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Here We Grow

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR THE
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF TEXAS

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Every day

Every day at IST, students learn about their world. Today's students are tomorrow's leaders and we recognize our awesome responsibility to educate and prepare them for their futures. IST students will go on to be tomorrow's scientists, authors, changemakers, creators, and thinkers.

Every day at IST, teachers bring history to life in their classrooms. They teach our students languages – not just Spanish and Mandarin, but the languages of music, art, and mathematics. Our students wonder about the cosmos, galaxies, and the make-up of space – and then analyze microorganisms under a microscope. Their view is both global and micro, ideological and factual. Our students know that they are inheriting the world and have the responsibility to protect it. They also know that it is theirs to change, for the better.

Every day at IST, true magic happens in our classrooms. The spark of ideas, the love of learning, and the infectious joy of our students are what propel us forward. And as we grow, our campus is growing and changing. We cannot think of a better way to show our children how much we value their potential than by investing in it today.



Let's Grow Together

Tim Reilly, Head of School

HOW IST BEGAN

In 2013, a small group of forward-thinking parents dreamt of opening a school unlike any other in Austin. They knew what they wanted: academic rigor in a nurturing environment; a place where independence is fostered but students also work together in true collaboration; education that gives students the skills to inquire and hypothesize as they learn to solve real-world problems. I am forever grateful to these parents because they laid the foundation for the IST we know and love today: a vibrant community where cultural and intellectual curiosity foster a global perspective and lifelong love of learning.

It started with a dream.

IST TODAY

IST took time to grow into the best version of itself, building on its strengths while always striving to be better. The basis of the IST education, however, did not change. IST has stayed rooted in its mission as an International Baccalaureate school:

IST provides a comprehensive education that is inquiry-based and internationally-minded, enabling children to become life-long learners.

IST students are knowledgeable, empathetic and caring global citizens, inspired to take action and solve problems for the betterment of themselves, others, and the world around them.

Walk down the halls of our school today and you will see and hear the buzz of happy children actively engaged in learning. Our small classes and low student/teacher ratio enable our outstanding teachers to provide a dynamic and nurturing environment that engages a variety of learning styles. The inquiry-based, inter-disciplinary curriculum ensures that students learn to think both deeply and broadly across subject areas, empowering them to ask questions, push boundaries, and take well-informed risks. Our students' love of learning comes to life in our classrooms, every day.

True growth takes time.

IST is flourishing and needs room to grow.

THE FUTURE OF IST

Once considered a "hidden gem" among private schools in Austin, IST is gaining attention and recognition. Admissions inquiries to our school have increased dramatically, highlighting the demand for the safe, high-caliber, in-person learning our school has to offer.

Our world is more complex than ever, more interconnected and multicultural- and truly, more global. The traditional teaching methods once considered gold standards simply do not prepare students for their futures, both educational and professional. In this intersection of learning and the future, IST shines with its International Baccalaureate program, our highly-regarded British National Curriculum and Singapore Math programs, our Spanish and Mandarin Language Program, and highly specialized STEM, Science and Design, Art, and Music programs.

As our world changes, education is changing too.

We are teaching today's learners for tomorrow's world.

IST'S NEW HOME

In Spring 2020, IST took a great leap forward in its path to realizing another dream – that of a world-class campus where all our students can grow, think, and play, together. IST has never been rows of desks in straight lines with worksheets and rigidity. IST has always been a place where we work together, build, create, and even get our hands a little dirty sometimes!

Thanks to the incredible generosity of a number of IST families and friends,

IST purchased an 8+ acre property in Bee Cave. The property became our Middle School Campus and is the happy home of our MYP this year! Our students in Grades 5 - 8 love their new Hill Country campus with its acres of nature trails, wildlife, and room to run and grow.

The future of IST lies on this campus as we plan to construct a state-of-the-art academic building, beautiful Performing Arts and Athletic Center, as well as nature trails and outdoor classrooms and labs.

The time has come for IST to create the physical environment that mirrors not just our amazing curriculum but also the limitless potential of our students. Our community needs the facilities that will better support IST's great vision for today's students and tomorrow's leaders... for generations to come!

Our future is together in the heart of Bee Cave.

HERE WE GROW

These pages will show you our vision for IST's future through the lens of our talented architects.

This campus will feature a purpose-built academic building filled with classrooms, collaborative spaces, and labs for STEM, Art, Science, and Design.

IST's future also includes a soaring Performing Arts and Athletics Center to provide our students with a place to practice, rehearse, and shine.

We will weave technology throughout our truly interactive campus, and our well-equipped outdoor learning spaces will be a signature element.

The entire campus is our classroom.

It goes without saying that the coming months will be an immensely exciting time for the ongoing growth of our school, a turning point that will open the doors to so many new and exciting opportunities for our students, teachers, and community at large. We will work diligently to preserve all that we truly love and value about IST while creating a 21st century campus that will better serve the needs of all, for many years to come.

Thank you so much for your ongoing trust and support. I look forward to embarking on this incredible journey with you!

IST, here we grow!



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Past, Present, & Future



2013

The idea for IST was born

Hudson Bend campus acquired

First day of school at IST

2014

Tim Reilly hired as Deputy Head of School at IST

2016

Launch of STEM program

IST earns TAAPS accreditation

IST Soccer becomes school's first competitive athletic team

2017

IST Robotics Team participates in first competition

IST students place in top categories at International Singapore Maths Competition

2018

IST Soccer participates in Austin Private School Athletic League championship

IST earns honor of being an IB World School

IST reaches benchmark of 100 students enrolled

2019

IST wins first cross-country championship

Inaugural middle school class

2020

Bee Cave campus acquired

IST safely remains open for in-person learning during COVID pandemic

2021

IST Robotics advances to regionals.

