



ISA Guangzhou West
International School
广州荔湾爱莎外籍人员子女学校

Early Years - Year 13
IB Curriculum

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INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

ISA is searching for exceptional staff for ISA Guangzhou West International School, located in Liwan District in the city of Guangzhou, China. These foundation staff will lead the establishment of a community of up to 1,200 students and staff, within the growing family of ISA schools.

The opening of ISA Guangzhou West will create a new model for ISAIEG, bringing together two separate schools in the same location: ISA Guangzhou West International School and ISA Wenhua Guangzhou West International Chinese School. This model will be used across a number of ISA schools being planned for China, and will truly bring to life the ISA mission of providing an education that combines the very best values and practices from the East and the West.

ISA Guangzhou West International School will be focused on supporting exceptional teachers and leaders who are willing to embrace a Reggio Emilia-inspired Early Years programme leading into the IB PYP, MYP and DP - educators who are creative, collaborative, prepared to share their expertise with colleagues and contribute to the school as a whole. With that in mind, candidates for should be forward thinking with a strong interest in international education and an appreciation for working with multiple cultures.

All staff will be invited to assist in the development of the culture of the school and work together to create an ethos of continuous improvement to enhance learning outcomes for students.

ISA is a rewarding and challenging place to work, both personally and professionally. Our community of schools is a truly international learning environment with a mix of students from China and around the world. We are fortunate to have a committed group of international and local staff who have access to award winning facilities.

Click [HERE](#) to see a quick glimpse of all that ISA has to offer.

ISA VISION

INQUIRE. Discover the wonders in the world.
SUCCEED. Strive to be the best that you can be.
ACT. Make a positive difference in the world.

ISA MISSION

Our mission is to build a network of exceptional schools strategically located in China and abroad. We are committed to respecting and recognising the strengths of the Chinese culture and language, and blending that with the best practices gathered from around the world. In this way we will prepare our students to be able to study and work anywhere in the world, with one foot firmly grounded in their home culture, while at the same time being confidently prepared to face the world. Our ISA graduates will be culturally respectful, internationally-minded young men and women.



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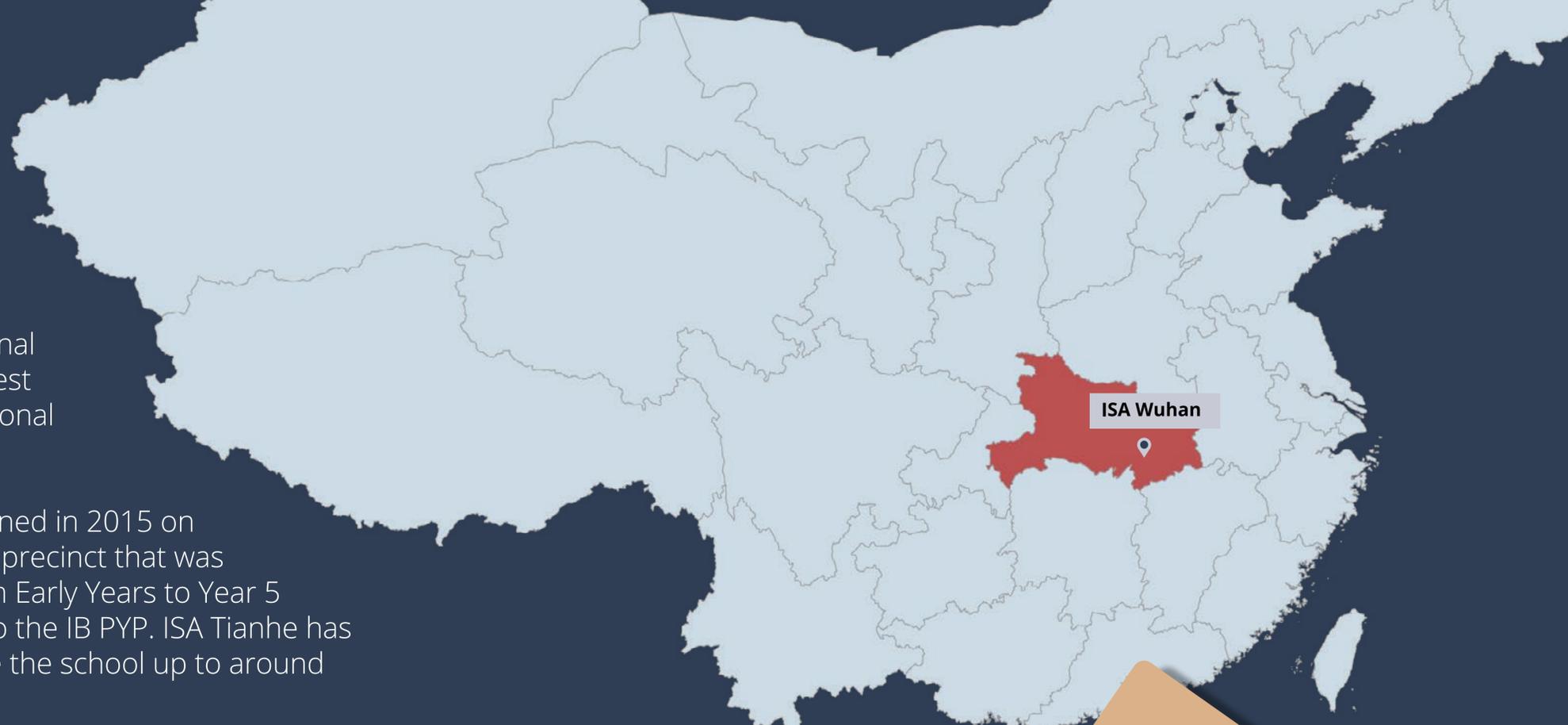
ISA has embarked on an ambitious plan to build a network of high-quality schools across China and abroad. The schools will offer either an international IB education, or the Chinese national curriculum. In some instances, such as with ISA Guangzhou West and ISA Wuhan International Schools, an ISA Wenhua International Chinese School will share the same location.

