Student and Parent Handbook

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year at the International School of Latvia (ISL). Please read this document carefully to ensure you are familiar with all ISL rules, procedures and beliefs. Should you have any questions, please contact a member of the faculty, Elementary School Principal, Mr. Steve Vis (svis@isl.edu.lv) or Secondary School Principal, Mr. Mark Robertson-Jones (markrobertsonjones@isl.edu.lv).

Vision Statement

Learn here. Use everywhere.

Mission Statement

We are a community, learning for an ever-changing world.

- We are an inclusive community that believes in being equally different;
- We encourage everyone to strive for personal excellence through the IB framework;
- We teach for understanding rather than knowing, and we guide rather than instruct;
- We recognize the world is a dynamic place which demands a growth mindset.

Community Values

- Caring
  We support people around us and act on behalf of those in need.

- Honesty
  We act with integrity.

- Respect
  We behave in a way that is courteous and mindful of our environment and each other.

- Open-mindedness
  We act with the understanding that people are equally different, with their own ideas and beliefs.
  We encourage open-ended discovery, while promoting the development of personal principles.
All Students, Parents and Staff at ISL:
- take personal responsibility for their actions;
- use English as a common language;
- are involved in activities in our school community;
- arrive on time to school and class.

Members of our school community who choose to act otherwise will have consequences determined by the staff.

All students and parents sign that they have read and understood the following:
- Academic Honesty Agreement (Secondary School only);
- Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement (Secondary School only);
- Field Trip Permission Form;
- GDPR Consent Form;
- Medical History Form;
- Parent and/or Guardian Agreement;
- Student and Parent Handbook;

This signifies that they have read, understood and agreed to both the content and spirit of these documents.

ISL Calendar
The school calendar 2018-2019 has been posted on the school website. Please plan your vacations based on the school holidays as missing too many days of school may jeopardise a student’s promotion to the next grade. The link to the school calendar is HERE. Paper copies of the school calendar are also available at the front desk.

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The School Day

School begins at 8:30am and ends at 3:30pm.*
The Elementary School day is divided into eight class periods. All Elementary School students have a 60-minute lunch break and a 30-minute mid-morning break. The Secondary School day is divided into four class periods. All Secondary School students have a 35-minute lunch break with a 10-minute morning break and a 20-minute afternoon break.

* except for professional development days and other special days as marked in the school calendar.

Arriving and Leaving School
- The doors open at 8:00 am. Supervision by teachers will begin at that time.
- Whether dropping off students or picking up students, parents/drivers are encouraged to use the curb service. Cars are never to be parked in this area!
- When students are dropped off in the morning, they may go to the cafeteria.
- By 8:20 am, all High School students should be inside getting ready to be in their classes, which start promptly at 8:30 am.
- To ensure the safety of our students, any parent or visitor who enters the school after 8:30 am should wear a Visitor pass available from security.
- Any students who arrive after 8:30 am will be marked late once they arrive in their class.
- If a student has to be picked up earlier, parents must inform the school by calling or emailing Front Desk at least 30 minutes before pick-up time. Changes to the child’s attendance will be made accordingly.
- The school day ends at 3:30 pm. If a student attends After School Activities, these end at 4:50pm.
- All Elementary School students will walk out to the front of the school for dismissal with their teacher. Once the teacher has made eye contact with the parent/guardian then the child will be allowed to leave their line with the parent/guardian.
- Any students who are not picked up by 3:45 pm will be taken to the Front Desk where their parents will be called. They will wait there for your arrival.

Attendance Guidelines
Attendance at school is essential; nothing can replace working in school with teachers and fellow students. Promotion to the next grade is contingent upon several things and one of those is attendance. A significant amount of absences, whether excused or unexcused, will impact student learning.
- For every absence, parents must notify the front desk and/or teacher by 9:00am. They may email frontdesk@isl.edu.lv or call +371 67755146.
- If a student is absent for three days in a row or a total of 10 school days, the Front Desk staff will contact parents.
- Elementary School: if a student misses 20 percent of school days, parents will be asked to attend a meeting to discuss their child’s eligibility for the coming school year.
- Secondary School: if a student misses 20 percent of classes in any given subject in the course of a semester, parents will be asked to attend a meeting to discuss their child’s eligibility for the coming school year.
- Please be aware that Latvian Law also expects students to attend school.
- For aspiring athletes, ISL will provide additional support for academic success. Please see the Aspiring Athlete Agreement.

