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Welcome to TASIS!
The High School Student Handbook serves as a guide and sets a standard for what is expected of members of the TASIS community. The Handbook includes the standards, procedures, and regulations that are an essential part of any well-organized institution and provides you with information you will need about the School’s rules and policies. It is the responsibility of both students and parents to read and understand the Handbook.

A positive and constructive working relationship between TASIS and the student is essential to the fulfillment of the School’s educational purpose. Therefore the School reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to request the withdrawal or suspension of any student, or to deny enrollment or re-enrollment of a student if

(i) a student’s behavior or performance demonstrates an unwillingness or inability to be productive within the School community;

(ii) a student, parent, guardian or other individual closely associated with a student fails to cooperate with the School, or disregards or is unable to abide by the rules and regulations of the School; or

(iii) the School determines that the continued involvement of a parent or guardian with the School is not in the best interests of a student or the School.

You will find yourself referring to the Handbook frequently when you have questions ranging from travel procedures and the discipline system to the hours of the snack bar. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. Your proctors, dorm parents, faculty, staff members, and the Dean Team are all here to help you.
### High School Calendar 2017-2018

#### Fall

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<td>Opening Day; students arrive by 19:00</td>
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<td>Saturday, September 2</td>
<td>Student Orientation for all students</td>
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<td>Monday, September 4</td>
<td>Classes begin</td>
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<td>Thursday, September 14</td>
<td>Founder’s Day Celebrations</td>
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<td>Monday, September 18</td>
<td>Class Outings</td>
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<td>Monday, October 9</td>
<td>Fall Break: No classes</td>
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<td>Friday-Saturday, October 13-14</td>
<td>Family Weekend</td>
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<td>Academic Travel</td>
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<td>Friday, November 24</td>
<td>No classes; Thanksgiving Break</td>
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<td>Dormitories close at 12:00 noon; Winter Holiday begins</td>
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<td>Boarding students return to campus by 19:00</td>
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<td>Senior Banquet</td>
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<td>Saturday, May 26</td>
<td>Senior Commencement, 11:00</td>
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<td>Seniors &amp; PGs must leave campus by 17:00.</td>
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Monday, May 28  Classes for students in Grades 9-11 continue
Thursday-Friday, May 31-June 1  Exams
Monday-Tuesday, June 4-5  Exams
Wednesday, June 6  Dormitories close at 12:00 noon
Contact Information

TASIS believes that parents and the School share responsibility for education. We suggest parents download a copy of this Student Handbook to their home computers or keep a copy at home, so that the School and the family can work together for the welfare of both the individual and the community. Parents are encouraged to contact the following faculty members directly with concerns or questions:

Christopher Nikoloff
Headmaster

William Eichner
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David Jepson
Director of Studies

Emily McKee
Director of Admissions

Mark Abisi
Academic Dean

KC McKee
Dean of Students

Thomas Joyce
Assistant Dean of Students

Tom Lil
Director of Residential Life

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Curriculum Coordinator
Adele McLeod, Nancy Loiselle, Lyn Paquin
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Academic Information

Graduation Requirements

The minimum requirements for graduation are 19 credits (1 credit = 120 classroom hours).

Students are required to enroll in a minimum of five full-credit courses per year or the equivalent. An alternative program of studies may be designed for students with special talents, interests, or needs. Such a program must follow established guidelines and requires the approval of the Academic Committee.

English/EAL

Four years of English. All 12th grade EAL students must pass either a 12th grade English course offered by the English Department or IB English B 2 HL (IB Diploma candidates only).

Mathematics

Three years of Mathematics, completing through Mathematics 3 at a minimum

History

Three years of History, including Modern History and US History, and successful completion of the Civic Literacy Exam

Science

Three years of Laboratory Science, including one physical and one biological science course

Modern Language

Third-year proficiency in a Modern Language other than English*

Fine Arts

One Fine Arts credit in visual arts, music, or theater

Physical Education

All students in grades 9 and 10 are required to take Physical Education in support of the TASIS philosophy that a strong school takes care of all aspects of a student’s well-being, including the social and physical development of each individual.
Senior Humanities
Senior Humanities is fulfilled by AP US History, Art History, AP Art History, IB Art History, or, for IB students, Theory of Knowledge.

Service Learning
Earn a passing grade in the Global Service Program each semester enrolled through 11th grade and participate in at least one global service trip or local service experience. New 12th grade and postgraduate students must also earn passing grades both semesters and participate in a global service trip or local service experience.**

Academic Travel
Completion of all Academic Travel assignments and obligations

Sports and Activities
Fulfillment of the Sports and Activities requirements

Students are required to enroll in a minimum of five full-credit courses per year or the equivalent. An alternative program of studies may be designed for students with special talents, interests, or needs. Such a program must follow established guidelines and requires the approval of the Academic Committee.

Course Registration Policy
Students who wish to take more than six classes (or 6½ if they are pursuing the International Baccalaureate Diploma) must first seek approval from the Academic Dean, who will determine if there are strong enough reasons to grant an exception to the course registration policy.

*Native English speakers arriving in Grade 11 are required to demonstrate second-year proficiency in a modern language that is taught at TASIS from the introductory level, or to continue on to third-year proficiency if they have a background in Spanish, French, or Italian. Native English speakers arriving in Grades 12 and Postgraduates are expected to continue their study of a modern language, or complete one year of Spanish, French, or Italian.

**Completion of the Service expectation is a graduation requirement and students who fail to meet this requirement must successfully complete an alternative service/reflective exercise that
demonstrates volunteerism and reflection. Seniors will not receive their diploma until the requirement is satisfied.

TASIS Academic Programs
Along with the TASIS High School Diploma program, TASIS also offers the International Baccalaureate and the Advanced Placement Program.

International Baccalaureate (IB)
The International Baccalaureate (IB) is an internationally-recognized, rigorous, pre-university course of study. It is designed to give students access to universities around the world. Successful IB diploma students receive an IB diploma as well as the TASIS diploma. Students not following the full IB diploma program may take individual courses for IB certificates.

IB courses require two years of study, followed by externally-graded exams. TASIS students may:
- begin in 10th Grade by taking up to two IB SL subjects which are completed at the end of the 11th Grade and the full diploma at the end of the 12th Grade,
- begin in 11th Grade, completing the IB in 2 years as 11th and 12th Graders; or
- begin in 12th Grade, completing the IB in 2 years as 12th Graders/PGs.

Students entering 9th and 10th Grade who think they may be interested in the IB diploma program should discuss their course selection with the Academic Dean and IB Coordinator.

In order to obtain the IB Diploma, a candidate must pass three Higher Level and three Standard Level subjects. The student must choose one subject from each of the six following areas:
- Language A1 (Literature)
- Language B, or ab initio
- Individuals and Society
- Experimental Sciences
- Mathematics
- A Sixth Subject (Art & Design, Theatre Arts, or a second choice from Group 1, 2, 3, or 4)

IB Diploma candidates must also satisfy the requirements for
- Theory of Knowledge (TOK) – A full-credit course taken over two years, which examines various ways of knowing and the nature of knowledge.
- Extended Essay – A 4000-word original research project in an area of interest chosen by the student.
Creativity, Action and Service (CAS) – 150 hours of community service, sports, and other activities completed during the two-year program.

Entry into the IB Diploma program is made in consultation with the School, student, and family, and is recommended for highly motivated students with strong academic, time management, and study skills.

Prerequisites for entry into the Diploma program include placement into IB English B1 or a higher level course and Math Studies 1 or a more advanced course. Students must make a formal application to take the full IB Diploma or for individual Diploma Program (DP) courses. Parents must agree to the IB General Regulations and should be aware that the IB charges approximately CHF 1000 for full diploma exam registrations. IB students are expected to maintain good academic standing throughout the two-year period.

Given the differences between IB courses of study, it is not always possible for a student to transfer into the IB program after completing part of the two-year program elsewhere. Those students allowed to transfer must arrange for all internal assessment work completed at their previous school to arrive at TASIS by September 1.

The Advanced Placement Program

The Advanced Placement (AP) Program offers qualified TASIS students the opportunity to take college-level courses in a high school setting. Students who participate in the program not only gain college-level skills, but in many cases they also earn college credit while they are still in high school.

More than 90 percent of US colleges and universities give credit and advanced placement to AP students. Some 50 percent of US colleges and universities offer sophomore standing to students who have a sufficient number of qualifying scores.

Subject to sufficient interest, TASIS offers courses preparing students for AP exams in the following subjects: Art History, Biology, Calculus AB and BC, English Language, English Literature, Physics, Microeconomics, European History, French Language, French Literature, Italian Language & Culture, Spanish Language, Statistics, Studio Art, US Government, and US History. Enrollment in AP courses requires the approval of the Academic Dean and the appropriate Department Head.

AP Scholars and Awards: Notable achievement in the AP Program is acknowledged by several widely-recognized awards. The award of AP Scholar is granted to students who receive grades of 3 or higher.
on three or more AP Exams on full-year courses or the equivalent. AP Scholar with Honor is granted to students who receive an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams on full-year courses or the equivalent. AP Scholar with Distinction is granted to students who receive an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams on full-year courses or the equivalent. AP International Scholar is granted to the one male and one female student attending an American international school outside the US and Canada with the highest average grades on the greatest number of AP Exams.

**Independent Study**

Students may earn academic credit through the completion of independent study courses. To qualify for credit, the curriculum of such courses must be approved in advance by the appropriate Department Chair and the Academic Dean. Students then receive regular grade reports as in other courses. Costs for independent study courses are charged separately. Independent Study course offerings are contingent upon faculty availability.
Grade Reports
The school year is divided into two semesters. The first semester ends in January, the second in June. At the first interim grading period, three weeks into the year, parents receive a list of teachers and courses with current grades. At fall and spring midterms, parents receive grades, effort marks, and comments from teachers. At the close of each semester, parents receive final semester grades, effort marks, and comments from advisors. Parents who prefer hard copies of reports are requested to contact the Academic Dean.

At the end of the school year, students are given both semester and year-end grades. The year-end grade is a cumulative grade covering the full work in a year’s course and reflects a 50%/50% weighting for the first and second semesters respectively.
Grades and Effort Marks
For the purposes of calculating Grade Point Averages (GPA), letter grades correspond to the following number equivalents and percentages

A = 4.00 (93-100%)
A- = 3.67 (90-92%)
B+ = 3.33 (87-89%)
B = 3.00 (83-86%)
B- = 2.67 (80-82%)
C+ = 2.33 (77-79%)
C = 2.00 (73-76%)
C- = 1.67 (70-72%)
D+ = 1.33 (67-69%)
D = 1.00 (63-66%)
D- = 0.67 (60-62%)
F = 0.00 (Less than 60%)

In addition to letter grades, the following effort assessments are recorded on a student’s grade reports:

5 = Outstanding; is consistently prepared for class, participates frequently, and application of effort is exemplary.
4 = Very Good; exceeds all the expectations of the course on a regular basis. This student participates well in class and completes all assignments on time.
3 = Satisfactory; prepared for class and participating on a regular basis, attention and engagement in class are steady and strong.
2 = Poor; fails to meet many expectations of the course. This student is often inattentive or negligent with assignments.
1 = Unsatisfactory; the student frequently is ill-prepared for class, inattentive and often does not participate.

Honor Rolls
The Academic Honor Roll is calculated at each midterm and end-of-semester grading period.
Highest Honors: 3.80 or higher grade point average
High Honors: 3.50 or higher grade point average
Honors: 3.20 or higher grade point average

Dean’s Lists
To recognize excellent behavior and encourage positive role models, the School publishes the Dean’s List three times a year, at the end of each grading period. Students will qualify to be on these lists if they have met the specified requirements.

A student may lose Dean’s List status if found in violation of school rules.

High Dean’s List Requirements
- No major school rule violations
- Effort Average of 4.5 or higher
- No unexcused absences
- Not on restriction (academic or disciplinary)
- Approval of the Faculty and Administration

Dean’s List Requirements
- No major school rule violations
- Effort Average of 4.0 or higher
- No more than one unexcused absence
- Not on restriction (academic or disciplinary)
- Approval of the Faculty and Administration

Magnificent Seven Awards
Each fall and spring, the High School holds a special assembly to honor students who have shown outstanding dedication to at least one of the qualities the School refers to as the Magnificent Seven—character traits that were extremely important to founder M. Crist Fleming.

The Magnificent Seven awards were created to recognize members of the community who embody the timeless virtues of Integrity, Respect, Responsibility, Compassion, Humility, Service, and Vision.

Study Hall
Study hours are strictly observed Sunday through Thursday evenings. Students study in a supervised
classroom setting, the library, or other approved study areas. Students in good academic standing
can earn the privilege to study in their rooms.

