International schools in Barcelona

AND OTHER MULTILINGUAL SCHOOL OPTIONS

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Barcelona, the capital of Catalonia, is a great place to live, thanks to its business and startup ecosystem, entrepreneurial spirit, cultural offer, great connectivity, as well as the local lifestyle and the Mediterranean climate.

If you have moved to Barcelona with your family and have school-age children, you will need to make decisions about where they will go to school. You are fortunate in the fact that Barcelona has a vast array of school options.

For a comprehensive overview of the education system in Barcelona:
Choosing a School in Barcelona. Practical Guide for International Families:
barcelona.cat/choosing-a-school

Official public education links (Catalan school system):
Barcelona Education Consortium (Consorci d'Educació de Barcelona):
edubcn.cat

Department of Education (Departament d'Educació) – Government of Catalonia:
educacio.gencat.cat

Additional useful links:
Barcelona International Schools Association (BISA): bisaschools.com

Batxibac: xtec.gencat.cat/ca/curriculum/batxillerat/baccalaureat/

Dual Diploma (by Academica): academica.school/

Escoles Privades Independents de Catalunya (EPIC): epicescoles.com

International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO): ibo.org

National Association of British Schools in Spain: nabss.org

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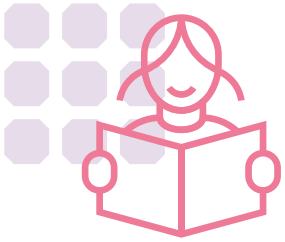
Types of school

There are basically two types of schools in Catalonia - **public schools** and **private schools.**

Public schools are fully state-funded, tuition free and secular. They follow the local curriculum approved by the Catalan authorities in accordance with the Spanish Education Act. The **Catalan education system** is of high **quality** and is based on **equity** and **excellence**. For this reason, many international families find this an attractive option and choose the local system for their children.

Private schools are privately owned and managed and may or may not be secular. The purely private schools do not receive any government subsidies, so the cost of schooling is mainly covered by families. Each private school has its own enrolment process and entry criteria, so families interested in these schools should contact the schools directly for more information.

There is a segment of private schools (known as ***concertades***) that receive subsidies that cover the cost of basic educational needs. To receive these subsidies, private schools that are *concertades* need to fulfil certain curricular and legislative criteria which includes abiding by the same enrolment process as public schools.



Languages and curriculums

It is important for international families to understand that both **Catalan and Spanish** are the official languages in Catalonia and these languages are used in the public education system, with Catalan being the most widely used language. After completing **compulsory schooling** (from 6 to 16 years of age), students are fluent in both languages and have an adequate knowledge of at least one foreign language.

Non-subsidised **private schools** in the Barcelona Area also teach Catalan and Spanish and often use a different language as the **main language of instruction**, such as English or French, among others.

In this publication you will find lists of schools situated in **Barcelona and the surrounding areas** that offer an **international education**. Although it has been created with international families in mind, anyone with an interest in **multilingual schooling and international curriculums or academic qualifications** should find this a valuable resource.

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We hope you find the information useful!

Table 1

International schools in the Barcelona Area

Compulsory Education (6 - 16 years)

