

LA SCUOLA
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

WHERE
BOUNDLESS
LEARNING
LEADS

WE BELIEVE

Our complex, interconnected society demands a new model of education — one that opens minds, expands hearts, and fills our spirits with joy.

At La Scuola International School, our curiosity-first environment blends enthusiastic exploration, academic excellence, a global mindset, and multilingual expression to best prepare students for a rapidly changing world. Students learn in this distinctive way at La Scuola because we know the real measure of success is a proven ability to meet change as change-makers.

Welcome to La Scuola International School, where boundless learning leads.



Open to the World

The world is a beautiful combination of cultures, ideas, environments, people, and perspectives. From our start in 2002, our unique approach has been grounded in this richness. We build on the world's most uplifting educational advances to open an entire world of learning.

REGGIO EMILIA APPROACH

As proponents of the Reggio Emilia Approach, we honor the multiple ways in which students express themselves, build relationships, and make meaning. Our beautifully designed environments intentionally inspire wonder, agency, and collaboration. La Scuola is one of very few schools in the world that extends the Reggio Emilia Approach all the way through middle school.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

Driven by curiosity, our students unlock the boundless power of inquiry. By synthesizing insights across disciplines, they foster the innovative thinking skills, empathy, and resilience needed to thrive in a rapidly-changing world. This is education as a lifelong journey of discovery, preparing purposeful, passionate global citizens to shape a better future.

LANGUAGE IMMERSION

Language immersion enriches students with new perspectives and increased ability to focus, plan, and multi-task. Multilingualism has been proven to be a strong predictor of academic success and lifelong happiness. Through language learning, students gain fluidity of thought and become adaptable to shifting situations — as today's world increasingly requires.

Building on the combination of uniquely integrated frameworks, we foster the joy that leads to boundless learning.



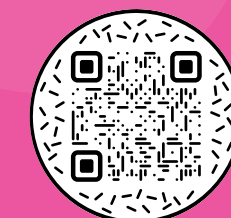
What is the Reggio Emilia Approach?

Created in Reggio Emilia, Italy, this educational philosophy's unparalleled focus on the learning environment and relationships results in confident exploration and experimentation; debate and discussion; inquiry and innovation. It champions respect for students and their contributions.

Why the International Baccalaureate?

Tomorrow's graduates must be equipped with a global mindset: that's flexibility, curiosity, empathy, and respect. The International Baccalaureate Primary Years and Middle Years Programs guide students to pursue personal development alongside academic achievement, opening endless, globe-spanning pathways.

Learn more at lascuolainternational.org.



BOUNDLESS

Learning in Action

At La Scuola, the bounds between beginning and advanced language learners and between teachers and students are permeable.

We all learn from each other.

During one preschool welcome day, a La Scuola fourth grader — Coco — came along with her three-year-old brother who was just starting school. As parents and teachers got to know each other, our Admissions Director noticed Coco reading to her little brother, so she joined them.

Coco, she soon discovered, was reading in English. That made sense, as Coco's brother had yet to start learning Italian. When the Admissions Director got closer, however, she saw that while Coco was speaking English, the book was written in Italian.

That meant Coco, from a family with no background in Italian, was translating instinctively, without even recognizing that advanced skill as remarkable.

At La Scuola we hold a high image of the child as capable and competent. Here, they are as much teachers as learners.



Each of us acts as teacher and student, open to seeing things in new ways. This joyful curiosity is built into everything we do at La Scuola International School, where boundless learning leads.

FLAGSHIP MISSION CAMPUS
San Francisco



DOGPATCH CAMPUS
San Francisco

MILANO CAMPUS
Italia



SILICON VALLEY CAMPUS
East Palo Alto



The Space to Learn

Intentionally designed, beautiful environments spark curiosity, creativity, and joy. When students and teachers feel inspired by their surroundings, they fully engage with and absorb new ideas. The environment joins the community as another encouraging, active teacher.