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Parents who choose to schedule their vacations outside of the scheduled ISL vacations jeopardise their child’s promotion to the next grade. The school [calendar](#) is published at least 6 months ahead of the new school year and is available on the school website.

**Transportation**
Elementary School students who take the school bus will be escorted from the bus in the morning and to the bus at the end of the day. Secondary School students may walk to and from bus without supervision. Bus Coordinator should be notified about any changes to bus service no later than noon (12:00) on the day of the change. Please know that the school may not be able to accommodate every change or request.

**Elementary School Daily Outdoor Recess**
All Preschool and Elementary School students spend recess time outdoors every day, weather permitting. Therefore, it is important that students come to school with proper outdoor clothing for daily outdoor recess. If a student is too ill to participate in daily school activities (i.e. recess or Physical Education (PE)), then they should not attend school until able to participate.

**Food Service**
The school has a cafeteria that serves a healthy, delicious choice of breakfast, lunch and snacks. For more information, visit our school website.

**Healthy Food Guidelines**
- Everyone at ISL is encouraged to follow a healthy, well-balanced food plan and parents are strongly encouraged to send in healthy snacks and lunches from home.
- Our Food Service providers follow local Latvian Law which provides strict guidelines and limitations for food content and preparation that offers food and drinks that are healthy, low in salt and low in sugar.
- Other food sales by students and the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) will be encouraged to promote healthy food item sales and will need to be approved by the appropriate Principal and School Nurse at least 2 weeks before each event.
- All food is to be consumed in the Cafeteria only during designated times.
  - Elementary School: Snack (10:00-10:30), Lunch (12:30-13:30);
  - Middle School: Lunch (11:20-11:55), Break (13:50-14:10);
- All students and staff members respect all school rules associated with the use of the cafeteria, respect cafeteria support staff, property and help to keep it clean.
- Everyone is encouraged to limit food waste and to recycle whenever possible. Students are expected to have their own water bottles at school that they can refill when necessary.

**Dress Code**
Our community values of caring, honesty, respect and open-mindedness extend to how we present ourselves. Students are expected to dress appropriately for an international academic environment dedicated to maximizing learning and growth.

Clothing should be comfortable, safe, and not overly revealing so as to respect and include members of our community from different ages and religious and cultural backgrounds. Pictures or words on clothing should also be respectful and appropriate for all members of the school community (for example, no profanity or references to alcohol or drug use.

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Examples of appropriate dress include:

- Clothing that is not see-through or revealing and is clean and neat;
- Shoes/boots that are safe and clean;
- Shorts and skirts that cover thighs;
- Hats/hoods removed indoors.

Lost and Found
A Lost and Found bin is located by the stairs on the first and second floors of the school building. Lost and found items are displayed regularly in the lobby. If items are not claimed at the end of each quarter, they are donated to a local charity.
Communication

Chain of Communication
At ISL, everyone is encouraged to speak freely with each other. It is best to speak to the person directly responsible for whatever you want to talk about. For instance, a discussion about homework or something that has occurred in class should be had with the subject teacher. If further discussion is required, speak with the Principal. If necessary after speaking to the teacher and the Principal, see the Director. Following the chain of communication is the best way to promote our community values.

Contact Information for Staff
School's main email address is frontdesk@isl.edu.lv and phone numbers are: +371 67755146, +371 67755108.
All staff can be reached via email by using their first initial and last name, followed by @isl.edu.lv. (example John Smith would be jsmith@isl.edu.lv). For a complete listing of school staff, please visit ISL website.

