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# MISSION, VISION, CORE VALUES

**Mission** CISP provides, from a biblical perspective, an academically excellent and practically oriented education within a loving community.

**Vision** Students who are followers of Jesus among the nations expressing their faith by thinking biblically, and loving and serving their communities for Him.

**Core Values**

- Faith In Christ
- Walking in Truth
- Grace in Community
- Biblical in Worldview
- Learning for a Lifetime



# A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

The lives of students from among the nations intersect in the heart of Europe at the Christian International School of Prague in the Czech Republic. The school is a crossroads for our students from over 30 different nations. Lifelong friendships are formed, and the school community is like a family.

Teachers and staff members who are followers of Jesus Christ come from near and far to provide an education that is biblical, academically excellent, and practically oriented in the context of a loving community. The focus of our education is Jesus Christ.

Who is Jesus Christ, what has He done, and why provide an education focused on Him? The Bible says in John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." God loves people from every nation and offers the gift of eternal life to all who recognize their own sinfulness and put their hope and trust in His Son, Jesus. About Himself, Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full", John 10:10.

We are thankful for God's continued faithfulness and presence with us as we, as lifelong learners, continue to grow in our understanding of Him and the world He has made. We are blessed by His continued provision of staff members and resources for our school for each new school year. We are grateful for the peace and freedom in the Czech Republic and hope and pray that it will continue for years to come.

For Him,



Jodi L. Oppenhuizen, Ed.S.  
Director



# CLASS OF 2023

June saw the 16th graduating class of CISP! The Class of 2023 was made up of 12 graduates who are now studying, working, and living around the world, many in Prague!

## PORTRAIT OF A CISP GRADUATE

Christlike  
Servant-hearted  
Compassionate  
Inquisitive  
Disciplined  
Respectful  
Creative  
Grateful





## SPRING TRIPS

Secondary students attended CISP's Spring Trip weeks in a number of different places. The middle school students attended *Škola v přírodě* or School in Nature. They learned about forestry, weaving, and cooked their own dinners over a fire. Besides navigating on their own while biking and hiking, the students explored the city of Třeboň.



High school students went off to various parts of Europe. The 9th and 10th graders took off together to Salzburg, Austria and Hallstatt Germany. The 11th grade students went to Belgium where they visited the Brussels, Ghent and Dunkirk (France) helping with a service project, learning about the history, and eating many waffles, fries, and chocolate. The seniors enjoyed some time soaking up the sun, swimming, boating, and exploring national parks and landmarks in Croatia.



## ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY DAYS

The elementary students had a week of day trips, doing different activities such as a jump park, a petting zoo, and a day exploring the Divoká Šarka nature reserve.



# CONCERTS

The CISP Choral Society is made up of 30 students, staff, alumni, and friends of CISP. Their yearly spring and Christmas concerts are well-attended, not just by the CISP community, but by the Prague community! They are preparing for a grand concert in the spring of 2024 to celebrate CISP's 20th Anniversary. Previous concert recordings can be found on the CISP Communications YouTube channel.





# SPRING DANCE

The yearly dance was held in April and well-attended by most of the secondary students! Dinner was served followed by a photo booth, games, and of course, dancing!



# FIELD DAY

Field day ended with a light sprinkle of rain, but the teams, made up of students from different grades, had a great time racing and playing games at Letna Park.



# CISP STAFF

CISP is currently made up of 23 full-time staff and 26 part-time staff. The staff represent 9 different countries.



# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

CHRISTINA BARTELD, 4TH GRADE TEACHER

Christina grew up in Grand Rapids, MI in the United States. She graduated from Spring Arbor University with a degree in Elementary Education. Christina worked at a charter school in Jackson, MI before beginning at CISP for the 2022-23 school year.

## HOW DID YOU GET TO CISP?

I have always had a heart for teaching abroad and God has provided me with many opportunities to experience what that may be like. The year before I moved to Prague, God began to prepare my heart for an international change. At that time, I was certain I wanted to teach in Europe and that I was not going to raise support. My sister, who lives in Prague as well, shared about CISP. As I researched the school, I felt a peace and excitement about the thought of possibly teaching here and the idea of support raising didn't seem quite as daunting. I am so glad I trusted in God's provision and direction for my life which led me here to CISP.



## WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT CISP? WHAT HAS BEEN CHALLENGING?

I love the community here at CISP. This body of believers; staff members, parents, students have been a huge blessing throughout the transition to living abroad. There have been challenges figuring out a new school, culture, and life overseas, but through this community I have seen God's love and grace and I am so thankful he has placed me here.

## WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT LIVING IN PRAGUE?

The city of Prague, and the Czech Republic. I am continually in awe of the beauty in this city and around the country. I love taking time to explore new places near and far and seeing God's beauty in it all.



# STUDENT TEACHING



CISP had a number of student teachers in 2023. We had university students from Cedarville University, Geneva College, and Wheaton College in 1st grade, 5th grade, and secondary math. We enjoy seeing the next generation of teachers and hope that their time at CISP was fruitful, educational, and worthwhile! If you are interested in student teaching at CISP, please check out our website!



# CISP BY THE NUMBERS

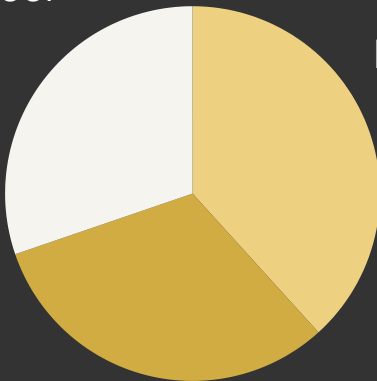
6%

Percentage of students enrolled in ELL

Percentage of students who speak 2 or more languages

53%

High School  
49



Elementary  
62

Middle School  
51

Part Time  
3



Full Time  
159

Countries represented by the student body: 30

# CURRICULUM

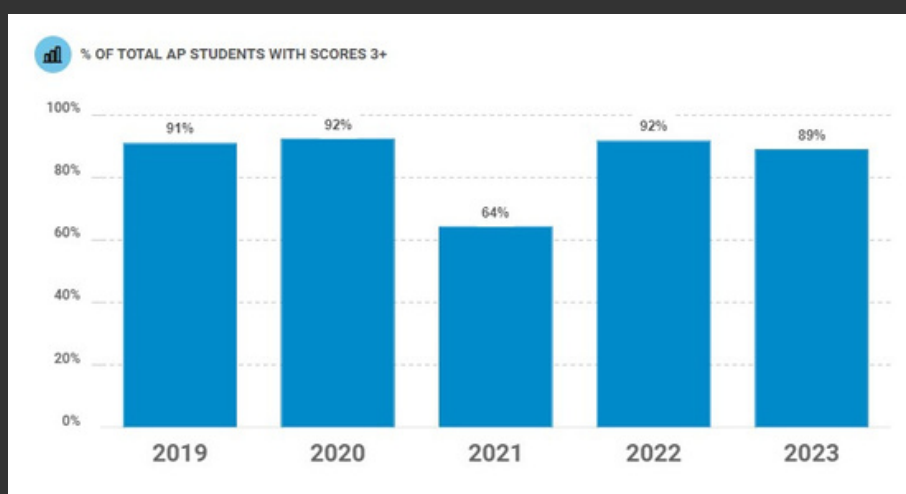
CISP is in the process of documenting all of the standards, student outcomes, concepts, and skills that make up the curriculum in the Curriculum Trak system. CISP is also establishing new processes to record, maintain and regularly evaluate the curriculum for effectiveness in fulfilling the mission to provide an education that is biblically based, academically excellent and practically oriented. For more information regarding AP or our curriculum, please contact our curriculum coordinator.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

We are continuing our partnership with the College Board during the 2023-2024 school year. In May of 2023, 9 CISP students took a total of 11 AP exams. Of those, 89% or 8 students scored a three or above on their exams! Over the summer, we had 2 teachers take AP training to prepare for the possibility of offering more AP classes. In the 2023-2024 school year, we are offering 2 AP classes, and we look forward to continuing to develop our AP program.