All students are expected to check in with their dorm resident at the beginning of study hours
indicating where they will be doing their work. They are expected to remain in that area for the
duration of the evening.

Study hall should be dedicated to study. Thus:

- mobile phone usage is not allowed.
- headphones must be turned low enough that others cannot hear.
- showering, sleeping, etc. is not allowed.
- group work can be done in designated areas only, and with permission.
- all use of technology should be related to class work.

Structured Study Hall

Any students returning to TASIS with a GPA lower than 2, or students who receive a GPA of lower
than 2 during a grading period, are immediately assigned a Structured Study Hall. These meet four
nights a week (Monday through Thursday) from 20:00-22:00 and on Saturday mornings from 10:00-
12:00. Only after the Saturday study hall may students leave campus.

Responsibility for Assignments

TASIS expects students to be responsible for staying on pace with the academic schedule
determined by their teachers. Students who are absent are responsible for all work missed, including
daily assignments, papers, quizzes and tests. Students may lose credit for work turned in late.
Academic Honesty

Honesty is a core value and an attribute of personal integrity. It applies to all aspects of life at TASIS, including academics. Incidents of academic cheating or plagiarism are examples of dishonest conduct and are taken very seriously. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to:

- copying another student’s work
- cheating on a test
- helping another student to cheat
- claiming any material from another source as one’s own work (plagiarism)

In all cases of academic dishonesty, the student will:

- receive a failing grade for the assessment or assignment.
- be recorded in the student’s school record.
- attend a meeting with the Academic Dean.

Academic dishonesty is a serious matter. In addition to the above, students may face other consequences from the School including internal and external suspensions. If a student continues to disregard the School’s policy on academic honesty, the School may ask the student to separate from the community permanently.

The Special Case of Plagiarism

Plagiarism is a violation that strikes to the heart of the academic enterprise since in one act it contains actions of lying, cheating, and stealing. Plagiarism is presenting work as original when it is not. This includes using another person’s phrasing, ideas, computation, or editing. We spend a good deal of time working with students on how to ensure they do not plagiarize. Students are expected to give adequate credit to all sources of information.

Academic Warning

Students who are not meeting academic expectations may be placed on Academic Warning, which is a preliminary step before Academic Restriction. Students with low grades or effort marks, a GPA below 2.0, or other causes for concern may be placed on Academic Warning.

Students on Academic Warning may be required to have academic support, such as:

- academic counseling
- supervised study halls
- tutoring
- restricted off-campus privileges
Academic standing is reviewed at the end of each semester.

**Academic Restriction**

Students who consistently perform poorly in their academic courses or who do not put forth adequate effort may be placed on Academic Restriction at any time, but usually determined at the midterm and semester grading periods. Students on Academic Restriction may not be allowed to continue their education at TASIS, or their re-invitation may be subject to specific conditions.

**Placement Tests**

We use placement testing and academic counseling at the beginning of the year to verify placement decisions made based on students’ previous records. A student’s grade level and schedule remain provisional until test results have been reviewed by the appropriate Divisional Administrator and Department Chairs.

**Transfer Credits**

A student’s academic program is determined by an evaluation of previous transcripts in the light of TASIS graduation requirements. As a rule, transfer credit is granted for courses that are equivalent to or approximate the content of courses offered at TASIS.

**Re-Enrollment**

Re-enrollment for the following year is not automatic. In February, families will receive a re-invitation letter indicating the likely status of their child’s enrolment for the following year. By April 1, all students are required, subject to enrollment status, to submit a re-enrollment form and deposit to re-enroll at TASIS for the following academic year.

TASIS reserves the right to rescind an offer of re-enrollment for academic and/or disciplinary reasons. The School also reserves the right to dismiss, at any time, a student who has proven to be an unsatisfactory member of the School community. If, in the School’s judgment, a student’s conduct on or away from the campus indicates that he or she is consistently out of sympathy with the ideals, objective and program of the School, parents will be required to withdraw the student at once, even though there may have been no infraction of a specific rule. If TASIS feels that it can no longer meet the needs of the child or the family, it will give advance notice of the possibility of non-renewal of enrollment.

**Withdrawal Policy**
A positive and constructive working relationship between TASIS and the student is essential to the fulfillment of the School’s educational purpose. Therefore the School reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to request the withdrawal or suspension of any student, or to deny enrollment or re-enrollment of a student if:

- a student’s behavior or performance demonstrates an unwillingness or inability to be productive within the School community.
- a student, parent, guardian or other individual closely associated with a student fails to cooperate with the School, or disregards or is unable to abide by the rules and regulations of the School.
- the School determines that the continued involvement of a parent or guardian with the School is not in the best interests of a student or the School.

Attendance

Students must attend all of their classes, meetings, meals, and other School-related events during the academic day. If a student misses a class, the student, parents, and advisor will all receive an automatic email notifying them of the absence. If a student is missing from class, parents will be notified and the School will begin searching for the student.

Should a day student need to notify the School of an upcoming absence, please log into Veracross PRIOR to the day of the child missing classes and complete the Student Attendance & Transportation Request form. Failure to do so will result in an unexcused absence. This is a safety issue, and the School will begin searching for any Day student who is expected at school but is not present.

Students should email their subject teachers and advisor to request any work missed during or before any known absence.

Loss of Credit

If a student misses 10 classes in the fall or 10 classes in the spring, the student risks losing credit for that course.

Excused vs. Unexcused Absences

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The School determines whether an absence is excused or unexcused. Absences are usually excused for medical reasons, illness or death in the family, marriage in the immediate family, or School obligations.

National and Religious Holidays: TASIS places the highest priority on the academic program and class attendance, and thus does not routinely cancel classes due to local, American, or other national holidays. TASIS, however, makes all reasonable effort to help students recognize and celebrate individual national and religious holidays before and after the class day.

We ask that families respect the published vacation dates.

If a student misses an assessment and the absence is unexcused, the student may lose credit with no ability to retake that assessment.

Medical Leave of Absence Policy
A Medical Leave of Absence is a planned and approved absence from school for the ongoing management of a physical and/or psychological illness that cannot be adequately treated or best served if the student were to remain in school. A Medical Leave of Absence is granted by the School Administration in consultation with the Health Services Team, divisional administrators, and other healthcare professionals as deemed necessary.

In determining the need for a Medical Leave of Absence, School administrators and the Health Services Team will take into consideration the medical, psychological, academic, extracurricular, social, and personal needs and commitments of the student. In addition, the safety and wellbeing of the student, his or her schoolmates, and the campus community are considered in determining the need for a Medical Leave of Absences.

When a Medical Leave of Absence begins, the School’s administration will communicate the timing and conditions of the student’s return to school. The conditions, outlined in an Individual Care Plan, will include expectations for specific treatments to be done away from school as well as ongoing care or treatments in the event that the student returns from a Medical Leave of Absence. These conditions are determined by the Health Services Team in close collaboration with the School Administration and designated healthcare professionals as necessary. The School will also communicate expectations concerning coursework and credit when a Medical Leave of Absence begins.
After a Medical Leave of Absence has been granted, it is the School’s expectation that the student and family will adhere to the Individual Care Plan. The School retains the sole right to decide if and when a student returns to school. Such a decision will be made in consultation with the Health Services Team and other healthcare professionals as necessary. During a Medical Leave of Absence the School may require written communication from outside healthcare professionals regarding the student’s capability to return to school. All written communication is expected in English, by translation if necessary. Failure to comply with the Individual Care Plan or any other stipulations outlined by the School may result in separation from the community.

If a student is not capable of returning from a Medical Leave of Absence, or if it is not in the best interest of the school community for a student to return, he or she will be notified. The School’s administration will work with the student to allow for withdrawal from school in a manner that best suits both the student’s and the School’s best interests.

Should a Medical Leave of Absence extend beyond three consecutive weeks, school administrators and the Health Services Team will review the conditions of the Medical Leave of Absence. This review will place special emphasis on balancing the needs and integrity of both the student and the school experience. In the event that a student needs to take a second Medical Leave of Absence in any given academic year, the School will make a careful decision about the student’s eligibility to return to school for the remainder of the academic year.

**Unexcused Absences**

The Dean of Students is responsible for assigning consequences for missed obligations. While circumstances may dictate different responses, a typical response pattern for unexcused class absences is:

- 1st Consequence: Warning
- 2nd Consequence: Detention
- 3rd Consequence: Attendance Restriction
- 4th Consequence: Campus Restriction
- 5th Consequence: 5-Day Internal Monitoring

**Attendance Restriction**

A student who in one semester accumulates three or more unexcused absences will be placed on Attendance Restriction for a period of at least four weeks. Depending on the seriousness of the problem, a student may be assigned attendance restriction to the conclusion of the year. While on
Attendance Restriction, the student loses weekend check-out privileges and other consequences may apply.

Tardiness
We expect students to arrive on time to their classes and other obligations. At the teacher’s discretion, multiple tardies may result in an unexcused absence.

Book Policy
Textbooks are issued to students at the beginning of the school year and must be returned when courses end. Charges for lost textbooks and all damage to textbooks are assessed and subsequently charged to the student. All students are expected to keep their textbooks in book bags for protection from the elements and for safekeeping. Taking books from the library without properly checking them out is considered stealing, as is taking other students’ textbooks without permission.

Course Changes
With the permission of the Academic Dean, after appropriate discussion with teachers and their advisor, and up until the end of the third full week of classes, students may drop or add a course without penalty or official transcript notation. Changes in placement to a more appropriate level or section, as in Mathematics and Foreign Language, are considered separately but always require the approval of the Academic Dean and Department Chairs.

Tests, Major Papers, and Examinations
TASIS believes that tests, major papers, and examinations are important educational experiences, and useful given their role in a student’s academic experience through university studies. For purposes of this policy, we define a test or major paper as an assessment that either lasts a period in length or has a weight in grading commensurate with a full-period test. An examination is an assessment that takes place at the end of each semester and carries additional value in our grading system as a culminating experience.

Students should not have to take more than two tests or submit two major papers due on one day and should inform the teacher immediately in such a circumstance. Tests and major papers are announced at least one week in advance.
A quiz does not count as a test. A quiz is an assessment done for less than a class period, does not require significant preparation, and cannot carry the weight in grading as that of a test or major paper.

**End-of-Year Exams**

In June, students take exams based on material covered during the year. Students in a designated AP or IB class who take the AP or IB exam for that class are usually excused from the TASIS spring semester exam in that class. Seniors with an A- or higher semester average in a class may, at the discretion of the teacher, be excused from the spring semester exam in that class.

**English Only Expectation**

A primary goal of TASIS is to encourage international understanding through shared experiences and communication. The only language common to all TASIS students is English and the use of other languages in the presence of those who do not understand them is exclusionary and counter to this goal. It is also a primary goal of our students who are non-English speakers to attain a high level of fluency in this language. This can only be achieved through continuous practice. English is, therefore, the expected language for all whenever students are in the presence of other students or faculty who do not understand the other language.

**English as an Additional Language (EAL)**

The goals of the EAL program are fluency in oral and written English and competency in a high school curriculum leading to TASIS endorsement for study in appropriate colleges and universities. At the lower levels of English proficiency, students take special EAL sections of science and history. As EAL students progress to higher levels of proficiency, they enter history and science classes with native speakers. When sufficient mastery is obtained, students may leave the EAL program and join regular English classes with the approval of the EAL Department, the English Department, and the Academic Dean.

**Homework**

Homework should be relevant and meaningful, a reinforcement and extension of the learning process. It may take the form of individual work for a grade, daily quizzes, ungraded practice of skills, group work, and progress on long term projects, among other assignments.

Students usually have daily homework assignments; 30-45 minutes of homework per class is generally considered appropriate. This means students must organize personal study time outside the structured evening hours, using free periods during the class day, free afternoons, and

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weekends. Students taking Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate classes should anticipate a significant increase in their homework time. Many of these classes will require more than one hour of homework for each class period.

Transfer Credits
A student’s academic program is determined by an evaluation of previous transcripts in the light of TASIS graduation requirements. As a rule, transfer credit is granted for courses which are equivalent to or which approximate the content of courses offered at TASIS. In some instances, the Academic Dean may request more detailed course descriptions before transfer credit can be given. No academic credit is accepted in transfer for the following courses (among others): Driver Education, Office Aides.

Vacation Dates
Vacation dates are scheduled to accommodate academic requirements as well as to afford adequate time for students to travel and spend time with family. It is extremely important that the number of days allotted to classes not be reduced by early departures or late returns at vacations and weekends. The School will be open for early arrivals and late departures two days before and after winter vacation and two days before and after spring vacation to accommodate problems in scheduling student travel without missing class time.
The Learning Resource Center

The Learning Resource Center (LRC) provides services to the TASIS community designed to support and enhance the educational experience of students, parents, and faculty in our learning community. We offer a variety of programs and services some of which can be accessed by all members of the community, and others available only via qualification or psychometric evaluation. Examples of community services include:

- Workshops in learning strategies and executive function skills, stress management interventions, and parent education groups.
- Consultations with faculty and parents regarding pathways to student success.
- Professional development training for faculty and staff.