Destination Imagination team advances to nationals

2023

IST to celebrate 10 year anniversary

2022

Inaugural 8th grade graduation

IST reaches benchmark of 200 students enrolled



Academic Building

IST's new academic building will be a direct reflection of our ethos as a school – it will provide our students with the space, technology, and comfort to develop as inquirers, collaborators, and learners. The building will feature 23,000 square feet of classroom and collaboration space, and be filled with light and nature with its soaring windows, wide hallways, and beautiful Hill Country views. Interactive software and equipment will connect our students with technology in an unobtrusive and empowering way – to enhance their ability to use state-of-the-art tools as they build their futures as thinkers, leaders, and problem solvers.



STEM LAB (PYP)

- Robotics tables
- Virtual reality headsets
- Circuitry instruments and equipment
- 3D printers



SCIENCE LAB (MYP)

- Microscopes and testing kits
- Rocketry lab
- Hydroponics
- Grow lab

DESIGN LAB (MYP)

- Video production equipment
- CAD programs
- Drone kits
- Green screen

ART LAB

- Ceramics kiln
- Printmaking press
- Clay slab roller





Performing Arts and Athletic Center

Our students shine with talent, not only in the classroom but also in athletic competition and in the performing arts. IST's dream campus will proudly feature a state-of-the-art Performing Arts and Athletics Center, which will be home to sporting events, live theater and music performances, and a wide range of IST events. The 9,000 square foot building will feature practice rooms, a stage, an event-ready concessions stand, and more.



PAAC INCLUDES:

- › Design enhancements to optimize acoustics
- › Customizable stage curtains and lighting
- › Multiple band practice and storage rooms
- › Full-size middle school basketball court
- › Built-in bleachers provide ample seating for athletic events and arts performances



8+ ACRE CAMPUS



Outdoor Learning Space

Our beautiful Bee Cave campus features more than 8 acres of Hill Country land that benefits our students in immeasurable ways. Our students thrive in this safe, natural enclave as they run, laugh, and grow. IST is deepening its commitment to a truly modern education by establishing a variety of outdoor learning spaces. Our Garden Classroom features 2,400 square feet of raised beds, which the students actively plant, nurture, and harvest. The hands-on work of gardening connects our students with the Earth and the growing process, while the harvests of their gardens provide the raw materials for our Salsapreneurs – IST's own student-run salsa business! At IST, we know that the world is our students' classroom and that true learning cannot be confined to four walls. Our Outdoor STEM and Art Labs will merge technology, nature, and education in a meaningful way for each and every Trailblazer. Meanwhile, our nature trails provide access to the flora and fauna of our natural world.





Our Goal

The Here We Grow capital campaign seeks to raise **\$4,000,000** of the estimated **\$14,000,000** needed to build our new, world-class campus for the IST community:

- › A 23,000 sq. ft., purpose-built, multi-level academic building for students in our Primary Years and Middle Years Programs that will include modern classrooms and collaborative spaces, both indoors and outdoors
- › A 9,000 sq. ft. Performing Arts and Athletic Center that will include a middle-school sized basketball court and fully outfitted stage, and will also serve as the school's dining hall
- › Renovation of the existing 5,600 sq. ft. building that will eventually house new STEM, Design, and Art Labs
- › An Outdoor Learning Center

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An investment in
IST is an investment
 in your
child's future.

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Naming opportunities, at various gift levels, will be available throughout the IST campus.

WAYS TO GIVE

Selecting the best gift plan depends on one's personal financial situation and goals. As tax laws are always changing and each individual's situation is unique, donors are encouraged to consult with financial advisors to determine which method of contributing is most beneficial to them.

There are several ways of giving that provide opportunities to meet both personal financial needs while also supporting IST in a meaningful way.

Gifts of Cash or Check
These are the most common gifts and will allow IST to address immediate capital needs. Checks should be made payable to "International School of Texas" with "Capital Campaign 2021" noted in the memo. For bank transfers, please contact Brandy Hoopaugh, Director of Finance, at b.hoopaugh@istexas.org

Gifts of Securities
A gift of stock, bonds, or mutual funds that have been held for at least one year and have appreciated offer special tax advantages. You will receive a tax deduction for the full market value of the gift but will not have to pay capital gains tax on the appreciated amount. Additionally, if you sell depreciated stock and contribute the proceeds, you will receive both a tax deduction for the charitable gift and a deduction for the capital loss.

Pledges
Donors may wish to consider stretching pledges over a three-year period in order to maximize the total amount of support.

BUDGETING YOUR GIFT

The examples below are suggested amounts only and assume a three-year pledge period with an initial gift of 50%.

TOTAL GIFT	INITIAL 50% INVESTMENT	ANNUAL PAYMENTS (x2)
\$500,000	\$250,000	\$125,000
\$250,000	\$125,000	\$75,000
\$100,000	\$50,000	\$25,000
\$50,000	\$25,000	\$12,500
\$25,000	\$12,500	\$6,250
\$10,000	5,000	\$2,500

*Semi-annual and quarterly payment options are also possible



Every day...

Every day at IST, the air crackles with curiosity, rings with laughter, and carries the potential of our students, who truly are the leaders of tomorrow. As IST builds its dream campus, we recognize that we are honoring the dreams of our students and the hope of our shared future. We thank you for being an integral part of this vibrant community and for your dedication and generosity to the future of our campus, our children, and our world.