ISA Tianhe International School was the first ISA school, opened in 2015 on a unique site near downtown Guangzhou, located in a historic precinct that was formerly a canning factory. The school caters for students from Early Years to Year 5 with a Reggio Emilia-inspired Early Years programme leading to the IB PYP. ISA Tianhe has a current roll of around 400 students, with future plans to take the school up to around 700 students.

ISA Science City International School opened in August 2020 in Guangzhou Science City on the border of Tianhe and Huangpu Districts, about a 20 minute drive from ISA Tianhe. ISA Science City benefits from a state-of-the-art campus, which supports academic rigour, research, collaboration, creativity, performance and innovation for up to 1,800 students from Early Years to Year 12. The school offers a Reggio Emilia-inspired Early Years programme transitioning into the IB PYP, MYP and DP.

In 2022, **ISA Guangzhou West International School** and **ISA Wuhan International School** will become the next ISA schools, providing a Reggio Emilia-inspired Early Years programme that will prepare students for the IB PYP, MYP and DP. Both schools are being developed alongside an ISA Wenhua International Chinese School, catering for local Chinese citizens.

ISA has also embarked on a partnership project with the Guangzhou Foreign Language School, one of the most prestigious government schools in Guangdong Province. Through the **ISA Wenhua Guangzhou Foreign Language IB Programme**, ISA is providing a three-year pre-IB Diploma and Diploma programme to a number of local Chinese students.



LIWAN

The district of Liwan is situated in the west of Guangzhou; a 30-minute drive from the modern Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport and 20 minutes on the Metro from the Guangzhou CBD. Liwan District offers many opportunities for relaxation and cultural immersion. Once serving as a gateway between China and the rest of the world, Liwan has a rich history as a port of foreign trade, acting as a “birthplace” of foreign influences that shaped many aspects of the local culture in areas such as art, music and architecture. With a thriving culinary scene, the district also boasts some of the best of Cantonese cuisine. As the true home of dimsum, a Chinese staple consisting of many small dishes, it is hard to have a bad meal.