The Learning Support Program and Admissions Expectations

Students with diagnosed learning differences are admitted to TASIS based on the following criteria:

- Average or above average intellectual ability (as measured by standardized IQ tests)
- Excellent motivation, a positive attitude, and a good work ethic
- Committed to participating fully in the life of the School
- Seeks and would benefit from a college-preparatory program
- Committed to learning or perfecting his or her English language skills (whether native or non-native speakers)
- Committed to being a good citizen, in sympathy with the program

As TASIS does not have a full range of learning support services, admission of a student with learning differences is contingent upon a match between the level of service available and the needs of the student and family based on multiple sources of information (such as school records, a report from a valid psychoeducational evaluation, and interviews with the student and parents). A student’s acceptance and continued placement at TASIS is dependent upon full disclosure during the admissions process. Failure to disclose fully information regarding a student’s learning differences may jeopardize his or her current and future placement at TASIS.

Despite the best efforts of children, parents and teachers, interventions and accommodations sometimes are not sufficient for the student to succeed academically. In those instances, an
appropriate conclusion is a misfit between the child and the School program and the response to such situations is to find a school more suited to the child’s educational needs.

For further information, please consult the [TASIS website](http://www.tasis.ch).

**Enrollment in the LRC**

In order to receive learning support services from the LRC, the student must have a diagnosed learning difference documented by a comprehensive psychoeducational evaluation completed within the last three years. Fees for enrollment in the LRC for the 2017-18 academic year are as follows:

- Elementary School: CHF 750
- Middle School: CHF 1,000
- High School: CHF 1,500

These fees help support the costs of delivering Basic Services, which include the following:

- a case manager who will provide weekly individual support and follow your child throughout the year
- formulation of a Learning Support Plan (LSP) describing your child’s cognitive strengths and weaknesses and detailing the accommodations he or she is entitled to on the basis of his or her learning difference*
- yearly LSP meeting with parents, teachers, and the student
- “push-in” services (learning support within and/or outside of the classroom depending on the age and needs of the student)
- bi-yearly progress reports to parents
- consultations with LRC staff on an as-needed basis
- provision of extended time on internal tests and exams
- applications to external testing agencies for accommodations on standardized exams (e.g., PSAT, SAT, ACT, AP, and IB)
* The type of classroom accommodations varies by diagnosis and age of the student. In all cases, however, the goal of providing accommodations is to remove obstacles to performance so that the student has equal opportunity to learn and to demonstrate his or her competence.

Additional Services for Students

For students requiring remediation, the LRC will organize and deliver specialized “pull-out” instruction in specific academic areas (e.g., reading, writing, math) during the course of the school day. This means that your child would be taken out of designated class periods 3-5 times per week (to be arranged with the learning specialist) to receive remediation instruction. Except under special circumstances, these services are only available to students in the Elementary or Middle School, as High School students requiring remediation are referred to the TASIS Tutoring Program and pay for services accordingly.

The cost of “pull-out” remediation for 3-4 students per group is as follows:
- CHF 3,375 for three 45-minute sessions per week
- CHF 4,500 for four 45-minute sessions per week
- CHF 5,625 for five 45-minute sessions per week

The cost of “pull-out” remediation for 1-2 students per group is as follows:
- CHF 4,320 for three 45-minute sessions per week
- CHF 5,760 for four 45-minute sessions per week
- CHF 7,200 for five 45-minute sessions per week

Organizational/Study Skills Tutorial

The LRC also offers an Organizational/Study Skills (OSS) Tutorial each term. In addition to students diagnosed with ADHD, many students with specific learning differences (dyslexia, dysgraphia, and dyscalculia) also experience difficulties with executive functioning. Executive functions involve a variety of skills important for academic success, including planning and organization, creating and tracking relevant task goals, developing flexible problem solving strategies, working memory, time
management, controlling impulses and self-monitoring behavior. A member of LRC staff teaches a semester-by-semester OSS Tutorial for students in the MS and HS who are enrolled in the LRC. The sessions are held twice weekly and the lessons are interwoven with students’ actual homework assignments, projects, and tests.

General themes include:

- Time management and pacing study time
- Goal setting
- Prioritizing and organizing homework assignments
- Note-taking skills
- Structuring writing assignments
- Study strategies
- Memorization strategies
- Test preparation
- Emotion Regulation
- Establishing home/dorm routines

The OSS Tutorial is taught in a small group format (4-5 students per group). In the MS, it may be possible to offer the OSS Tutorial during the study hall period, but the diversity of the HS schedule necessitates an after-school program. Fees for the OSS Tutorial are 1,200 CHF for each semester. You may choose to enroll your child in the fall semester, spring semester, or both.
The Opsahl Global Service Program


The Opsahl Global Service Program is a unique opportunity for all TASIS high school students to participate in a hands-on service experience in communities nearby and around the world. The aim is to foster a philanthropic spirit in our students through dedication to humanitarian needs. Earning a passing grade in the Opsahl Global Service Program each semester and participating in at least one global service trip or local service experience is required for all students enrolled through 11th grade. New 12th grade/postgraduate students must also earn passing grades both semesters and participate in a global service trip or local service experience.

The Program seeks to give life to the TASIS conviction that through service to others, students learn valuable lessons about themselves, our world, and our shared responsibility to one another. Additionally, it is based on the belief that through long-term, sustainable programs and projects, TASIS students and the TASIS community can benefit our partner communities and organizations while accomplishing the goals of the Opsahl Global Service Program.

While our commitment to our global partners is ongoing, global trips typically last from eight to 16 days. These sustained international service experiences address issues such as education, housing, water, gender, poverty, micro-finance, and job training. The Program offers students the remarkable opportunity to witness and assist with philanthropy in action, and understanding how global leadership can change lives through curiosity, creativity, and commitment.

Completion of the Service expectation is a graduation requirement and students who fail to meet this requirement must successfully complete an alternative service/reflective exercise that demonstrates volunteerism and reflection. Seniors will not receive their diploma until the requirement is satisfied.

The Program’s Mission Statement

The Opsahl Global Service Program transforms lives by providing every High School student with a unique opportunity to connect across borders – whether geographic, economic, or social – through comprehensive experiences that build empathy and encourage personal responsibility. The Program awakens students to humanitarian needs, inspires them to build enduring, mutually-beneficial relationships, and leads them toward a life of active citizenship and committed service.
Opsahl Global Service Program Partnerships

Local Community

*Casa Elisabetta*: TASIS students go at least once a month on Wednesday afternoons to this shelter for children and disadvantaged mothers. Students set up celebrations, fundraise, and plan activities for young children at Casa Elisabetta. All participants should speak some Italian and enjoy spending time and playing with very young children.

*Intergenerations*: TASIS students visit Al Pagnolo, a local retirement home, twice a month on Wednesday afternoons. The group name stems from the encounters in which students share time with people of a different generation. Students use their talents, interests, and energy to plan and prepare activities (e.g., conversations, playing games, cooking, singing, etc.) with the residents of Al Pagnolo. All participants should be Italian speakers or enrolled in at least Italian 2.

*Red Cross Refugees*: The Red Cross in Paradiso provides support to young (teenage) refugees from places such as Syria, Iraq, Eritrea, and Afghanistan as they make a new start in Switzerland. TASIS students plan and participate in after-school activities twice a month on Wednesdays with teenage refugees and asylum seekers residing in Lugano. All participants should speak some Italian.

Global Community

*Cambodia* works with two Cambodian NGOs that are dedicated to improving economic and educational conditions in Cambodia. Students work with Tabitha to help construct homes for Cambodian families and also help support Tabitha’s family savings program. Students also work with Caring for Cambodia, whose goal is to secure a better, brighter future for children through education. In June, TASIS students volunteer in Tabitha communities in the Cambodian countryside as well as at local educational facilities in Siem Reap, assisting with the English as a Second Language (ESL) Program.

*Gram Vikas India* is an NGO that has been working with the rural people of Odisha, India, for more than 38 years. Students learn about the regions of India and research educational opportunities for students in the areas Gram Vikas serves. The group spends eight days in India working with Gram Vikas during February Academic Travel. They focus on “expanding horizons through research, service, and experience.”

*Hope and Homes For Children Romania* is an NGO that seeks to replace institutionally-focused child protection services (state-run orphanages) with the concept of family. Through commitment,
individual attention, love, and stimulation, Hope and Homes for Children works in partnership with the Romanian government to provide better opportunities for disadvantaged young people. In June, TASIS students assist HHC with a variety of infrastructure projects that help improve the conditions of such institutions, while also using their own talents and passions to assist with HHC’s development, web, and social media presence, as well as outreach.

**Mission Morocco** explores the multiple and unique factors that affect economic and social development in Morocco. The group looks at the entire spectrum of issues related to development, such as education, women's rights, children’s rights, and accessibility, among others. For eight days during February Academic Travel, students travel to Morocco to work with underprivileged or abandoned children and the Hayati Foundation, helping them improve access to education.

**Nepal:** After learning about the history of Nepal and the plight of Tibetan refugees, TASIS students, with the help and insights of the Tserok community, raise funds and travel to Nepal for two weeks during Spring Break to help develop infrastructure for the Tserok Tibetan refugee camp. Particular areas of focus include building projects alongside the local community, education, and environmental stewardship.

**Nuovo Fiore Ethiopia** is a non-profit organization that aids and encourages the education of elementary-aged young boys and girls in East Africa. TASIS students learn about the economic, political, and social inequalities prevalent in Ethiopia while actively fundraising to support Nuovo Fiore’s key initiatives. During the second week of Spring Break, students travel to Ethiopia to help the Auxilium Grade School improve the lives and education of young children in need.

**Serving Southern Africa:** While confronting stereotypes about life in Africa and its people, TASIS students spend the year learning about the challenges of development and economic growth in rural Africa. For two weeks in June, students assist in rural and urban communities in Zambia, building homes for homeless women and children, helping the elderly, volunteering at the local preschool, helping with the provision of medication at a local hospital, planting trees, holding art workshops for street children, and transforming the community through their service.

**Understanding Ulgii (Teaching in Mongolia):** This group is dedicated to supporting and building a lasting relationship between TASIS students and a community of English language learners in Ulgii, a city in western Mongolia. TASIS students provide English language lessons to aspiring students during the first 10 days of June vacation. Fundraising covers the cost of supplies such as books, posters, new desks, and Rosetta Stone subscriptions.
**WISER Kenya:** WISER is a girls-only boarding secondary school in Muhuru Bay, Kenya, a struggling rural community on Lake Victoria. After examining issues of universal education and gender equality, students spend nine days during February Academic Travel getting to know the community of Muhuru Bay, Kenya. They assist at local primary schools, educate the community on the benefits of purified water, help with HIV education through the READY program, and work closely with the WISER school.
Campus Security

For the safety of everyone, the campus is monitored by CCTV and is patrolled by security guards 24 hours a day. Staff, students and visitors are expected to keep their access key cards, fobs, or visitor passes on them at all times with visitors using this procedure when arriving at TASIS. Should you require any further information please contact security.
Student Life

TASIS offers a warm and caring environment. Students and faculty work together in a variety of capacities, all of which help to build the close relationships which are the basis of our community.

Academic Travel

All students must participate in Academic Travel trips twice a year. The cost is included in tuition fees.

Course-related field trips include biology fieldwork in nearby rivers, art history in Tuscany, language homestays, and physics at CERN. Special focus trips are part of our Service Learning and Opsahl Global Service programs. Cultural trips include visits to Europe’s major cities. Activity trips include Outward Bound and various outdoor pursuits.

Some trips are required. All 9th graders spend fall Academic Travel on an Outward Bound experience. All 10th graders attend Ski Adventure for spring Academic Travel.

TASIS has partnered with International SOS to help safeguard and support our students and faculty during off-campus trips. International SOS provides medical and travel security advice and assistance to organizations with people living and traveling abroad.

Activities and Clubs

A number of co-curricular activities and clubs are available at TASIS. A sampling of the wide variety of interests represented includes:

**Peer Tutoring.** Top students in different areas of study tutor students who are struggling in certain subjects. The tutors further develop their knowledge of the subject by explaining concepts to other students. Both tutor and pupil are empowered by working together to further their academic and personal skills.

**Recycling Club.** The Recycling Club is dedicated to ensuring TASIS recycles all it can. Members encourage their fellow students to recycle paper and plastic and educate others about the importance of recycling to solve the environmental issues that are facing the planet. Each week, the students travel to classrooms, offices, and common spaces to transport paper and plastic to the large bins in the parking lot.
Chess Club. The chess club meets weekly, under the guidance of a chess coach, to learn and play chess. Students need to experience or background in chess to join, but they must commit to the weekly meetings for the season. Interested students may qualify to play in local tournaments.