School	Website	Location	Type school	Age of Enrolment	Curriculum	Qualifications offered (1)	Language(s) of instruction	Additional languages offered
Agora Sant Cugat International School	agorasantcugat.com	Sant Cugat del Vallès	Pr	12 mth - 18 yrs	PYP, MYP	GESO, IBDP, Batxillerat	E S C	M F G
Benjamin Franklin International School	bfischool.org	Barcelona	Pr	3 - 18 yrs old	American	GESO, American HSD, IBDP	E	S C F
Bon Soleil - Lycée International Barcelona	bonsoleil.es	Gavà	Pr	3 - 18 yrs old	French	GESO, IBDP, Baccalauréat, Batxillerat, Batxibac	F	S C E
Deutsche Schule Barcelona	dsbarcelona.com	Esplugues de Llobregat	Pr	3 - 18 yrs old	German	GESO, HSA, MR, Abitur, Batxillerat	G	S E C F
École Française Ferdinand de Lesseps	lesseps.net	Barcelona	Pr	2 - 12 yrs old	French		F	S C E
ES American School	es-school.com	El Prat de Llobregat	Pr	6 - 18 yrs old	PYP, American	GESO, American HSD, AP Courses, Batxillerat	E	S C
European International School of Barcelona	eisbarcelona.com	Sant Cugat del Vallès	Pr	9 mth -18 yrs	Cambridge International	GESO, iGCSEs, American HSD, iA Levels, Batxillerat	E	S C F G M
Gresol International - American School	gresolschool.com	Terrassa	Pr	2 - 18 yrs old	American	GESO, IBDP	E	S C F
Highlands School Barcelona	highlandsbarcelona.es/en/	Esplugues de Llobregat	Pr	4 mth - 18 yrs	Cambridge International, Cat	GESO, iGCSEs, Batxillerat	E	S C F
International Rural School	internationalruralschool.com	Llinars del Vallès	Pr	3 - 18 yrs old	Cambridge International	iGCSEs, A Levels	E	S C M
ISCAT Maresme	iscatmaresme.es	Canet de Mar	Pr	3 - 16 yrs old	British	GESO, iGCSEs	E	S C
ISCAT- The International School of Catalunya	iscat.es	La Garriga	Pr	3 - 18 yrs old	British	GESO, GCSEs, A Levels	E	S C
Istituto Italiano Statale Comprensivo di Barcellona	scuolaitalianabarcellona.com	Barcelona	Pr	3 - 15 yrs old	Italian	GESO, Maturità, Batxillerat	I	S C E
Japanese School in Barcelona	colegiojaponesbcn.org	Sant Cugat del Vallès	Pr	3 - 15 yrs old	Japanese	GESO	J	E S
Kensington School	kensingtonschoolbcn.com	Barcelona	Pr	3 - 18 yrs old	British	GCSEs, iGCSEs, A Levels	E	S F
Lycée Français Bel Air	lyceebelair.es	Sant Pere de Ribes	Pr	3 - 18 yrs old	French	GESO, Baccalauréat, Batxillerat	F	S C E
Lycée Français de Barcelone	lfb.es	Barcelona	Pr	3 - 18 yrs old	French	GESO, Baccalauréat, Batxillerat	F	S C E
Oak House School	oakhouseschool.com	Barcelona	Pr	3 - 18 yrs old	British (Prm), Catalan (Snd)	GESO, iGCSEs, IBDP, Batxillerat	E	S C F G
Princess Margaret International School	princessmargaret.org	Barcelona	Pr	3 - 16 yrs old	PYP, MYP	GESO	E	S C
Richmond International British School	richmondschool.es	Sant Pere de Ribes	Pr	2 - 18 yrs old	British	iGCSEs, A Levels, iA Levels	E	S C
Schweizerschule Barcelona	escuelasuizabcn.es	Barcelona	Pr	3 - 18 yrs old	Swiss	GESO, Swiss Matura, Batxillerat	G	S C E F
SEK International School Catalunya	catalunya.sekinternationalschools.com	La Garriga	Pr	4 mth - 18 yrs	PYP, MYP	GESO, IBDP, Batxillerat	E	S C F G
St. George School The British School of Catalunya	stgeorgeinternational.es/barcelona/en/	Barcelona	Pr	2 - 18 yrs old	British	GESO, iGCSEs, IBDP	E	S C F
St. Patrick's International School (2)	stpatricksinternationalschool.com	Sant Joan Despí	Pr	5 mth - 11 yrs	British		E	S C M F
St. Peter's School	stpeters.es	Barcelona	Pr	12 mth - 18 yrs	PYP, MYP	GESO, IBDP, Batxillerat	E	S C F
The American School of Barcelona	asbarcelona.com	Esplugues de Llobregat	Pr	3 - 18 yrs old	American	GESO, American HSD, IBDP	E	S C
The British College of Gavà	britishcollegegava.com	Gavà	Pr	3 - 18 yrs old	British	GESO, iGCSEs, IBDP, IBCP	E	S C F
The British School of Barcelona - BSB Castelldefels Campus	britishschoolbarcelona.com	Castelldefels	Pr	3 - 16 yrs old	British	GESO, iGCSEs, GCSEs	E	S C F G
The Olive Tree School	theolivetreeschool.es	Sant Pere de Ribes	Pr	3 - 16 yrs old	British	GESO, GCSEs	E	S C F
Zürich Schule Barcelona	zsbarcelona.com	Barcelona	Pr	18 mth - 18 yrs	PYP, MYP	GESO	G	S E C