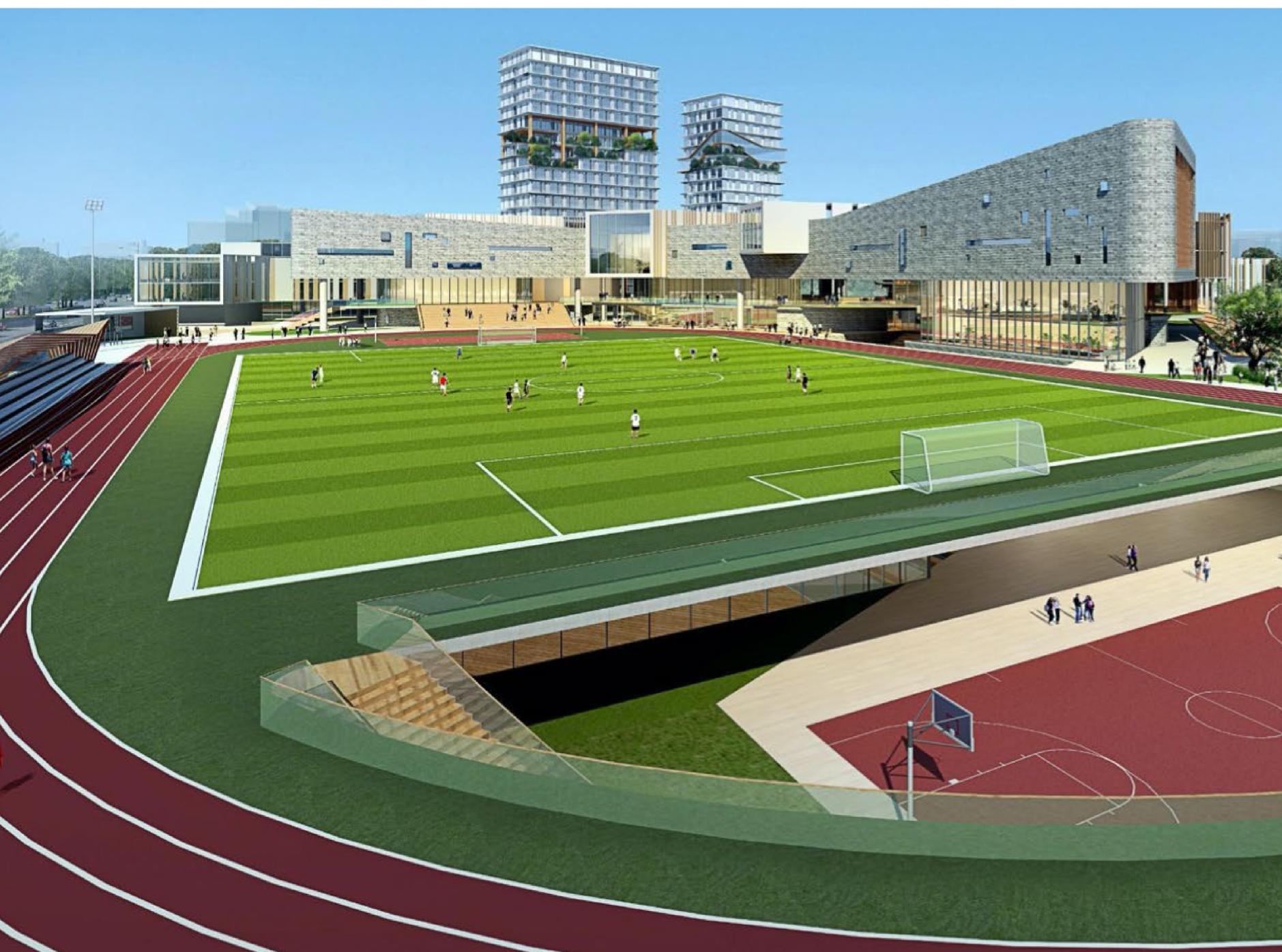




ISA GUANGZHOU WEST INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

As with ISA Tianhe and ISA Science City, ISA Guangzhou West International School will provide an international (IB) curriculum to students holding foreign passports. The school will offer boarding in order to provide an education option to families across the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area as well as further afield. By coming to ISA Guangzhou West, staff and students will join a connected family of ISA schools that will continue to grow over time.

ISA Guangzhou West International School will be joined in 2023 by ISA Wenhua Guangzhou West Chinese International School. This school will cater for Chinese nationals, offering the Chinese curriculum for Years 1-9, leading into the IB DP. It is envisaged that the two schools, while legally separate, will form a model of collaboration and cross-cultural understanding. As such, the Heads of School need to be committed to working together towards achieving the ISA Mission of leveraging off the best of the East and the West.