Student Council. The Student Council consists of a Student Body President, Vice President, two representatives from the 11th and 12th Grade classes, and three representatives from the 9th and 10th Grades, who work together to advance the quality of student life. As liaisons between the students and the administration, members are responsible for effectively and accurately representing the student body’s interests. The Student Council promotes unity and cooperation in the School by planning activities that foster school spirit and encourage TASIS values.

Yearbook. Yearbook is the only student-run publication at TASIS. For students interested in photography, journalism, or graphic design, Yearbook is an excellent way to build a portfolio of work and to be published. No experience is necessary, and all skill levels are welcome.

Model UN. Students discuss and debate global issues and work with students from around the world to create possible solutions to current crises. They learn about various opinions about complex global challenges, and form opinions based on this knowledge. Members attend conferences around Europe that simulate the United Nations.

Culture Salon. This fortnightly club gives students a chance to share the best of their countries and cultures with others in the TASIS community. This can include anything from music, literature, and art to food, traditions, and language. Open to everyone, the Salons aim to enhance cross-cultural communication and understanding.

Proctors
Proctors are campus leaders and role models. They work as liaisons between dorm parents and dorm residents, as well as between students and faculty. They are active community members who work to foster a strong sense of community.

Duties
Proctor duties throughout the year include the following:

- Weekly proctor meetings, typically on an evening from 18:30-19:30 (although to be confirmed in August 2017)
- Planning and taking part in weekend activities, organized with the duty dorm parent
- Taking part in all dorm activities on or off-campus
- Integrating in the wider TASIS community by participating in sports, theater, music, student council, or other School-wide activities
- Being sociable during meal times by joining other social groups during meals
- Limiting electronics use, especially the use of smartphones, during the school day and at meal times
- Run intramurals competitions between dorms in a variety of sports
- Leading by example in the areas above and as global citizens

Aside from being a positive presence in the dorms, fostering student morale, and setting a tone of academic diligence, proctors do a lot of work to foster relationships and counsel their peers, and this is often unseen by others, especially dorm faculty. Thus, we grant proctors privileges to recognize the ways in which they sacrifice to contribute to our School community.

**Privileges**

*Late Lights*
Proctors are permitted “late lights” on school nights and are on their honor to go to bed. During late lights, students must remain in their rooms or the dorm common area so as not to disturb others. All lights should be out by midnight.

Proctors should not be engaged in extended conversation, be on their smartphones, take showers or be a disruption in any way to the quiet environment of the dormitory after lights out. Individual study, reading, and computer use are all acceptable ways for proctors to exercise late lights privileges.

*Refrigerators and Kettles*
Proctors are permitted to have refrigerators and kettles in their rooms. This may incentivize others to spend time with you.

*Free Roaming*
Proctors are permitted to study in an area of their choosing or to work with other Proctors during study hall, provided they are not otherwise on duty and that they inform their dorm parents of their whereabouts at the 19:40 check-in. Roaming privileges do not constitute license to wander off and do things other than study during study hours.
Independent Travel for Junior and Senior Proctors

Independent travel means travel without a supervising adult present. The School reserves the right to determine suitable destinations and conditions. Overnight independent travel, except for camping, is only permitted to destinations beyond 100 km. In no case is a student permitted to be in the Lugano area when signed out to be elsewhere. With parental and advisor approval, independent travel is allowed under the following conditions:

- he or she will not miss class or other School obligations
- the student has no major rule violations in the prior six academic weeks
- the student is not currently on Disciplinary or Attendance Probation
- travel must be in groups of three or more if the group is co-educational

The Advisor Program

Each student at TASIS has a faculty advisor to provide guidance and support. The Advisor serves as the main point of contact for parents. They also serve as a student’s advocate, mentor, role model, and listener, and work with students both individually and in small groups. Advisor groups meet regularly and often dine together. Reports from the Advisor are sent home to parents regularly. The advisor system functions under the guidance of the Dean’s office.

Banking

TASIS offers an option for students to safely carry their personal allowance, through a PIN-protected prepaid Visa or MasterCard card with online and mobile access. Details can be found here.

An ATM machine is available on campus, in Monticello. TASIS recommends withdrawing cash only when needed, and students should avoid carrying cash on campus.

Dining Hall

Meals are important times for our community to come together. Most meals are buffet-style and are served in De Nobili. Ten times per year, students and faculty gather for a formal sit-down dinner.

Students should remember the following:

- Uniforms are required during breakfast and lunch on academic days.
- Casual wear, which does not include pajamas, is acceptable at dinners and on weekends.
- Students should wear appropriate shoes (i.e. no slippers).
● Students must clear their tables.
● Only head coverings worn for religious purposes are allowed in the dining halls.
● Headphones or earbuds may not be worn during meals.
● Dishes, cups, glasses or silverware must remain in the dining halls.
● Except for single servings of fresh fruit, food or drink should not be taken from the dining halls.
● Mobile phones are not allowed.

Any students with special dietary requirements should contact the nurses and the Director of Operations.

Religious Services
TASIS encourages students to practice their religions and helps students find an appropriate place of worship. English-speaking options are available and include a mosque, a synagogue, and Catholic and Anglican churches in the local area. Orthodox Christian services are also held in Lugano.

Weekend Trips
Some weekend activities take place off-campus and under faculty supervision. These activities include exploring museums, local markets and villages, and outdoor sports in nearby Zermatt, Andermatt, St. Moritz, and Val Verzasca. Some day trips are free and overnight trips usually cost from CHF 250-400. To encourage participation, the School subsidizes many weekend trips.
Student Expectations

Students at TASIS are emerging adults in an intense period of personal growth and physical and emotional development. They are seeking an identity, searching for a clear sense of purpose, learning new competencies and assuming a new role of autonomy. TASIS attempts, therefore, to instill a strong sense of communal values as the core of its behavioral education. These values will help shape and complement the students’ own emerging values systems.

TASIS students learn to take responsibility for their actions and the consequences of their decisions. Discipline at TASIS is carried out with individual development and personal growth in mind. The goal of discipline at TASIS is to reinforce and enhance self-respect and understanding and to help students live up to the best standards of behavior at all times. We expect and need both students and parents to cooperate with TASIS in following the School’s policies and rules.

The School reserves the right to impose a disciplinary response on any student, whether resident or day, whose conduct, wherever and whenever it may occur, is out of sympathy with the goals and ideals of the School as determined by the Administration and/or a Conduct Review Board (see below).

In cases of dismissal or withdrawal, academic work and credit terminate immediately, regardless of proximity to the end of term.

Students are expected to:

- treat each other, their teachers and the TASIS staff with dignity and respect.
- make healthy choices.
- demonstrate commitment to the School by meeting all obligations and taking each of their responsibilities seriously.
- be honest and fair with others.
- respect community and personal property.
- uphold TASIS standards of academic honesty.

Major School Rules

Honesty
Trust is essential to our community life and supports the goals and ideals of our School. TASIS students are expected to be honest and truthful. Cases of dishonesty including withholding information, supplying false information (including on travel forms), lying, or academic dishonesty in the form of plagiarism, cheating, etc. may result in disciplinary consequences up to and including dismissal for particularly offensive cases or patterns of dishonesty.

**Theft**

Theft (including school or personal property, shoplifting, and credit, bank or phone card fraud) is not in keeping with the ideals of the School. The willful destruction of school or personal property is also considered theft. Students found in possession of another person’s property without permission, or who have engaged in the willful destruction thereof, are in violation of the theft rule.

**Fighting/Threatening**

Fighting for any reason will not be tolerated. Fighting includes (without implied limitation) the throwing of punches or serious physical struggle. Likewise, threatening another will not be tolerated. Threatening includes any behavior, including writing or speaking, which purposely places or attempts to place another in fear of imminent bodily injury or physical contact.

**Harassment**

Everyone has the right to live in an atmosphere free of intimidation and hostility. Harassment is unwelcome verbal or physical conduct that is intimidating, threatening, or demeaning. Some examples of inappropriate behavior include:

- display of explicit, offensive or demeaning materials
- hazing or threats
- non-consensual sexual intimacy of any kind (silence is not consent)
- obscene or suggestive remarks or jokes, verbal abuse, or insults
- undue pressure to use alcohol or drugs
- uninvited pressure for sexual activity, whether explicit or implicit
- words or actions which are demeaning with respect to race, religion, ethnic origin, gender, or sexual orientation

**Bullying**

Bullying is not tolerated at TASIS. Bullying occurs when a student is the target of repeated negative actions, usually in the form of intentional, repeated hurtful acts, words or other behavior. The definition of bullying includes all harmful acts whether physical, verbal, or written, and includes all acts of cyberbullying. Hurtful acts include, but are not limited to:
- intimidation such as name-calling or threatening.
- social alienation such as shunning or spreading rumors.
- physical aggression such as spitting or pushing.

Students who believe that they have been a victim of bullying shall report the incident to a trusted adult staff member.

**Digital Citizenship and Cyberbullying**

TASIS aims to foster a culture of successful digital citizenship in our community. We encourage our students, faculty, and staff to use the internet responsibly.

We expect students to respect our cyberbullying policy, described in the paragraphs below, at all times, whether they are on or off campus. Students should use their good judgment and consider everything they post online or on a mobile network and how it may affect the person or people implicated. The description below stretches to that which is implied; questionable behavior not explicitly described below may still be considered cyberbullying.

We take cyberbullying very seriously. Everyone in our community (both day and boarding students) are expected to respect the rules about cyberbullying. This also includes any harassment which occurs while a student is physically off-campus.

The School’s network, the internet, and all mobile phone technology may not be used for the purpose of harassment of any TASIS students, faculty, or staff. All forms of harassment in cyberspace or on digital cameras, mobile phones, iPads, or other portable electronic devices is unacceptable. This includes using all social media sites (Snapchat, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Google Plus, Pinterest, etc.) and digital photographs or videos to harass or compromise the integrity of those in the TASIS community. This includes all dubious digital behavior performed on or off campus.

Cyberbullying includes (but is not limited to) harassing, teasing, intimidating, threatening, or terrorizing another person by sending or posting inappropriate email messages, instant messages, text messages, digital pictures/images, videos, or website postings (including blogs, chatrooms, and all social media sites). It also includes forwarding inappropriate information.

Many of these actions may amount to criminal offences. Filming a fight on a mobile phone may also constitute aiding and abetting an assault. Posting offensive material may also constitute defamation (libel) for which the victim can take legal action for compensation.
Students will be held personally responsible for all material they have placed on any website and for all material that appears on a website of which they are the account holder.

Faculty, staff, or students who feel that they have been the victims of cyberbullying or any other misuse of technology should not erase the offending material. They should take a screenshot or print a copy of the material and immediately report the incident to a school administrator.

Students may report cyberbullying to staff on a confidential basis, but should be aware that the information may need to be shared with others and, in the most serious cases, that the matter may need to be referred to police or social services for investigation.

Teachers and administrators will be vigilant and will look out for signs of cyberbullying among student groups. The School reserves the right for authorized staff to monitor student, faculty, and staff use of the internet on a routine basis and to examine mobile phones where there is reason to suspect abuse.

**Possession of Weapons or Other Dangerous Objects**
Students may not possess a weapon or other dangerous object in any school building or on school property, school provided transportation or at school functions. Dangerous objects include (without implied limitation) firearms, explosive devices, pellet guns and knives (except small pocket knives).

**Visitation Violations/Mixed Company**
- Regardless of gender, no student may enter another student’s room unless the resident of that room is present.
- Students are not to enter any dormitory other than their own unless they are accompanied by a resident of that dorm.
- Boys are never permitted in areas reserved for girls and vice versa.
- In areas where coed visiting is permitted, it is only permitted with the specific permission of a dorm parent who is present in the dormitory.
- At any time, and in any building, coed visiting will occur with the door(s) open and the lights on.

Because we are responsible for maintaining an orderly and safe pattern of life for young people within a residential setting all visitation/mixed company violations will result in a disciplinary response.
**Tobacco/Smoking**
In keeping with the commitment of the School to the promotion of a healthy lifestyle, smoking and other use or possession of tobacco (to include e-cigarettes) is not allowed on- or off-campus. Given the acute dangers of fire, smoking in a school building (or in a school accommodation during a TASIS trip), or being in the presence of those who are, will result in a disciplinary response.

**Drugs**
The use or possession of any illegal or unauthorized drugs is strictly forbidden. “Unauthorized drugs” includes the use or possession of a prescription drug not registered with the Health Center in the student’s own name and/or the abuse of a prescription drug even if registered in the student’s own name. Possessing drug-related paraphernalia, materials to tamper with drug testing, attempting to tamper with drug testing, or assisting others in an attempt to tamper with a drug test is also strictly forbidden, and constitute violations of the TASIS drug policy.

