

Students lead a balanced life-style through the extra-curricular program that includes sports, travel, and other activities. During the fall and spring terms, students devote at least two afternoons a week to instructional sports such as basketball, soccer, tennis, swimming, and hiking. In the winter, students ski two afternoons a week. The annual educational travel program includes two cultural excursions designed to acquaint students with the history and culture of Switzerland and major European cities. LAS provides leadership opportunities through Student Council, Model United Nations, and global awareness projects such as Peace Corps and Habitat for Humanity.

Summer in Switzerland (SIS)

SIS offers summer academic enrichment, recreation, and travel programs to students

ages 9 to 19. In the mornings, students attend classes (academic and creative & visual arts), while the afternoons are devoted to sports activities and excursions. Weekend excursions permit students to explore cities such as Geneva, Lucerne, and Zermatt. SIS also offers specialized programs for 13 to 19-years-olds: Theatre International, Alpine Chamber Music, Leadership Adventure, English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL), and Dyslexia Summer School. The two 3-week sessions are divided by the Recreation and Culture week that offers excursions to France, Italy, United Kingdom, and throughout Switzerland.



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