E English · S Spanish · C Catalan · F French · G German · J Japanese · M Mandarin Chinese · R Russian · I Italian · Pr Private

Schools in this table follow a recognised foreign or international curriculumand may also offer international qualifications.

(1) When it is indicated that a school offers the GESO or Batxillerat, this may be a co-validation of the qualification that can only be achieved by following specific subjects.

(2) This school is in the process of expanding. The courses and qualifications offered refer to the academic year 2022/23.

Foreign qualifications

American HSD - American High School Diploma

AP - (American) Advanced Placement courses

GCSEs / iGCSEs - British secondary school qualification

A Levels / iA Levels - British pre-university qualification

Baccalauréat - French pre-university qualification

Maturità - Italian High School Diploma

HSA - Hauptschulabschluss: German secondary education

MR - Mittlerer Schulabschluss / Realschulabschluss - German secondary education

Abitur - German exam qualifying for university

Matura - Swiss exam qualifying for university

International Baccalaureate

PYP - Primary Years Programme

MYP - Middle Years Programme

IBDP - International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

IBCP - International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme

Catalan School System

GESO - Graduat en Educació Secundària Obligatòria (Secondary School Education)

Batxillerat - Pre-university education

Dual Diplomas

Batxibac - Offical French and Catalan pre-university qualification

Figure 1

Map of international schools in the Barcelona Area

1. Agora Sant Cugat International School
2. Benjamin Franklin International School
3. Bon Soleil - Lycée International Barcelona
4. Deutsche Schule Barcelona
5. École Française Ferdinand de Lesseps
6. ES American School
7. European International School of Barcelona
8. Gresol International - American School
9. Highlands School Barcelona
10. International Rural School
11. ISCAT Maresme
12. ISCAT- The International School of Catalunya
13. Istituto Italiano Statale Comprensivo di Barcellona
14. Japanese School in Barcelona
15. Kensington School
16. Lycée Français Bel Air
17. Lycée Français de Barcelone
18. Oak House School
19. Princess Margaret International School
20. Richmond International British School
21. Schweizerschule Barcelona
22. SEK International School Catalunya
23. St. George School The British School of Catalunya
24. St. Patrick's International School
25. St. Peter's School
26. The American School of Barcelona
27. The British College of Gavà
28. The British School of Barcelona - BSB Castelldefels Campus
29. The Olive Tree School
30. Zürich Schule Barcelona

Table 2

Schools specialised in foreign languages in the Barcelona Area

Compulsory Education (6 - 16 years)