Any violation of the TASIS drug policy, to include testing positive on a drug test even if this is the result of the student’s drug use while not at TASIS, and refusal to submit to a drug test, will result in dismissal.

TASIS reserves the right to test for drugs at any time during the school year. Parents will be notified of any drug test results.

**Off-Campus**
As a matter of student safety, students, whether boarding or day, are not allowed off campus during the Academic Day. Specifics of/exceptions to this rule include:

- 9th Grade boarding students are only allowed off-campus on Friday afternoon and evening (until 22:30), Saturday (until 19:00), and Sunday (until 19:40).
- Students may not go beyond the limits of Lugano without completing a travel form.
- Boarding students excused from any classes, sports, or other commitments for medical reasons are expected to rest and may not leave campus.

Exceptions to this rule must be approved in advance by the Duty Administrator, the Dean of Students, or the School Nurse.

Students found off-campus during the academic day will face a disciplinary response.

**Curfew Violations**
The School takes its responsibility for maintaining an orderly and safe pattern of life for young people within a residential setting seriously. Consequently, students must remain in their dormitories from evening check-in until lights-out, and in their own rooms from lights-out until 06:00 the following morning.

**Drinking**

In the Canton of Ticino, no person under the age of 18 may consume alcoholic beverages. In addition to this legal constraint, the School, in keeping with the commitment of the School to the promotion of a healthy lifestyle, further restricts the consumption of alcoholic beverages. Only senior and postgraduate students may consume alcoholic beverages, and then only with written parental permission, and in accordance with the following guidelines:

- Possession, purchase, sale, distribution or being under the influence of alcohol at school or at any school activity is strictly prohibited.
- No alcoholic beverage may be bought in stores for later consumption.
- No alcoholic beverages or empty alcohol containers may be brought onto the school campus.
- Drinking is done with moderation: moderation is defined as a breath alcohol level of no more than 0.18 as measured by a breathalyzer.
- Drinking is only allowed on Friday and Saturday evenings.
- All consumption must accompany a meal.
- No student may drink hard alcoholic beverages (anything other than beer or wine) at any time.

If a student with alcohol permission fails to adhere to the guidelines as written above, that permission will be immediately revoked.

Alcohol permission may be withheld at certain times during the school year. The School reserves the right to revoke a student’s alcohol permission at any time.

These rules are also in effect during all School-sponsored activities including Academic Travel and Ski Adventure. TASIS reserves the right to breathalyze students at any time.

**School Jurisdiction**

TASIS school rules apply to all students, boarding and day, while they are under the jurisdiction of the School. All students are under School jurisdiction while in residence at the School, during all school trips and functions, Ski Adventure, athletic events, weekend travel, and while traveling to and from school.
from school. Regardless of other circumstance, day students remain under the School’s jurisdiction whenever they are in the presence of boarders.

**Out of Sympathy**
Students or adults whose actions and/or statements demonstrate a pattern of disrespect or indifference to the School’s mission, values, and program may be considered out-of-sympathy with TASIS and separated from the community.

**Bringing Disrepute on TASIS**
TASIS has a long and rich tradition of educational excellence and quality among Alumni, parents, faculty and staff, the Board, and the wider community. Actions by any member of the community that bring discredit or shame, ergo disrepute, to TASIS endanger the good name and reputation of the School and to all of its members. In such a situation, TASIS reserves the right to apply sanctions up to and including separation from the community.

**Other Rules**
Other conduct that will result in disciplinary action includes, but is not limited to, violation of any of the other school rules outlined in other places in this Handbook. These rules include but are not limited to: vandalism, fire safety or other safety violations, gambling, carriage of boarding students in day student vehicles, inappropriate behavior in class, and repeated uniform violations.

**Learning from Our or Others’ Mistakes**
The School reserves the right to raise any issue of discipline regarding a student for the purpose of furthering the educational and learning exposure of students and the School community overall. Disciplinary issues, and the School’s responses to them, may be raised in writing, or at any school meeting to include Assembly or Advisor group meetings.

**Disciplinary Responses**
TASIS seeks to maintain a safe and orderly academic community as well as to help individual students and their families confront behavior that may be symptomatic of other difficulties. With these concerns in mind, the School employs a variety of counseling, disciplinary, and administrative responses. Responses to violations of school rules are determined on a case-by-case basis and take into account the seriousness of the offense, the number of previous offenses, any mitigating circumstances, and the student’s record as a member of the TASIS community. Possible responses include:

**Guidance**
The term “guidance” refers to a variety of conversations with students: from informal discussions, such as that between a student and his or her Advisor, Grade Dean, and/or parents to professional counseling, such as that between a student and the School Counselor, or an off-campus specialist. Although most guidance situations are private matters between the student and the relevant adults, occasionally, adults and students may, without breaking confidentiality, consult with one another for the benefit of the student. Confidentiality must yield to safety, however, whenever danger to the individual or the community arises.

Note: When a student is approached out of concerns that have come to the School’s attention from student or faculty information of a general nature, we face a counseling situation. When any direct information reveals that a rule or code violation has harmed someone else (e.g., stealing, harassment, providing drugs or alcohol), it may necessitate intervention of a disciplinary nature.

**Warnings**
A student may be given a warning as a disciplinary response. A warning is normally accompanied by assigned meetings with the student’s Advisor and/or appropriate Grade Dean to discuss and evaluate the student’s behavior. In some cases, a warning may be accompanied by a period of disciplinary restriction.

**Detentions**
Students may be assigned a detention by the Dean’s Office. Detentions are held after school on Monday through Thursday. Students are normally assigned two days of detention. Additionally, students may be assigned either a weeknight or weekend dormitory detention for infractions of dormitory expectations.

**Travel Restriction**
Travel is a privilege, and student travel privileges will be suspended for students on Academic, Attendance, and Disciplinary Restriction. Travel privileges may also be suspended in response to other disciplinary infractions. See the Travel Section of this Handbook for more information.

**Internal Restrictions**
Internal restrictions are serious disciplinary responses that are designed to provide an appropriate corrective environment without interrupting the student’s educational development. Students assigned to internal restrictions should expect to receive a behavior contract that will allow them to share in the decision-making and planning for implementation of changes in their behavior. These are reported to the College Counseling office and will remain on the student’s record.
Students placed on internal restriction should expect to:

- be restricted to campus for the duration of their suspension—normally between 3 and 7 days and including a weekend.
- be assigned to study halls or detentions during the weekday afternoons on which they are suspended.
- attend all of their classes/commitments.
- report for supervised study halls during all of their free periods.
- be restricted to their dormitory rooms from evening check-in until the following morning.

Internal restrictions are normally followed by a period of disciplinary watch (see below). Repeat infractions of a serious nature may result in additional internal restrictions, but may also subject a student to either external suspension or dismissal.

**Out-of-School Suspensions**

This is a serious disciplinary response that temporarily removes the student from our community. Students return to their own homes and are under the supervision of their parents. This time should be used constructively, and the student should return to TASIS with renewed commitment.

If a student is suspended, his/her parents will be responsible for arranging and financing transportation to and from TASIS. Students placed on suspension are required to leave campus at the earliest possible time and are responsible to keep up with their school work for the duration of the suspension.

Any HS student receiving one or more major infractions is ineligible for Honor Roll or Dean’s List.

For restrictions or suspensions, the following rules apply regarding work responsibility for the students.

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Suspension

- student’s return. Late penalty sanctions apply at that point.
- external suspension will be accepted by the teacher for credit under the class late work policy.

**Dismissal (Separation)**
In all cases of violations of major school rules, separation from TASIS may be the penalty. Final decisions regarding dismissal are made by the Headmaster. Although the Headmaster is under no obligation to do so, a Conduct Review Board (see below) may be convened by the Headmaster to hear cases where dismissal is under consideration. Students who are dismissed from TASIS are required to leave campus at the earliest possible time.

Students who have been dismissed are not allowed on the TASIS campus until after the scheduled graduation of their class unless they are given special permission from either the Headmaster or the Dean of Students. Seniors who are dismissed are not allowed on the TASIS campus until one year after the date of the graduation of their class, unless they are given special permission from either the Headmaster or the Dean of Students.

Any claims or settlements arising from absence, withdrawal, or dismissal are subject to the terms of the Enrollment Agreement between the School and the parents/guardians.

**Behavior Contracts**
In many cases students will be issued a behavior contract in conjunction with their other consequences. At TASIS we believe in working with our students, and that they can demonstrate their commitment to remaining a member of the TASIS community through meeting the terms of a contractual relationship between the student and the School.

Receiving any behavior contract is a serious warning. It means that a student’s conduct has been contrary to the best interest of the student or of the school. Students will normally have to write a statement examining the degree to which their actions have disrupted the community and showing cause why they should be allowed to remain a member of the community. The contract will clarify what commitment(s) the student will make in order to remain a member of our community.

**Disciplinary Watch**
As the result of serious or repeated disciplinary infractions or because of a more general concern that a student is out of sympathy with the goals and ideals of the School, a student may, in addition to other disciplinary consequences (suspensions/warnings), be placed on disciplinary watch.
A student on disciplinary watch:

- loses all travel privileges.
- loses any drinking privileges.
- loses Dean’s List status.
- will have any further violation of major school rules or repeated misconduct dealt with by the Administration, which may refer the matter to the Conduct Review Board (see below).

While on disciplinary watch, a student’s behavior is expected to be exemplary in all areas. All disciplinary watch cases will be reassessed every six weeks by the Dean of Students. Parents will be informed immediately when their child is placed on disciplinary watch. Students who do not earn their way off disciplinary watch may be subject to further disciplinary responses, including referral for dismissal.

Examples of Infractions and Consequences

Our various rules are not meant to be an inclusive or exhaustive list of unacceptable behaviors or actions and consequences. They are meant to indicate a general tone and framework for discipline. Adults in the TASIS community are encouraged to use their best judgment in determining when an action or behavior is detrimental to our goals, our community, or learning.

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Making bomb threats or other threats of violence
Accumulation of major violations
Theft/stealing
Use, possession, or distribution of illegal drugs or drugs prescribed for another person
Use, possession, or distribution of weapons

Assignment of Disciplinary Responses
The discipline system of TASIS is brought to life in the daily work and interactions of students and adults. Proctors have a formal role in the operation of the dormitories in support of the dorm parents and dorm heads. All faculty and staff members operate from a framework of “in loco parentis” and play formal roles in the discipline system using the wide range of interaction mechanisms outlined earlier.

The Dean of Students is charged with managing the high school discipline system. This Dean works with the faculty in responding to minor and major rule infractions, assigns consequences, and manages the review and recommendation process when dismissal is a possible consequence.

A Conduct Review Board (CRB) convenes to hear cases where dismissal is a possible disciplinary outcome. A CRB convenes at the recommendation of the Dean of Students and/or the discretion of the Headmaster. The CRB is normally composed of faculty members and administrators chosen to serve. The CRB reviews the presenting matter and considers the student’s entire record, including positive contributions and major infractions from the current and previous years. Additionally, how the student handles the situation is given great importance. The CRB also meets with the student, who may be accompanied by his or her Advisor. Students may also bring a fellow student to speak on their behalf. The CRB then makes a recommendation to the Headmaster.

Special Discipline Cases: In most cases, any disciplinary case is addressed with the student on campus. However, when in the judgment of the Headmaster or his designee a student should be separated from the community immediately, and before any formal disciplinary action, a student is placed on administrative leave pending disciplinary action and a final decision.

Local Authorities
Students may find themselves in situations in which the local authorities are involved, or where the School is obligated under Swiss Law to notify those authorities. The School takes its responsibilities...
to protect its students very seriously. The School will notify parents as soon as possible whenever the local authorities are involved, and will take all necessary steps to ensure that our students are protected in legal situations.

**Disclosure of Disciplinary Action**

TASIS may be obligated to report any serious disciplinary infractions to colleges and universities to which a student has applied either at the request of the colleges and universities or when, in the judgment of the School, it would be irresponsible or unprofessional not to do so. That reporting may include detentions, suspensions, restrictions, or dismissals from the 9th grade forward. Situations when the School will report disciplinary infractions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- When forwarding information as part of the normal admissions process of the institution
- In response to a request from the institution
- When necessary to update or clarify information previously requested
- When a student leaves the school, withdraws, or is dismissed for disciplinary reasons before his/her senior year
- When a student leaves the school, withdraws, is dismissed, or is suspended for disciplinary reasons during his/her senior year

Disclaimer: The disciplinary procedures outlined in the Student Handbook are designed to guide the Administration in reaching just decisions. They do not confer any contractual rights to those students accused of violating the School’s standards of behavior. Circumstances can vary greatly between cases, and the School reserves the right to modify the disciplinary procedures in any particular case in order to reach a just and timely decision.

