



Oulu International School Info Evening for New Applicants and Their Guardians

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1. General info about Oulu International School (OIS)

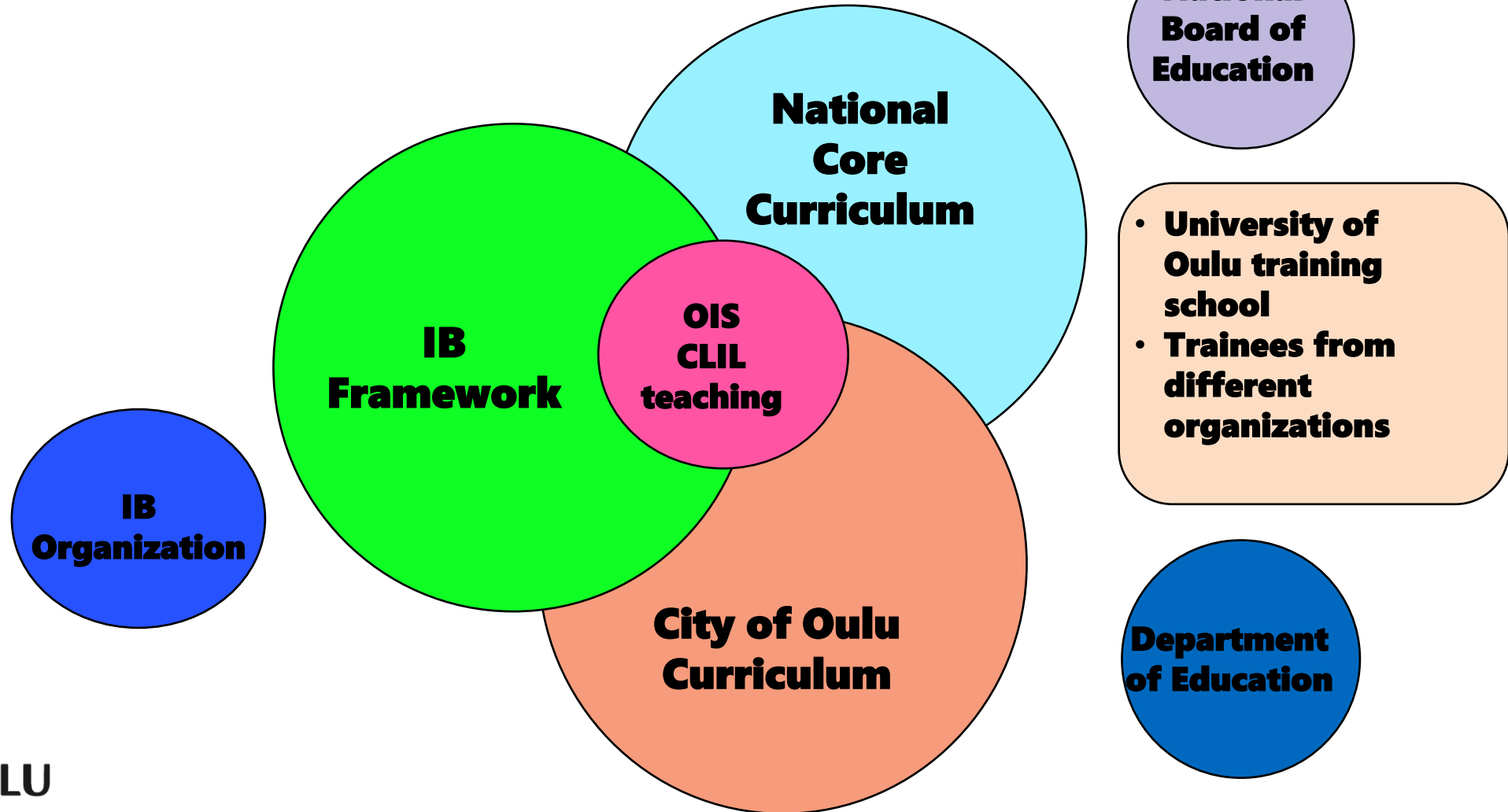
Our School



- Public multicultural school, founded in 2002
- IB World School since 2007
- Primary (PYP) gr 1-6 and Middle (MYP) gr 7-9 years programmes
- Finnish national core curriculum
- Language of tuition English
- CLIL school; *All teachers are language teachers*
- 450 students from more than 44 nationalities, 46 different home languages
- 38 teachers, 4 assistants
- Grades 1 to 9
- Transfer class gr 1-9 and Individual learning path group gr 1-4



OIS within Educational Field





OIS Mission



"Joy of learning in a diverse and caring community"

OIS values

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Community
- Joy of Learning



2. Applying to school and language proficiency tests



How to apply and what are the language tests like?