School	Website	Location	Age of Enrolment	Type school (1)	Curriculum	Qualifications offered	Language(s) of instruction	Additional languages offered
Agora Barcelona International School	colegioagorabarcelona.com	Sant Esteve Ses Rovires	8 months - 18 years	Pr	Catalan	GESO, IBDP, Batxillerat	E S C	F G M
Akua School (2)	en.colegioakua.com	Santa Coloma de Cervelló	3 - 16 years old	Pr	Catalan, Montessori	GESO	S E C	
Anne Sullivan International School (2)	annesullivanbcn.com	Pallejà (Fontpineda)	3 - 16 years old	Pr	Catalan	GESO	E	S C F G
Aula Escola Europea	aula-ee.com/en/	Barcelona	2 - 18 years old	Pr	Catalan	GESO, IBDP, Batxillerat, Batxibac	C S	E F
Col·legi CreaNova	collegicreanova.org	Sant Cugat del Vallès	3 - 18 years old	Pr	Catalan	GESO, Batxillerat, Dual Diploma	S C E	G F I
Col·legi Montserrat	cmontserrat.org	Barcelona	1 - 18 years old	Co	Catalan, MYP	GESO, IBDP, Batxillerat	C E S	F G
Colegio Hatikva	colegiohatikva.com	Sant Cugat del Vallès	1 - 16 years old	Pr	Catalan	GESO	S E C H	
Colegio Santa María del Pino	pinoalella.com	Alella	3 - 16 years old	Pr	Catalan	GESO, Dual Diploma	S C E	F
English Academy Santa Claus	academysantaclaus.com	Barcelona	3 - 12 years old	Pr	Catalan		E S C	F M
English School	englishschoolbarcelona.com	Barcelona	3 - 16 years old	Pr	Catalan	GESO	E	S C F
Escola Pàlcalm	palcam.cat	Barcelona	3 - 18 years old	Co	Catalan	GESO, Batxillerat, Dual Diploma	C S E	F
Escola Pérez Iborra	pereziborra.com/en/school/	Barcelona	3 - 18 years old	Pr	Catalan	GESO, Batxillerat, Dual Diploma	C S E	F
Escola Peter Pan	peterpan.cat	Barcelona	1 - 12 years old	Co	Catalan		C E S	
Escola Rase International School (2)	escolarase.cat	Cardedeau	1- 6 years	Pr	Catalan		E	C S M
Hamelin Laie International School	hamelinlaie.com	Montgat	4 months - 18 years	Pr	Catalan	GESO, IBDP, Batxillerat	E S C	F G M
Institut Escola Londres	ielondres.cat	Barcelona	3 - 16 years old	Pu	Catalan	GESO	C E S	F G
John Talbot	johntalabot.com	Barcelona	3 - 16 years old	Co	Catalan	GESO	C S E	F
La Miranda	lamiranda.eu	Sant Just Desvern	9 months - 18 years	Pr	Catalan, MYP	GESO, IBDP, Batxillerat, Dual Diploma	S E C	F M G R
La Salle Bonanova	bonanova.lasalle.cat	Barcelona	3 - 18 years old	Co	Catalan	GESO, IBDP, Batxillerat, Batxibac	C E S	F G
Lleó XIII	lleoxiii.com	Barcelona	1 - 18 years old	Co	Catalan	GESO, Batxillerat, Dual Diploma	C E S	F
Saint Nicholas School Barcelona	saintnicholas.cat	Barcelona	3 - 18 years old	Co	Catalan	GESO, Batxillerat, Dual Diploma	S C E	F
SIL	colegiosil.com	Barcelona	1 - 18 years old	Co	Catalan	GESO, Batxillerat	C S E	F
St. Paul's School	stpauls.es	Barcelona	3 - 18 years old	Co	Catalan	GESO, Batxillerat, Dual Diploma	E	S C F
Synergy International Christian School	synergychristianschool.com	Bellaterra	3 - 18 years	Pr	Catalan, American	GESO, American HSD	E S C	

E English · F French · R Russian · Pr Private
S Spanish · G German · I Italian · Pu Public
C Catalan · H Hebrew · M Mandarin Chinese · Co *Concertada*

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(2) This school is in the process of expanding. The courses and qualifications offered refer to the academic year 2022/23

Catalan School System
GESO - Graduat en Educació Secundària Obligatòria (secondary school education)
Batxillerat - Pre-university education

Foreign qualifications
American HSD - American High School Diploma

International Baccalaureate
MYP - Middle Years Programme
IBDP - International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

Dual Diplomas
Batxibac - Offical French and Catalan pre-university qualification
Dual Diploma - American and Catalan pre-university qualification (by Academica)

! Schools in this table have been included because they teach parts of their curriculum through a language other than Catalan or Spanish, above the mandatory requirement. Most, but not all, teach the Catalan curriculum

Please contact individual schools for more details.