**Dismissal (Separation)**

A student in violation of a school dismissal rule or, in some cases, a major school rule results in separation from TASIS. Students who are dismissed from TASIS must leave campus at the earliest possible time.

Students who have been dismissed are not allowed on the TASIS campus until after the scheduled graduation of their class unless granted special permission. Seniors who are dismissed are not allowed on the TASIS campus until one year after the date of the graduation of their class. Any claims or settlements arising from absence, withdrawal, or dismissal are subject to the terms of the Enrollment Agreement between the School and the parents/guardians.
Confidentiality

Students are encouraged to seek the counsel and assistance of faculty members at any time. In order for this counseling to be effective, the principles of confidentiality will be observed. Faculty members are obliged to refer confidentially held information to the Headmaster or, in his absence, the Dean of Students, when:

- an individual’s health or well-being is in danger.
- the security or welfare of the School is at stake.
- the problems being discussed are beyond the experience and expertise of the faculty member.
Residential Life

Every student has the right to expect peace, reasonable privacy, respect for feelings and belongings, and a tranquil living environment in his or her dorm room. As the dormitory is a student’s temporary home, as well as the more permanent home of the dorm faculty, consideration for others and community spirit are especially vital. When cooperation and understanding prevail, dormitory life becomes the source of meaningful and lasting friendships.

Learning to live with others is an important part of boarding school life, and the dorm offers a chance to meet people one would otherwise never meet. To facilitate an appreciation of other cultures, the rooming of two students of the same non-English language group in the same room is avoided.

Check-In

Weeknights

19:40-19:50

Once students check in to their dormitory in the evening they are expected to be in the building for the night. Please note:

- On study nights, students wishing to study any place else but their dorm must get permission from the dorm parent at check-in.
- Any student going to another dormitory to study will also check-in with the dorm parent on duty in the dorm being visited.
- Students leaving the dorm to study in another location will check-in upon their return to the dorm, but will in no case check-in later than 22:00.
- Students going to bed prior to lights out (but after study hall) should inform the dorm parent.

Weekends

Students have face-to-face check-ins on weekends to ensure their safety and accountability. Friday through Sunday, students may sign-out to visit the Lugano area as long as they are in good standing with the School.

9th and 10th Graders

Friday: 21:30-22:00 late check-in
Saturday: 17:30-18:00 early check-in. Students may leave campus until late check-in
21:30-22:00 late check-in
Sunday: 19:40-19:50 late check-in for study hall

11th, 12th Graders, and PGs
Friday: 22:30-23:00 late check-in
Saturday: 17:30-18:00 early check-in. Students may leave campus until late check-in
22:30-23:00 late check-in
Sunday: 19:40-19:50 late check-in for study hall

- Students must be in their dorms from late check-in until 06:00 the following morning.
- Students are expected to be in their own rooms 30 minutes before lights out.
- Main room lights must be off 15 minutes before lights out; bedside table lights only.
- Bedtime routines should be completed 15 minutes before lights out.

Lights Out

The campus-wide ‘lights out’ regulation ensures that all students obtain sufficient sleep to be alert and healthy for classes and other activities the following day. Lights must be turned off at the following times:

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Late Lights

Occasionally students will not finish all academic work by lights out and wish to continue studying. At the discretion of the dorm parent on duty, students may request additional study time (“late lights”). All lights should be out by midnight.

Proctors and PGs are granted late lights automatically, without having to ask the dorm parent on duty. Other students in Grades 11 and 12 with particularly demanding schedules may apply for
automatic late lights. In all cases, students who abuse their late lights privilege may lose the privilege.

**Curfew**

Students must be in their dorms from late check-in until lights out and in their own rooms from lights out until 06:00 the following morning.

**Leaving Campus**

Students are required to stay on campus during the academic day through their after-school commitments.

**Special Off-Campus or Late Check-In Permission**

Special off-campus or late check-in permission (e.g. for dinner with parents) may be obtained from the Duty Administrator. If granted, the student must notify the dorm parent on duty.

**Behavior Expectations in the Dorm**

We expect a high standard of behavior in our dormitories. Our community works best when we respect each other and the follow the expectations set for us.

Minor behavior issues in the dorm may result in an infraction. Examples of behavior which would receive an infraction include:

- Poor behavior
- Disrespect of others
- Failing room inspection
- Not having a keycard to enter the dorm

Three infractions in one calendar month will result in a weekday morning detention. Two failed room inspections in one week equals a weekday morning detention.

**Consequences**

Weekday Morning Detention
Students must be in uniform at De Nobili reception at 6:15 in the morning.

Students must take selfies showing the clock in the De Nobili dining hall and send the pictures to the dorm head at 6:15, 6:30, 6:45, 7:00, and 7:15. Time stamps will be checked.

Failure to meet expectations will require a redo the following day.

Friday Restriction

- Meet weekend dorm parent on duty after school
- No going downtown after school
- No electronics till the following morning. You also may not use others people’s electronics.
- You must help move snacks to the dorm.
- You must have a check-in sheet signed at specific times.
- You must be in your bedroom from 9:30pm onwards and may not host any friends.

Saturday Restriction

- No going downtown during the day.
- No electronics until Sunday morning; these will be returned at the Dorm Parent’s discretion.
- You must have a check-in sheet signed at specific times.
- You must be in your bedroom from 9:30pm onwards and may not host any friends.

Campus Restriction

- This includes both Friday and Saturday Restriction.

Meeting with Dean of Students and Dean of Residential Life

- We will arrange a meeting to discuss the various options/consequences for the poor choices you have made.

Closets, Locks, & Safes

Dorm parents issue combination locks for closets at the beginning of the year. Students must use the School-issued combination lock on their closet whenever they leave the room. Students return locks to TASIS at the end of the year. New locks cost CHF 50 each. Valuables may be checked at Reception or with the Duty Administrator.

Each locker has an electronic safe inside, much like a hotel safe. These can be used to store valuables.

Note: The School is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
Co-ed Visitation and Open Dorm

Boys may not enter girls’ dormitories and vice versa. The dormitory areas of multiple use buildings are clearly marked with “Dormitory Begins Here” signs. Coed visitation may be allowed in designated areas of the dormitory buildings under the following conditions:

- Visitation occurs in an area accessible without passing through the restricted areas of the dormitory
- All visitors check-in with the dorm parent on duty
- Doors are open and lights are on
- Student conduct reflects respectful and reasonable social interaction

On Open Dorm weekends, students of both sexes can visit other dormitories. At this time, all student room doors must be completely open with the lights on regardless of whether people are in the room. Faculty chaperones are present throughout this event.

Cooking

Kitchens are available for student use under faculty supervision. Students must clean the kitchens after use. Students are not allowed to have hot pots, coffee machines, or other appliances in their rooms. Students are allowed to purchase this electric kettle for drinks and soup.

Damages and Breakages

When students arrive, their rooms will be in good condition. The School will bill students for any damage done to the room. If something breaks, goes missing, or does not work, please notify a dorm parent immediately.

Decorations

Students should use judgment when decorating their rooms. Decorations should not include:

- anything that advertises or involves alcohol, tobacco, or drugs
- sexually explicit content
- violent or racist content

Please use Blu-Tac or similar substances rather than tape, nails, tacks, stickers, etc. on dormitory room walls.
Dormitory Searches

TASIS may conduct searches of students’ rooms, lockers, bags, etc. During searches, the school aims to minimize the compromise of student privacy and dorm security.

- The Headmaster and/or Duty Administrator will approve searches.
- After normal working hours and on weekends, the Duty Administrator may approve searches.
- If possible, two adults will conduct searches. One of those adults will be an administrator, a Dean, or a Dormitory Head.
- Typically, the student will be present during any search of their room or property.
- Students may request a Proctor to be present, if practical.

Electronics

Note the following:

- Using headphones or earbuds are not allowed during the academic day, school events, or meals.
- During Study Hall, music is allowed with headphones only, and in such a manner that no one else can hear it.
- At other times, the volume of music should not disturb others, which means that is should not be heard outside the room. Subwoofers are not allowed.
- Televisions are not permitted in the dorm rooms. Computer monitor size is limited to 24”/60cm.
- Appliances such as hot plates, coffee machines, space heaters, refrigerators, etc. are not allowed.

Key Cards

All of the dormitories are protected by electric locks, which are operated with key cards. All boarding students’ key cards give them access to their own dormitory until the evening check-in, as well access to classroom spaces during the academic day. Report lost key cards immediately to security@tasis.ch. Replacement cards cost CHF 50 and are billed to the student’s account.

Laundry and Linens

The School offers a weekly laundry service to all boarders. TASIS has an electronic laundry identification system using Datamars microchips. TASIS personnel apply microchips specific to each student to laundry in the student’s bag. All laundry must be tagged with these microchips.
At the end of a student's time at the School (graduation or withdrawal), TASIS needs to retrieve the chips in order to recirculate them for future use. Students are required to remove the chips from their clothing and return them, through their Dorm Parent, to the Laundry service. If this process is not completed, the student will incur the cost of replacement chips.

Clean laundry is ready on specific days:

- Girls: Thursdays
- Boys: Fridays

Sheets can be exchanged any weekday; contact the dorm parent on duty. The School also provides coin-operated laundry machines for students in the laundry room in Aurora.

Mail
Please address mail to:

Student Name
c/o TASIS
The American School in Switzerland
CH-6926 Montagnola-Lugano
Switzerland

Students pay for all shipping costs and customs duties for any packages they receive. The School will bill student accounts for unpaid customs and/or shipping charges.

Off-Limits
If deemed necessary, an area may be put off-limits. When a dormitory is off-limits, only the people who live in that dorm are allowed to enter. Non-resident students may not enter a dormitory that has been placed off-limits even if accompanied by a resident of that dorm.

Pets
Students may not have pets, including fish, in dormitories.

Pornography
Students may not possess, display, or share offensive or degrading materials.

Room Assignments
Room assignments at TASIS are made reflecting a variety of priorities including grade level grouping, mixing nationalities and cultures, returning student preferences, Admissions Office suggestions, and Dorm Head judgment. Room assignment changes are as a general rule not allowed.

It is sometimes the case that rooming or dorm assignments are changed during the year in response to mid-year enrollment that necessitates such changes. The School reserves the right to make room changes at its discretion. In such cases, close attention is made to minimizing the impact of any changes and both students and parents will be informed of the change.

Room Inspection
Every day a faculty member inspects each dorm room. Students are expected to keep their rooms tidy and clean.

Sleepover Guests
High School students may have sleepover guests during weekends. The hosting student must ensure that all dormitory and School rules are followed, the room is cleaned after use, sheets are changed, and the following procedures are as follows:

For another TASIS student: Another TASIS student of the same sex may stay in a student’s room only on a Friday or Saturday night if a vacant bed is available and if the guest completes the appropriate yellow ‘Sleep-Over Form’ with the required signatures (dorm parents on duty for both dorms as well as the student whose bed will be used) and submits the form to the Duty Administrator by 21:00 on Friday or Saturday.

For an outside visitor: A same-sex visiting alumnus/a or sibling of the same age may stay in a student’s room if there is a vacant bed and if the student:
- asks permission one day in advance from the Dormitory Head.
- introduces the guest to the Duty Administrator and the dorm parent upon arrival.
- ensures that the guest obeys all School rules and is accompanied to check-ins by the student host.

Storage
Students may store bulky items such as skis, trunks, and large suitcases in the Monticello bunker or in the locked storage space in each dorm.

Limited summer storage is available in the bunker provided that students pack their belongings in suitcases, trunks, or boxes, label them, and bring them to the bunker at the appropriate times.

Note: TASIS provides basic security at the storage premises, but TASIS does not assume any responsibility for items lost or stolen while in storage. TASIS also does not assume responsibility for items left in dormitory rooms or other campus areas at the end of a term or after a student’s departure.

Theft Prevention
TASIS does not tolerate theft and a student caught stealing is subject to dismissal.
Caution is the best deterrent against theft. Each student locker has a safe inside for valuables.

Please remember the following:

- Do not borrow anything without asking the owner first.
- Do not keep large sums of money or other valuables in your rooms.
- Lock up wallets or purses.
- Give any valuables to the Receptionist or Duty Administrator for safekeeping, or place in the safe in your locker.
- Keep your locker and the safe inside locked.
- Record serial numbers of valuable items.

If students discover an item missing, they should speak to the dorm parent immediately. In cases of a series of thefts, the local police may be called.

Note: The School does not assume responsibility for the loss or theft of personal property.