<https://www.ouka.fi/en/oulu-international-school>



3. Special features of OIS



Our students

- Study English as a mother tongue (3-4 lessons per week)
- Study Finnish as a mother tongue (FMT) or as a second language (FSL) (3-6 lessons per week)
- Study all subjects mostly in English (CLIL)
- Study Swedish from gr 6 to gr 9
- Have more English lessons per week compared to other schools in the Oulu area.
- Have no optional subjects in grades 5-6, as English lessons are part of them.
- Students who like learning languages and literature, find the rigorous IB programme and studying several languages enjoyable.

Transdisciplinary Learning at OLS



- Units built around phenomena and concepts
- Holistic inquiry-based approach
 - Phenomena and concepts examined from different points of view
 - Teaching transfer skills and connecting learning to everyday life
 - Emphasizing critical and creative thinking, inquiry and reflection and transdisciplinary skills
- Assessment
 - A starting point for learning and goal setting
 - Assessment rubrics in use
 - Versatile → Learning shown in many ways.
 - IB assessment criteria and national assessment criteria in use
 - Academically demanding, emphasizes self-efficacy and inquiry-based learning
 - Two bigger researches done: on gr 6 and 9.
- Students' role as an active learner





4. Daily school life at OIS

School days



- Between 8.15-16.00
 - Some voluntary home language lessons take place outside school hours
 - Students cannot stay at school outside their class timetable.
- 3-7 lessons per day depending on the grade level.
- 21-33 lessons per week depending on the grade level and amount of optional languages.

Afternoon care services



- Can be applied for a 1st or 2nd grade student or if your child studies in grades 3-9 classes and has a special support decision (erityisen tuen päätös).
- Can be granted if the child's guardian(s) work or study, or there is another special reason for needing the place.
- Application period from **January 1st until February 15th, 2024, in the Wilma** system with a Wilma ID. The application form for afternoon care services is on *the Applications and decisions* tab.
- If necessary, you can get a paper application form from Oulu10 services (Torikatu 10).
- 120 €/month (August-May) (with exceptions) including insurance, teaching and material costs, and snack.
- More information <https://www.ouka.fi/iltapaivatoiminta>



School Clubs



- **OIS School Clubs are organized throughout the school year.**
 - The club info is sent in Wilma.
 - The clubs are targeted mainly to grade 3-6 students.
 - Usually one to two clubs per week after school hours.

Open Afternoon care services in the city of Oulu



- Children can spend afternoons at youth facilities in different parts of the city. The facilities are open for elementary school children on weekdays, as a rule, from 12:00 to 17:00.
- The age recommendation varies between different youth facilities, but in general the services are targeted for 7–17-year-old children.
- Trained adult counselors work in the youth facilities. In the premises, you can play games, do homework and participate in guided activities. If the child wishes, they can bring their own lunch.
- The services are the so-called open-house services, i.e., the parents and the child agree between themselves when the child enters and leaves the youth facility.
- More information <https://www.nuortenoulu.fi/vapaa-aika/nuorisotilat/> and <https://www.ouka.fi/oulu/koulutus-ja-opiskelu/avoin-iltapaivatoiminta-nuorisotiloilla>

Things to consider when applying to OIS



- **How will our family's daily life look like in practice?**
 - How does my child commute to school and home? (No bus cards provided by the city).
 - How much time does my child or I need to spend on commuting?
 - How much time is left for homework, hobbies, friends and relaxing?
 - How much time do I have to support my child with their daily reading and homework?
 - What will my child's network look like? Will their friends live close by or somewhere else?
- **What can I do to help my child in gaining more independence?**
 - Practice the journey to school and home first together then alone.
 - Let my child do chores and tasks as independently as possible.
- **How will my child's Finnish skills develop?**
 - What study options my child will have after gr 9 in Finland if their Finnish skills are not adequate enough for Finnish high schools or vocational schools?
- **How will my child's home language skills develop? Also Finnish mother tongue.**

Thank you for your interest!