Table 3

Schools offering the IBDP in the Barcelona Area

Upper Secondary Education / Pre-university (16 - 18 years)

School	Website	Location	Type school (1)	Language(s) of instruction (2)		
Agora Barcelona International School	colegioagorabarcelona.com	Sant Esteve Ses Rovires	Pr	E	S	
Agora Sant Cugat International School	agorasantcugat.com	Sant Cugat del Vallès	Pr	E	S	
Aula Escola Europea	aula-ee.com	Barcelona	Pr		S	C
Benjamin Franklin International School	bfischool.org	Barcelona	Pr	E		
Col·legi Lestonnac	lestonnacbcn.org	Barcelona	Co		S	C
Col·legi Montserrat	cmontserrat.org	Barcelona	Co	E	S	
Col·legi Xaloc	xaloc.org/ca/	L'Hospitalet de Llobregat	Co	E	S	
Escola Voramar	voramon.cat	Barcelona	Co	E	S	C
Gresol International - American School	gresolschool.com	Terrassa	Pr	E		
Hamelin Laie International School	hamelinlaie.com	Montgat	Pr	E	S	
Institut Arnau Cadell	agora.xtec.cat/iesarnaucadell/	Sant Cugat del Vallès	Pu		S	C
Institut Forat de Vent	britishschoolbarcelona.com	Cerdanyola del Vallès	Pu		S	C
Institut L'Alzina	ib.alzina.cat	Barcelona	Pu		S	C
Institut Mosès Broggi	institutbroggi.org	Barcelona	Pu		S	C
Institut Pedrables	institutpedralbes.cat	Barcelona	Pu		S	C
Institut Sabadell	agora.xtec.cat/ies-sabadell/	Sabadell	Pu		S	C
La Miranda	lamiranda.eu	Barcelona	Pr	E	S	
La Salle Bonanova	bonanova.lasalle.cat/educacio/	Barcelona	Co	E	S	C
Lycée Français de Gavà- Bon Soleil	bonsoleil.es	Gavà	Pr	E		
Maristes Sants Les Corts	slc.maristes.cat	Barcelona	Co	E	S	C
Oak House School	oakhouseschool.com	Barcelona	Pr	E		
Salesians de Sarrià	salesianssarria.com	Barcelona	Co		S	C
SEK Catalunya International School	sek.es	La Garriga	Pr	E	S	
St. George School The British School of Catalunya	stgeorgeinternational.es/barcelona/	Barcelona	Pr	E		
St. Peters School	stpeters.es	Barcelona	Pr	E		
The American School of Barcelona	asbarcelona.com	Esplugues de Llobregat	Pr	E		
The Bristish College of Gavà (3)	britishcollegegava.com	Gavà	Pr	E		

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(1) With concertada schools it is advisable to verify at which educational stage they have state subsidies.
(2) Although Catalan is the vehicular language in many IB diploma programmes in Barcelona, the examinations are held in Spanish.
(3) This school also offers the International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme (IBCP).

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) is an upper secondary qualification that is accepted in universities across the world. Many international schools in the Barcelona Area, alongside an increasing number of local public schools and *escoles concertades*, offer this well-regarded qualification.