Unoccupied Room Policy

- No student under any circumstances may enter another student’s room if the occupant is not present.
- No student may give another student permission to enter or stay in the room if the occupant is not physically present in the room.
• If a student needs to retrieve a possession that is in another student’s unoccupied room, he must ask the permission of and be accompanied by a faculty member or Proctor.

Vacation Departure
During school vacations, the maintenance staff makes necessary repairs and thoroughly cleans all rooms. To ensure that rooms are prepared for this work, dorm parents inspect rooms before vacation or Academic Travel. At winter, spring, and summer vacations, dorm parents issue departure checklists and will only sign the form when everything is complete. The completed vacation departure form allows a student to obtain his/her passport from Reception. Students who fail to clean their room or move belongings to the bunker for proper summer storage will be billed a cleaning or moving fee, ranging from CHF 50-300.
Uniforms

Uniforms are required during the academic day. Students should avoid accessories (belts, shoes, etc.) emblazoned with brand names or have excessively attention-grabbing, bright colors. Please also avoid ostentatious accessories, cosmetics, or hairstyles.

Fall and Spring
The items below may be worn from the first day of class until October 1, 2017, and from May 1, 2018 until the end of the academic year.

- Polo shirts with the TASIS crest in navy, white, and burgundy
- Girls cotton trousers: capri trousers in beige or navy with crest on back pocket
- Girls cotton trousers: regular-length trousers in navy with crest on back pocket
- Boys cotton trousers in beige or navy with crest on back pocket

Winter Uniforms
The uniform items below may be worn from October 1, 2017 until April 30, 2018.

Girls:
- Down jacket
- Overcoat
- Suit jacket in navy
- Wool jacket in burgundy
- Suit trousers in navy or grey with crest on back pocket
- Pleated skirt in grey
- Pleated skirt in plaid
- Oxford shirts: long-sleeved in white and light blue with crest
- Oxford shirts: short-sleeved in white and light blue with crest
- Stretched shirt: long-sleeved in light grey with crest
- Zipped wool cardigan in navy with grey stripes
- Zipped cotton cardigan in grey
- Round-neck wool sweater in grey*

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• Shoes: non-branded loafers, ballerina flats, boots, etc.

* same as MS

Boys:

• Down jacket in blue
• Overcoat in blue
• Suit jacket in navy*
• Blazer in navy with grey stripes
• Suit trousers in navy or grey with crest on back pocket
• Oxford shirts: long-sleeved in white and light blue with crest
• V-neck wool sweater in navy with grey stripes
• V-neck wool sweater in burgundy
• Zipped cotton cardigan in grey
• Tie with TASIS crest
• Tie with stripes
• Belt in blue or black
• Shoes: non-branded dress shoes, loafers, Clarks, etc.
• Socks: blue or black

* same as MS

During the academic day, the following items are not accepted as part of the uniform:

• Non-TASIS polo-style shirts
• Hooded sweaters or sweatshirts
• Athletic, denim, or casual jackets
• Jeans, cargo pants, shorts and any pants above the knee, casual capris, rolled-up pants, and low-slung pants revealing the mid-section and/or backside
• Athletic shoes, hiking boots, work boots, flip-flops, cloth or plastic shoes, slippers.
• Baseball caps, whether indoors or outdoors, or hats when indoors (exceptions may be made for religious headwear).
• Loud accessories, cosmetics, or hairstyles
• Headphones
Year-Round Items

When appropriate, the following optional sports items are acceptable year-round:

- TASIS t-shirts
- TASIS shorts
- TASIS sweatshirts
- TASIS sweatpants

Casual Wear

Outside the academic day and after sports, students may wear casual clothing. Students should use discretion when wearing casual clothing. The following are not permitted:

- Clothing bearing inappropriate or vulgar messages, advocating violence, or containing profanity or sexual references.
- Clothing that advertises or promotes alcohol, cigarettes, and drug products.
- Pants or shorts revealing the stomach, back, backside, or sides
- Any items which are torn, ripped, dirty, or in poor repair
- Halter tops, spaghetti straps, tube tops, strapless tops, or tops revealing the stomach, back, or sides
- Hats indoors, unless worn for religious purposes
- Pajamas or slippers outside of the dormitory
- Students should never dress in a way that reveals undergarments. In addition, students may not go bare-footed.
- Accessories emblazoned with brand names or in excessively attention-grabbing or bright colors are not acceptable.
- Ostentatious accessories, cosmetics, or hairstyles are not acceptable.

No Uniform Days

Occasionally the School will sponsor a “no uniform” day, normally as a fundraising event for a School-sponsored charitable organization. Class wear is not required on “no uniform” days, but clothing must still be appropriate and must comply with the dress code for casual wear.
Technology Responsible Use Policy

At TASIS, we strive to provide our students with the best opportunities and tools for learning. We see technology as one of those tools with great potential to facilitate information fluency, creative expression, and collaboration. We want our students to be proficient consumers and producers of information, but we also want them to be safe, legal, and responsible. While at school, the TASIS network has Internet filters and security measures in place to prevent inappropriate materials from getting through, though no filter can catch everything. For students using devices outside of the TASIS network, we cannot offer such filtering. Additionally, there is no expectation of privacy from the School when using School-provided devices, accounts, or applications. Students are expected to embrace the following responsibilities, whether on- or off-campus:

- **Respect Yourself**: Offline or online, what you choose to say is a reflection of yourself. Do your best to choose appropriate usernames, words and images, check your spelling and grammar, and leave a positive impression with your audience. Remember, anything you post online could potentially stay there forever.

- **Protect Yourself**: Make sure the information, images and materials you post online will not put you or your family at risk. Do not publish personally identifiable information. Protect your passwords and don’t let others use your online accounts. Avoid inappropriate websites, images, and videos. Tell an adult if any websites, messages, or behaviors make you feel uncomfortable. If you are not sure what to do, ask for help.

- **Respect Others**: Treat others as you would like to be treated. Try to be as clear as possible in your messages while using polite and appropriate language. Avoid gossiping, spreading rumors, or posting embarrassing photos and videos of others. Don’t write anything you would be uncomfortable showing your parents or teachers. Get permission from your teachers to use personal devices while at school.

- **Protect Others**: You can help stop bullying by not being a bully. If you observe mean or hurtful messages about other people, report the situation to an adult as soon as you can. Don’t steal other people’s passwords or break into their accounts. Protect the private information of others including phone numbers, home addresses, Skype names, and other contact details.

- **Respect Intellectual Property**: A lot of the information, images, and videos you will use for school projects and personal learning will come from the Internet. Remember that digital and physical works were created by other people and you must give them credit. Write as much as possible in your own words and keep a list of your sources for all information, images, and videos you use. Although it is easy to download movies, games and software
from the Internet for free, it is important that creators and artists are paid for their work. If needed, ask your parents for help to legally purchase digital media.

- **Protect Physical Property:** Be careful when using technology equipment. Avoid dropping equipment by carrying it in a secure way and never leaving it on the floor or on the edge of a desk. Keep food and drink away from electronic equipment. Wash your hands before using any devices. Tell your teacher right away if something is damaged or not working.

Irresponsible or Inappropriate Use
By signing the admissions agreement, every student and his or her legal guardian agree to uphold the responsibilities listed above. Be aware that irresponsible and inappropriate use of technology tools may result in social, academic, or behavioral consequences.

Mobile Phones
- Please respect class time and each teacher’s rules about mobile phone use. Consequences can involve confiscation for up to one week.
- Inappropriate material found on a phone or mobile device or forwarded from a phone or mobile device, regardless from its origins, will result in a meeting with the Dean of Students.

Computers in the Classroom
Computer use in classroom only acceptable if granted by the teacher.

Campus Wifi
The student network, WTASIS, may be accessed from 6:00-23:00. Please respect the end of the day and turn off all technology during study hours (unless necessary to complete assignments) and at lights-out or late-lights.
Anyone found on the administrator network after hours will result in a meeting with the Dean of Students.

These consequences and several examples of behaviors that TASIS regards as irresponsible or inappropriate uses of technology follow:

- **Social consequences** include ruined friendships and damaged reputations, and may result from
  - gossiping or spreading rumors online.
  - posting hurtful information or embarrassing photos of others.
  - harassing others.

- **Academic consequences** include reduced or failing grades and may result from
  - Plagiarism.
- enabling yourself or others to cheat.

- **Behavioral consequences** include a conversation with your teacher, loss of the device for a class period, a meeting with the Dean of Students and disciplinary consequences, a conference with your parents, confiscation of your electronics, loss of the privilege of using technology at TASIS, or further disciplinary actions. These consequences will result from:
  - using your electronics at an inappropriate time, such as texting with friends during class or playing video games during a passing period.
  - bullying others.
  - viewing pornography or playing violent video games.
  - hacking or obstructing the network security settings and internet filters, including the use of VPNs or other tools to access inappropriate content.
Athletics

We believe that athletics plays an integral part in the intellectual, social and even spiritual development of each of our students. We therefore require each of our high school students to participate in athletics, and particularly encourage them to participate in team sports. Our aims are to foster within students a positive attitude and pride in doing their best - regardless of the outcome or the score - and to develop within them a commitment to a team and the dedication and sacrifice that such a commitment takes.

Sports Requirement

Students are required to participate in either a competitive varsity team sport, or afternoon recreational sports, or PE classes (mandatory for 9th and 10th graders). This requirement results in all students being involved in some type of physical activity two to four times a week. All students must complete the sports requirement with the following exceptions:

- Outside of TASIS Sports: Students may organize sports outside of school, but they must provide documentation and receive approval from the Athletic Director.
- Musical: Students involved in the musical may be given permission to attend music or dance rehearsals in lieu of their sports requirement.
- Heavy Academic Load: With approval from the Academic Dean and Athletic Director, students may qualify to take sports only once a week.

All students are required to participate in the after-school sports program for all three seasons to meet diploma requirements.

Sports Attendance

TASIS expects all students to meet each of their obligations and take all of their responsibilities seriously. This expectation extends to their athletic commitments. Unexcused absences from any obligation, including sports, will have the same effect as one unexcused classroom absence.

If a student is not in attendance for at least 60% of his or her sports requirement (excused or unexcused) in any one season, the student risks losing credit for that season. The Athletic Director reviews individual cases.

Physical Education Classes

Physical Education (PE) classes are required for all students in Grades 9 and 10. Physical Education and Health classes meet twice a week and focus on helping students develop a healthy lifestyle.
through physical fitness and self-awareness (Health & Safety classes), while providing them with leadership opportunities through classroom work, sports, and class projects. Both classes (or equivalents) are required for graduation.

Sports
Team sports offer high school students the opportunity to compete against schools in Switzerland and in neighboring countries. Competitions generally take place on weekends. Team sports normally include:

- **Fall Season**: Boys JV and Varsity Soccer, Girls Varsity Soccer, Girls & Boys JV and Varsity Volleyball, Girls & Boys Varsity Cross Country, Boys Varsity Rugby
- **Spring Season**: Girls & Boys Varsity Tennis, Boys Varsity Lacrosse, Girls & Boys Varsity Track & Field, Girls & Boys Varsity Golf

Recreational Sports
Afternoon recreational sports include fitness classes, tennis (fall & winter), spinning, badminton (fall), horseback riding (fall & spring), running (fall & spring), indoor soccer (winter & spring), volleyball (winter & spring), basketball (fall & spring), Pilates, kickboxing (winter & spring), dance (fall & spring), indoor climbing (winter), and yoga. Other activities may be offered depending on student interests and faculty qualifications.

Physical Fitness Room
The physical fitness room is located on the lower floor of the Palestra. It contains free weights, weight machines, and a variety of cardiovascular trainers (stair-steppers, stationary bicycles, treadmills). At certain times it will be reserved for the use of classes or teams, but most times it is open for general use. A complete statement of the procedures to be followed while using the space is posted in the fitness room.
Travel

Travel is a fundamental part of a TASIS education. Exploring new destinations and returning to favorite places helps our students become confident, savvy travelers. We encourage and promote travel whenever possible, and expect our students to act responsibly and respect this privilege.

Along with Academic Travel requirements, students have options throughout the year to travel with faculty on weekend trips to nearby destinations. Seniors may travel independently on the weekends after they have met all of the travel requirements.

Please note that all travel requests must be communicated using REACH. Usernames and passwords are the same as used for Veracross.