FACILITIES

ISA Guangzhou West's campus will be state-of-art, with a unique blend of modern and traditional architectural elements:

- Over 100 classrooms and multifunction rooms
- Centres for art, music, science, drama, dance and design technology
- 1,000 seat main auditorium
- 2 indoor sports halls
- Expansive library with views across the campus
- Chinese cultural centre with a calligraphy room, teahouse and ceramics room
- Swimming pool and learner pools
- Full-sized sports field with athletics track and long and triple jump extensions
- Professional learning centre with breakout spaces for simultaneous seminars
- 2 canteens and a kitchen
- Boarding house for students and staff
- On-site clinic
- Cafe and bookshop
- Chinese pagoda, stage and amphitheatre
- Permaculture centre
- Underground car park and bus station

Please click [HERE](#) to watch a video of the new school.



2015

ISA Tianhe International School
Reggio Emilia-inspired Early Years programme leading to the IB PYP



2020

ISA Science City International School
Reggio Emilia-inspired Early Years programme transitioning into the IB PYP, MYP, and DP



2022

ISA Guangzhou West International School
Reggio Emilia-inspired Early Years programme that will prepare students for the IB PYP, MYP, and DP

2022

ISA Wuhan International School (**IB PYP, MYP & DP**) and ISA Wenhua Wuhan Chinese International School
Catering for Chinese nationals, offering the **Chinese National Curriculum (CNC) for Years 1-9, leading into an international qualification**



ISA Wenhua Guangzhou West International Chinese School
Offering the CNC for Years 1-9, leading into an international qualification



GROWING NETWORK

ISA International Education Group (ISAIEG) has ambitious plans to continue developing a network of high-quality international and Wenhua international Chinese schools both in China and around the world, supported by a range of education-related services. We believe in people and the power of positive relationships with and within our students, staff and communities. Our teachers are selected from amongst the best in the world and are supported by a wonderful group of administrative colleagues. As the number of ISA schools continues to increase, we see the enormous value of creating a network of schools, and the benefits that this brings to things such as professional learning, curriculum committees, sports and cultural interactions, and student and staff exchanges.

WHAT ISA HAS TO OFFER OUR STAFF:

- ISA's reputation as a well-respected organisation in the international community
- A strong organisational culture and mission: a diverse student body and commitment to produce students who are "independent learners / international citizens."
- A world-leading campus catering for the academic and personal needs of staff and students, including boarders
- A palpable sense of community built on trust and transparency
- A culture that embraces new ideas and uses innovation for continuous improvement
- The opportunity to help establish a positive school culture that is focused on achievement and wellbeing
- A role to play in developing a unique relationship with a sister ISA Wenhua International Chinese School on the same site



CORE COMPETENCIES REQUIRED

Team-oriented
Self-reflection
Innovation
Vision
Commitment
Communication
Imagination
Strategy
Adaptability
Empathy
Creativity
Professionalism
Integrity
Positivity
Responsibility
Authenticity





WE ARE LOOKING FOR STAFF WHO ARE...

“Passionate about our learning and wellbeing, is approachable, and listens to student feedback and voice”



GUANGZHOU

Guangzhou has been named **China's most liveable city** and its proximity to the wonders of the rest of China certainly plays no small part in this title. However, the Greater Guangzhou Area also comes with an abundance of advantages. There's a saying here: "good food is in Guangzhou", and with an iconic regional cooking style and obsession with fresh ingredients, it's not hard to see why this is the case. From the famed Lingnan school of painting, to the varieties of cultural musical styles, to the ancient traditions of Cantonese opera, Guangzhou is certainly not lacking a rich, vibrant art scene.

A number of large parks around the city allow residents to escape Guangzhou's urban bustle. The city also possesses a vibrant expat scene, with bars, clubs, and one of China's top football teams. A full range of shopping experiences is on offer, from sprawling high-end shopping malls in the CBD to charming local markets where bargaining for the best price is fully encouraged.

All of these attractions are served by a modern public transport system including a comprehensive Metro subway and bus network. The Guangzhou South Railway Station is one of the four largest passenger transit hubs in China, serving approximately 80 million passengers per year to cities across China and down to Hong Kong. Baiyun International Airport, located 28 kilometres from the Guangzhou CBD, is another major transport hub, ranking in the top five airports in China by passenger volume.



CHINA

China as a whole is a vastly compelling place to live and work. Living in the world's oldest continuing civilization is certainly nothing short of enriching, and the history and culture the country can provide is unmatched. From the sunny, warm beaches of Sanya, to the ice festivals in Harbin, being in one of the world's largest countries provides limitless opportunities for travel. Holding the second highest number of UNESCO heritage sites in the world, the proximity to many amazing sights to explore is always exciting.

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