Financial Obligations
It is essential that school fees are paid promptly for the smooth operation of the school. Tuition and other fees are set annually, generally in the Spring, for the coming academic year. Parents paying full school fees themselves may apply for a semi-annual or quarterly payment schedule that is accepted by the school’s Council. Fees for students who leave the school before the end of the year are based on the percentage of school attended. Additional information on the financial obligations of attending ISL is available on the ISL website.

Health and Safety
ISL has a full-time nurse. For any health related issues School Nurse, Mrs. Karina Muzikants can be reached at kmuzikants@isl.edu.lv or by phone +371 67811195.

Fire and emergency information is posted in every classroom and in common spaces. In an emergency situation or during a drill, everyone must follow the instructions posted as well as directions provided by the staff. ISL regularly practices fire, lockdown and evacuation drills. More information regarding the drills will be shared with the community throughout the year.

Everyone’s health is important to ISL. Feel free to ask for help when needed from any staff member.

No one is allowed to bring any dangerous items to school which may harm them or other members of the community such as: weapons of any kind, or replicas, alcohol, or drugs. If a person chooses otherwise, they may be asked to leave our community.

Please note that ISL is a non-smoking campus. Smoking is not allowed anywhere on the campus.

For the safety of the community, ISL is a closed campus. Students are supervised by staff during school hours (between 8:00am and 3:30pm) and during After-School Activities (ASA) (until 5:00pm). Parents are responsible for supervising their children on campus at all other times, especially during ISL community events such as: International Day or Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences.

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If a student would like a friend to visit the school, they must complete the Permission Form at least one day before their friend comes to school. To complete the form, a student should enter all classes they would like their friend to visit, ask each teacher’s permission and collect their signatures. Then, the student should check with security and the Principal and finally, hand the form in to the Front Desk.

All parents and visitors are asked to register with security and wear their visitor badge at all times. Parents are not required to register during drop-off and pick-up of their children.
Medical Emergencies and Health Services

Medical Emergencies
In the event that a student becomes seriously ill or injured, the staff will initiate ISL’s Medical Emergency Procedure. All staff at ISL has had basic first aid training. ISL is equipped with a portable Automated External Defibrillator (AED) located in the gym and all staff have been trained in its use. Detailed health information can be found on the school's website.

Parents should notify the Front Desk when a student is unwell. Students who are ill for more than three days require a doctor's note explaining their absence. Parents will be notified in the event of an ISL student being diagnosed with a contagious illness. ISL respects and maintains all students’ medical confidentiality.

Medical Problems
It is the parent’s responsibility to notify the School Nurse, Mrs. Karina Muzikants (kmuzikants@isl.edu.lv or +371 67811195), of any current medical problems (allergies, asthma, etc.) that a student may have, as well as any daily medications that (s)he may need. The School Nurse is the only person who can dispense medication during the school day. If your child has any medical issues, you must fill out additional forms which can be found on the school’s website.

Medical Information Requirements
Each student must have their medical information updated before the start of every school year which includes:
- a complete set of Medical Forms with a current physical exam;
- updated vaccinations for: Hepatitis B, H. influenza Type B (HiB), diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella, polio; and
- proof of a negative tuberculosis test (BCG vaccine, chest X-ray or PPD).

All medical forms can be downloaded from the school’s website. All student health records are kept confidential and locked in the Nurse’s Office.

Child Safeguarding Guidelines
Here at ISL we take child protection seriously. As a school we are required both morally, and by Latvian law, to report any suspected physical, emotional or sexual abuse. If you suspect anything of this nature, please contact the Counselor or the Nurse. If you have any questions, please contact the School Counselor.

GDPR: General Data Protection Regulations
The European Union has implemented regulations for the protection of data. ISL is GDPR compliant.

Reporting of Physical/Emotional/Sexual Abuse
In accordance with Latvian Law, if an ISL staff member suspects a student is being physically, emotionally or sexually abused, she/he is required to immediately notify the School Counselor or direct supervisor.