Requirements

The general conditions for travel include the following:

- Parental permission is required for all travel, whether supervised travel or independent travel.
- Students must submit an online travel form through REACH for all travel, whether day or overnight.
- Failure to submit all the required information on time will result in disapproval of a request to travel.
- Students are expected to depart after classes on Friday and return on time for Study Hall on Sunday.
- If, after submission or approval of a travel request form, any change of itinerary or accommodation occurs, the student must call the School immediately and report those changes by speaking directly with the Duty Administrator. The same rule applies to any delay in return. Failure to inform the School of changes is considered a serious offense and will result in external suspension.
- Students will be issued their travel documents only if they have met the School’s conditions for travel. All passports must be returned to the custody of the School immediately upon return from travel.
- In all cases where students are checking out to the local area (including Lugano and Milan) and in all cases of last minute travel regardless of destination, the School requires that supervising adults present themselves to the Duty Administrator prior to allowing students to travel.
- In no case is a student permitted to be in the Lugano area when signed out to be elsewhere.
- Students who are checked out are not permitted to be on campus.
- During the week, students may check out only with their own parent.
- Students excused from class for illness on Friday will lose permission to travel that weekend.
- Students excused from class on Monday following weekend travel will lose permission to travel the next free travel weekend.

All students are required to follow school rules when traveling, but the school cannot be responsible for the conduct or actions of any student who is away for the weekend. Parents must recognize that by permitting their son or daughter to travel, they are assuming responsibility for their child’s safety and that they hold ultimate responsibility for their son/daughter’s well being.

There will be a disciplinary response if students are found to be in violation of School rules while on travel.

Students who travel without meeting the School’s travel expectations regarding supervision, permissions, or itinerary will likely be assigned an external suspension.

**Travel Restriction**
Students will occasionally be assigned “travel restriction” as a disciplinary consequence. Students on travel restriction may not travel, and may only be checked out locally if their parent comes to the School.

**Supervised Travel**
All students who meet the School’s other requirements (disciplinary and administrative) may travel when under appropriate adult supervision. TASIS knows that parents are the best choice for that supervision. Adult supervision may, however, also be provided by other persons designated by the parents as long as they are over the age of 25.

Although parents retain the right to take custody of their child, supervised travel with an adult other than a parent is always contingent upon good academic and disciplinary standing.

Specifically:

- Students on Disciplinary Watch, Attendance Restriction, or Academic Restriction may not travel except when their parent comes to the School to check their child out for the
weekend. Students may, with advance permission, also be allowed to go to their home, but
students are not permitted to travel to any other location, or to be supervised by any other
adult.
  - Students on Disciplinary, Attendance, or Academic Restriction may not invite others to travel
    with them.
  - Students on Disciplinary, Attendance, or Academic Restriction may not travel as a guest of
    another student.

**Independent Travel**

Independent travel is possible for Seniors and Postgraduates who:

  - have no major rule violations
  - have parental approval
  - will not miss any class or school obligations
  - are not currently on Disciplinary, Academic, or Attendance Restriction
  - are traveling in groups of three or more if the group is co-educational

**Inviting a Guest, or Traveling as a Guest**

Students travelling with their parents, or with another approved adult, may invite one guest per
family to travel and stay in a hotel or be their guest at home.

Both the ability to invite other students to travel with you, and traveling as a guest are always
contingent upon good academic and disciplinary standing. Specifically, students on Disciplinary,
Attendance, or Academic Restriction may not invite others to travel with them.

**Authorized Adults**

In order to ensure that we are releasing your child to an authorized adult, the School requires that
the name of the person picking your child up is provided to the School in advance. The person
picking up your child will be required to show their identification to the Duty Administrator. If
someone other than the pre-authorized person is picking up your child the School will call the parent
to verify that this person has permission to take the child.

**Weekend/Overnight Travel Request**

All students who desire to travel overnight, whether independently or under adult supervision, need
to submit an online Overnight Travel Request. These requests must be submitted by any student
planning to spend any night away from school, including those students traveling on a School-sponsored trip.

Parental permission is needed for all travel. Additionally, the information needed to complete a Weekend Travel request includes, but is not limited to:

- Name, age and relationship of person visiting
- Full address and phone number of the destination
- Grade Dean or Academic Dean’s approval if the student is on Academic Restriction or Warning
- Airline or train ticket reservations/confirmations
- Hotel reservations/confirmations

Deadlines: Weekend travel requests are due on the Tuesday prior to the weekend of travel, before 24:00. All travel documents (including itineraries and hotel confirmations) must also be received by Tuesday of the week of travel at 24:00. Parental and host permissions must be received prior to departure.

**Day Travel Request**

High School students may only take day trips outside the Lugano area by completing a day trip request. Failure to submit day travel requests is considered a travel violation. These requests must be submitted for approval by Wednesday at 24:00. All required permissions are due before departure from campus.

**Host Invitations**

Invitations must be received via REACH before the student departs from campus.

To help ensure that the weekend runs smoothly, we expect all students to abide by the School’s boarding regulations including curfew, smoking, drinking, driving, and general standards of behavior. Students in violation of boarding regulations will lose the opportunity to travel and will be subject to the appropriate consequence.

**Holiday Travel (Winter and Spring Breaks)**

Holiday Travel requests are normally due two full weeks prior to the beginning of the vacation period. All travel rules remain in effect during holiday travel. In particular, the School maintains its expectations regarding parental permission, adult supervision, and presence in the local area.
Signing Out
In all cases where boarding students are not sleeping in the dorm, or when leaving on a day trip, they must sign out with Reception or the Duty Administrator.

Missing Classes: Travel for Special Circumstances
Circumstances might require a student to miss classes. These travel requests are considered on a case-by-case basis and require approval by the Academic Dean and the Dean of Students. Approval to miss class will be given rarely and reluctantly.

A student may leave the School during the class week or prior to vacation for serious reasons only. When students leave school and miss class for reasons for which the School will not agree to issue an excuse, the absences will be recorded as unexcused and the students may be subjected to a consequence (see Attendance Policies).

The following information is required. The School reserves the right to determine whether such a leave should be granted with or without academic penalty.

- Notification from the parents
- Signature of the Academic Dean
- Signature of the Dean of Students
- Signature of the Advisor
- Signatures of teachers whose classes will be missed
- Signature of Global Service Program advisor if these obligations will be missed
- Signature of the Dorm Head

Closed Weekends
The School has traditionally set aside a number of closed weekends for our boarding students to stay together as a community. These weekends afford our students the opportunity to bond with their peers, support their teams, attend dances, and participate in other activities as a school.

Boarding students may not go off-campus overnight during these weekends and may be required to stay on campus for special events during the day. The weekends listed below are closed during the 2017-2018 school year. Other weekends may be closed at the discretion of the Headmaster.

Fall Semester
September 1 – 3 Orientation
September 8 – 10
September 15 – 17
October 13 – 15                Family Weekend (closed for out-of-area travel)
October 27 – 29                Pre-Academic Travel
November 3 – 5                 Post-Academic Travel
December 8 – 10                Christmas Service & End of Semester

Spring Semester
January 12 – 14                Start of Semester
January 19 – 21
February 23 – 25                Pre-Academic Travel
March 2 – 4                     Post-Academic Travel
March 16 – 18
May 18 – 20                     Arts Festival
May 25 – 27                     Commencement
June 1 – 3                      Exam Study
Day Students

Day students occupy a special position in the TASIS community. They spend the school day at TASIS, but when they leave campus, they revert to the care of their parents. Because the School is entrusted with the care of its boarding students at all times, it is necessary that whenever TASIS day students are in the presence of boarding students, TASIS rules apply to both the day and boarding students, including when the boarding student is entrusted to a day student’s family.

Because all student behavior reflects on the School, day students are under School jurisdiction when they are with a TASIS boarding student, in the Collina d’Oro area, on all School trips and functions, during all School-sponsored travel, athletic events, and weekend travel. In such situations, they are expected to follow the rules for boarding school students in the same class.

The School reserves the right to impose a disciplinary response on any student, whether resident or day, whose conduct, wherever and whenever it may occur, is out of sympathy with the goals and ideals of the School as determined by the Administration.

Day students are encouraged to host our boarding students in their homes. Day parents are responsible for boarding students when they are checked out to their homes or care, and boarding students are expected to abide by all TASIS rules even when away from campus. We depend on the cooperation of all day parents in helping to maintain TASIS behavior and disciplinary standards.

Day Student Campus Expectations

Day students are expected to be on campus during academic days from breakfast through the end of the sports program (HS), and are subject to the same ‘off-campus’ rules/permissions as boarding students during those times. Any exceptions to this expectation must be made clear.

Drop-Off, Pick-Up

Morning drop-off: 07:40–07:55
Afternoon pick-up: 15:55–16:05

Day students on campus after normal school hours must abide by school rules, including required study hours. High School day students must leave campus by 22:00.

For HS students:
- Sunday – Thursday: day students must leave campus by 22:00
- Friday & Saturday: day students must leave campus by 22:00

Absences
Should a day student need to notify the School of an upcoming absence, please log into Veracross PRIOR to the day of the child missing classes and complete the Student Attendance & Transportation Request form. Failure to do so will result in an unexcused absence. This is a safety issue, and the School will begin searching for any Day student who is expected at school but is not present.

Students should email their subject teachers and advisor to request any work missed during or before any known absence.

For last minute absences due to illness or emergency, call or email Reception.

Boarding
On a space-available basis, the School will temporarily board HS day students. The charge for use of the room, all meals, and supervision is CHF 100 per day or CHF 600 per week. Parents should inquire in writing about availability with the Admissions Office well in advance.

Changing Rooms
The changing rooms in the Palestra and the Palestrina must be kept clean and tidy. Students are not to leave clothing, backpacks, or any other personal objects in the changing rooms. The School is not responsible for lost or stolen items left in these rooms.

Dorms
Day students may only visit the dormitories when invited by a resident of the dormitory.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up
Parents are expected to drop off students in time for their first class. Pick-up times are from 15:55-16:05.

All drivers will be issued numbered pick-up passes on Opening Day (Friday, September 2). Each pass must be displayed in the windshield of all cars when picking up students on the main campus. Please respect the times indicated on the back of the pass.

Uniforms and Dress Code
Day students must abide by TASIS Uniform and Dress Code rules. When a day student is out of uniform or dress code, he or she may be sent home to change.
Health Center
Day students may use the School’s Health Center only in case of an emergency. School nurses may not excuse day students from their first classes of the day. TASIS health and accident insurance does not cover day students.

Key Cards
All of the dormitories are protected by electro-mechanical locks, which are operated with key cards. All students’ key cards give them access to classroom spaces during the academic day. Report lost key cards immediately to security@tasis.ch. Replacement cards cost CHF 50, billed to the student’s account.

Lockers
The School provides lockers for each day student to keep private belongings safe. Students should provide their own locks. Students are responsible for any damage done to their lockers.

Day Student Proctors
Day student Proctors have specific responsibilities, and in return, they receive certain privileges. They are expected to show a positive and friendly attitude, encourage day students to make good decisions, and develop positive relationships and open communication between the day and boarding populations.

Off-Campus Visits
Day families are encouraged to host boarding students in their homes. We appreciate our day families respecting TASIS jurisdiction, which means when day students and boarding students are together, School rules and expectations apply. In the same light, day students under School jurisdiction (including all School-related trips and functions) are expected to follow all TASIS rules.

Shuttle Service
The School provides a busing service for day students. Please see the Shuttle Service information in the Parent Portal for route details.

To take advantage of this service, please submit one Shuttle Form per student. These must be renewed for the 2017-18 school year.

Afternoon Departure Time
Monday to Thursday at 16:20  
Friday at 16:30

**Expectations**

Students must follow the rules and regulations for bus use. Violations may lead to suspension of the student’s right to use the bus service or suspension from school.

- Arrive at the TASIS Shuttle stop at least five (5) minutes before pick-up and drop-off time. The shuttle cannot wait for tardy students. The TASIS Shuttle may be 3 to 5 minutes early or late, depending on traffic and on the weather conditions (e.g. snow).
- Line up in single file to enter the shuttle at the TASIS shuttle stop. Wait for the driver’s instructions to board the shuttle.
- Upon entering the shuttle, sit down immediately and fasten your seat belt. Drivers cannot stop the bus to ask the students to fasten their belt again.
- Place all books and belongings where they will not slide or fall.
- Once seated, stay in your seat until the shuttle comes to a complete stop at your TASIS shuttle stop or at school.
- Behave on the shuttle as if you were in a classroom. Talk quietly and treat your schoolmates with respect. Use appropriate language.
- No eating or drinking on the shuttle.
- Keep arms, legs, and any carry-on items out of the aisle. Keep the aisle clear at all times.
- Ask the driver for permission before opening windows. Never throw anything out of the windows, or put your hands, arms, or head out of the windows.
- Listen to the driver and follow all instructions promptly.

Failure to follow the Shuttle Rules will be considered infractions. Three infractions per semester will result in the student not being allowed to use the Shuttle Service.

Questions or special requests should be sent to the Shuttle Coordinator.

**Changes**

Regular shuttle schedules for each student will be available in Veracross. To make a change request, log in to Veracross using the Student Attendance & Transportation Request link, under Portal Links).

In case of emergency, contact the Shuttle Coordinator.