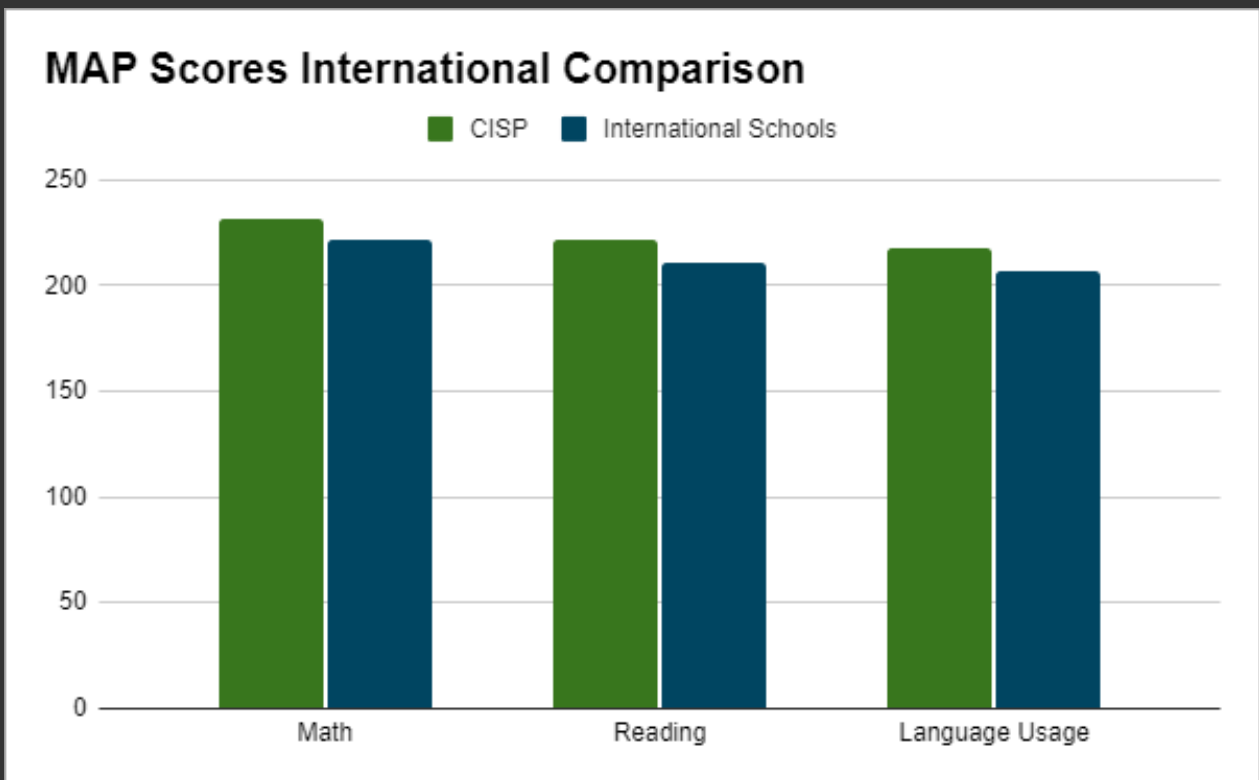
SCHOOL SUMMARY

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total AP Students	11	13	14	12	9
Number of Exams	17	20	20	13	11
AP Students with Scores 3+	10	12	9	11	8
% of Total AP Students with Scores 3+	90.91	92.31	64.29	91.67	88.89



# MAP TESTING

MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) is a test given twice a year to our students grade 3 through grade 12: once in the fall and again in the spring. We use this test to measure academic progress in the areas of mathematics, reading, and language usage. These results represent a comparison of our school to schools in the US who take the MAP tests, as well as to other schools similar to CISP, international, English-speaking schools. We are excited that our students consistently perform at or above the levels of their peers in both the US and in international schools. For more information regarding MAPS or other standardized testing, please contact our testing coordinator.



# LOOKING FORWARD

CISP continues to grow each year! As we seek to better serve our students and staff, there is an increasing urgency for a new space. We aspire for a building that will provide our expanding school community with a safe and Christ-centered environment. Looking forward, we are committed to developing strong relationships with people who can help fulfill this vision. This is an exciting season for our school! We will walk in faith together and trust in God's plan for CISP.







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world that he gave his  
one and only Son, that  
whoever believes in him  
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have eternal life.**

**JOHN 3:16**