For more information about the IBDP go to ibo.org

Table4

Schools offering the Batxibac in the Barcelona Area

Upper Secondary Education / Pre-university (16 - 18 years)

School	Website	Location	Type school
Anna Ravell	annaravell.maristes.cat	Barcelona	Co
Aula Escola Europea	aula-ee.com	Barcelona	Pr
Escola Pia de Terrassa	terrassa.escolapia.cat	Terrassa	Co
Escola Sant Gregori	santgregori.org	Barcelona	Co
Frederic Mistral-Tècnic Eulàlia	fredericmistral-tecniceulalia.cat	Barcelona	Co
Institució Cultural del CIC	iccic.edu/institucional	Barcelona	Co
Institut Alexandre Satorras	asatorras.cat	Mataró	Pu
Institut Angeleta Ferrer i Sensat	agora.xtec.cat/iesangeletaferrer/	Sant Cugat del Vallès	Pu
Institut Arquitecte Manuel Raspall	raspall.cat	Cardedeu	Pu
Institut Celestí Bellera	bellera.cat	Granollers	Pu
Institut d'Argentona	agora.xtec.cat/ies-argentona/	Argentona	Pu
Institut de Lliçà d'Amunt	agora.xtec.cat/iesllica/	Lliçà d'Amunt	Pu
Institut de Sant Quirze del Vallès	agora.xtec.cat/iessantquirze/	Sant Quirze del Vallès	Pu
Institut de Terrassa	insterrassa.cat	Terrassa	Pu
Institut de Viladecavalls	agora.xtec.cat/ies-viladecavalls/	Viladecavalls	Pu
Institut Dolors Aleu	agora.xtec.cat/ins-dolors-aleu-barcelona/	Barcelona	Pu
Institut Egara	agora.xtec.cat/iesegara/	Terrassa	Pu
Institut Eugeni d'Ors	ies-eugeni.cat	Vilafranca del Penedès	Pu
Institut Forat del Vent	agora.xtec.cat/iesforatdelvent/	Cerdanyola del Vallès	Pu
Institut Icària	instituticaria.cat	Barcelona	Pu
Institut Jaume Balmes	jaumebalmes.net	Barcelona	Pu
Institut Josep Lluís Sert	agora.xtec.cat/iessert/	Castelldefels	Pu
Institut La Llauna	agora.xtec.cat/ieslallauna/	Badalona	Pu
Institut La Serreta	agora.xtec.cat/iesserreta/	Rubí	Pu
Institut La Vall de Tenes	agora.xtec.cat/iesvalltenes/	Santa Eulàlia de Ronçana	Pu
Institut Lluís Domènech i Montaner	agora.xtec.cat/iescanet/	Canet de Mar	Pu
Institut Manuel de Cabanyes	agora.xtec.cat/iescabanyes/	Vilanova i la Geltrú	Pu
Institut Mediterrània	agora.xtec.cat/ies-mediterrania-castelldefels/	Castelldefels	Pu
Institut Menéndez y Pelayo	institutmenendezypelayo.cat	Barcelona	Pu
Institut Miquel Martí i Pol	agora.xtec.cat/iesmarti-i-pol/	Cornellà de Llobregat	Pu
Institut Moisès Broggi	institutbroggi.org	Barcelona	Pu
Institut Montserrat	institutmontserrat.cat	Barcelona	Pu
Institut Pau Vila	agora.xtec.cat/iespauvila/	Sabadell	Pu
Institut Torras i Bages	agora.xtec.cat/instorrasibages/	L'Hospitalet de Llobregat	Pu
Institut Vicenç Plantada	agora.xtec.cat/iesvplantada/	Mollet del vallès	Pu
Institut Vinyes Velles	insvinyesvelles.cat	Montornès del Vallès	Pu
La Salle Bonanova	bonanova.lasalle.cat	Barcelona	Co
Lycée Français de Gavà - Bon Soleil	bonsoleil.es	Gavà	Pr
Santa Teresa – Ganduxer	ganduxer.escolateresiana.com	Barcelona	Co
Vedruna Gràcia	vedrunagracia.cat	Barcelona	Co
Vedruna Vall Terrassa	vedrunavall.cat	Terrassa	Co

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The Batxibac is an increasingly popular qualification offering a combination of the Catalan Baxillerat and the French Baccalauréat.

For more information go to: xtec.gencat.cat/ca/curriculum/batxillerat/baccalaureat/

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