At La Scuola International School, our spaces are intentionally designed to celebrate form, function, and beauty, creating space for turning thought into action. This is true across our campuses — all designed by world-renowned architects who specialize in Reggio Emilia Approach schools and spaces.

The Room for Innovation

Ateliers — laboratory-like classrooms — feed creativity and understanding. They provide students with the time, tools, and materials to suggest questions, innovate, and produce beauty and knowledge.

At La Scuola, students explore and learn in these dedicated hubs of discovery, each centered on a different expressive language. Our ateliers focus on the visual arts, coding, music, tinkering, creative writing, garden, environmental studies, and more.

The Path to Discovery

La Scuola is an international school in more than name. With campuses in the United States and Italy, we bring true global citizenship within reach.

Our students' openness to the world begins with regional excursions and overnights and grows to encompass international travel and exchanges with our sister campuses. Multilingual La Scuola graduates regularly attend high schools and colleges around the globe — wherever boundless learning leads them.

ACTIVE

Inquiry

FOUNDATIONAL ACADEMICS

La Scuola students benefit from an academic foundation that prepares them for our A.I.-infused, extra-connected, modern world. We integrate Singapore Math, Science of Reading Research, the Pollyanna Racial Literacy Curriculum, and more within International Baccalaureate Units of Inquiry. Our website shares further details.

UNLOCKING LANGUAGE

New languages allow us to see beyond our own perspectives. Research strongly indicates that those who speak multiple languages gain improved attention, decision making, and planning skills. Multilingual people adapt more quickly to shifting situations.

At La Scuola, our language immersion program makes Italian (in the USA) or English (in Italy) the primary classroom language through the third grade. Other languages, such as Spanish, are introduced in the fifth grade. La Scuola is open to students who are new to language learning, with beginner tracks available in middle school.

THE STORY OF MATH

At La Scuola, we see math as a lens that reveals the truth of the world. Through math, we investigate patterns and discover how those connections affect our lives.

In preschool, La Scuola students experience basic math concepts physically, with blocks, manipulatives, and more. In elementary school and beyond, we learn and teach visually and, eventually, abstractly. This progression takes students from pattern recognition to structured thinking to modeling and real-world application.

By middle school, students lead their own processes of inquiry. They collaboratively observe, discover, and draw connections, demonstrating their knowledge in myriad ways. How tall is that tree? At what point would an economy of scale turn a venture profitable?

By the time a math formula becomes relevant, our students are the ones to propose it. Because they've uncovered the relationships themselves, formulas simply describe what they already recognize as true.



Becoming part of the welcoming, diverse La Scuola community — as a student, teacher, family member, or friend — is something we celebrate.

La Scuola teachers and staff — a highly trained, international group — are experts in some of the world's leading educational models. Beyond teaching (and learning from) students, we operate the California International Reggio Center (CIRC). Through CIRC, we share our expertise and extend international professional development opportunities that explore educational theory in action.



COMMUNITY



Our students' families and caregivers come together through the Parents Association of La Scuola, affectionately known as PALS. With social, cultural, and educational events (and our annual La Dolce Vita gala), PALS keeps us engaged in an exuberant learning community.

In these ways — and through camps, exchange programs, enrichment opportunities, and much more — we make our values an active part of our lives.

- OPEN TO THE WORLD**
Inspire each other to ask provocative questions and to discover original answers that enhance our collective experience.
- LIFT EACH OTHER UP**
Embrace and encourage community — local and global — because each relationship is a strength and a gift.
- REACH BEYOND**
The boundaries between disciplines, cultures, and perspectives are an illusion. Share your perspective so we can adventure across each horizon.
- LIVE COURAGEOUSLY**
Don't wait for others to have the idea, ask the question, or stand up; live with confidence and courage.
- FIND JOY, CELEBRATE BEAUTY**
We believe joy and beauty are human rights. Seek them out and delight in them!



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Niente Senza Gioia! ¡Nada Sin Alegría! Nothing Without Joy!

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