Steps following this initial reporting to include:
1. School Counselor will meet with student.
2. School Nurse may be called in to check for any physical marks and to document this.
3. Principal is informed.
4. As soon as possible, convene a meeting with the Director, Principal, School Counselor, involved classroom teacher, and School Nurse to discuss further steps on a case-to-case basis that are in the best interest of the child. During this meeting, a well-thought out plan will be formulated that may involve notifying the local police, the Latvian Orphan court or other healthcare professional.
5. Parents/Legal guardians will be called in to meet with the Principal and School Counselor to discuss what the School will request of the family in a combined effort to support the child as defined by Latvian Law.

- **Physical abuse** – is the knowing use of force that directly threatens the health or life of a child. Examples of physical abuse may include:
  - talk of or witnessed displays of physical violence like kicking, slapping, biting, pinching, shaking, using a belt, or throwing objects;
  - physical evidence of suspicious bruises, marks, abrasions or repeated injuries.
  - sexual abuse is any sexual act or sexual contact with a child performed by an adult or an older child.

It should be noted that physical abuse can be identified without the presence of obvious marks.

- **Emotional abuse** – is any act that causes a diminished sense of identity, self-worth, and dignity. Also referred to as psychological abuse. Examples of emotional abuse may include:
  - verbal harassment, threats, swearing, jeering, unduly criticizing, humiliating, etc.
  - refusal of the child’s emotional needs in the form of rejection, isolation, and neglect.

For more detailed information regarding the Latvian Law on child abuse, please see this link.

**Emergency Closing Procedures**
The Director will make the decision if the school needs to be closed due to an emergency. You will be contacted via SMS. Please make certain that your contact details are always up to date. Contact the Front Desk if you need to update your information.
School Counseling and Advisory

School Counselor
In the Elementary School, the school Counselor meets with the students from Kindergarten and up every week to work with them on topics such as communication, friendships, bullying, stress management, safety and decision making skills.
In the Secondary School Counselor works with all students in all grades, and is responsible for the academic and affective lives of our students. The School Counselor also coordinates ISL Advisory Program.
For additional information on our School Counselor click HERE.

Advisory
ISL’s Secondary School Advisory program supports the social and emotional part of a student’s life. It plays a critical role in students’ development. Advisory time is available each day and is led by faculty advisors.

The High School Advisory program:
- ensures that each student is known well by a teacher.
- helps students be successful in academics and in life.
- promotes healthy communication.
Academics

Student Support
ISL have a vibrant English as an Additional Language (EAL) program with staff specifically assigned to work with our students and colleagues to support English language learning. ISL also have a Learning Support Program designed to help students with special needs. For additional information on the Learning Support program and EAL please click on the links.

College Counseling
The College Counselor works with all High School students to provide guidance in successfully applying to their universities of choice. For more information, please visit the College Counseling site.

Promotion/Retention of Students
To best support student’s learning needs, ISL place students according to previously completed years of school. In order to be promoted to the next grade, students need to successfully learn the content and skills covered that year. If this does not happen, ongoing discussions will be held with parents, teachers, the Principal, Counselor and other staff members. In some cases, it might be in the student’s best interest to spend another year in the same grade. Though the final decision is the school’s, our partnership with parents ensures we will be able to reach the best decision for each student.

Graduation Requirements for the ISL High School Diploma
All students are ISL High School Diploma candidates, and subject to the following graduation requirements:
To obtain an ISL Diploma, a student must:

- Successfully complete all courses that meet ISL’s credit requirements from Grades 9 to 12 (See link). In Grades 11 & 12, this means achieving at least a 3 in Standard Level (SL) subjects, and at least a 3 in Higher Level (HL) subjects, on the IB scale, each semester. In Grades 9 and 10, this means achieving at least a 3 in all subjects at the end of the year. If a student fails a class, they must make up the credit. This can be done by successfully completing an online course or successfully attending an accredited summer school approved by the Secondary School Principal;
- Complete and pass an Extended Essay/ Senior Project in Grades 11 & 12. If a student is not doing the Extended Essay, he/she will work in conjunction with his/her advisor and the DP Coordinator to determine a suitable Grade 12 project;
- Complete the Personal Project in Grade 10 with a passing grade of 3 (if attending ISL for Grade 10);
- Fulfil Creativity Action Service (CAS) requirements and Theory of Knowledge (TOK) requirements (essay and presentation) in Grades 11 & 12;
- Not be absent from school for an excessive amount of time in any one academic year. If a student is absent for more than 20 percent of total class time in any given subject for a semester, their eligibility for promotion to the next grade or graduation will be reviewed by the Secondary School Principal and the Director.

Option 1: ISL Diploma
A student may choose to pursue an ISL Diploma, completing ISL classes without registering for IB Course Certificates. The ISL Diploma is well-recognized by many universities around the world. This would be most suited for a student with needs for more...
customized course options, e.g. an online course that ISL doesn’t offer, a course taught by a private tutor liaising with the school, or a modified course within the school.

For the ISL Diploma student, an Extended Essay is not required. Instead, a Grade 12 Project will be determined together with the student’s advisor and DP Coordinator and completed by May 1st of Grade 12. CAS progress and TOK assessments will not be sent to the IB. They will, however, be assessed internally by the CAS Coordinator and the TOK teacher in order to meet ISL’s graduation requirements.

Option 2: ISL Diploma + IB Course Certificates
In addition to being candidates for the ISL High School Diploma, students in Grade 11 taking IB courses may be considered IB Course Certificate candidates in the IB courses that they choose. This means that they may be registered for one or several Higher Level/Standard Level courses, based on which levels provide an appropriate balance of challenge and success. For example, a student may choose to do all their subjects at Standard Level. They will complete IB exams and IB assessments, and receive certificates and grades for each course completed. They do not need to be full IB Diploma candidates in order to receive these certificates.

In order for a student to continue in a course at Higher Level past the first semester, a student must earn at least a 3 in the subject for their Semester One grade. If a student receives a 3 or less in Semester One, the Diploma Coordinator, College Counsellor, parents and the student will begin a dialogue to ensure a success plan is implemented that may result in a change in the pathway through Grades 11 and 12.

This option is designed for the student that will be applying to university based on their ISL High School Diploma, but who desires certification and recognition that they have taken and completed a selection of IB courses and met the external requirements of the IBO.

Just as for the ISL Diploma student, an Extended Essay is not required. Instead, a Grade 12 Project will be determined together with the student’s advisor and DP Coordinator and completed by May 1st of Grade 12. CAS progress and TOK assessments will not be sent to the IB. They will, however, be assessed internally by the CAS Coordinator and the TOK teacher in order to meet ISL’s graduation requirements.

Option 3: ISL Diploma + Full IB Diploma
If a student wishes to pursue the full IB Diploma, they will need to be registered for at least 3 Higher Level subjects out of their 6 subject choices. They will also need to meet IB requirements for the Extended Essay, Theory of Knowledge and CAS.

Qualified ISL students who would like to pursue the full IB Diploma are officially registered as full IB diploma candidates with the IBO in September of their 12th grade year. Until this time, all students pursuing the full diploma are considered to be Conditional Diploma Candidates. Students must complete all requirements below in order to qualify to become Registered Diploma Candidates.

Requirements to Become a Registered Diploma Candidate:
1. Students must have completed ⅔ of their CAS requirements by September 1st of their 12th grade year. All CAS progress and reflections must be correctly documented on ManageBac and approved by the CAS Coordinator.
2. Students must maintain semester grades of 3 or above in all of their HL courses and semester grades of 3 and above in their SL courses at the conclusion of their 11th grade year.
3. Students must meet all deadlines and requirements relating to the TOK course.
4. Students must meet all deadlines and requirements relating to the Extended Essay.
5. Students must not have any significant violations of the ISL Academic Honesty Agreement.
6. Students must not have any major disciplinary infractions.

Before any school records can be shared, all tuition fees and other school fees must be paid in full.

Students Joining ISL in Grade 12
If a student joins ISL in Grade 12, he/she must complete a minimum of four school courses, combined with a maximum of two approved online/correspondence accredited courses. All ISL Diploma requirements are applicable except for Theory of Knowledge (TOK), since the bulk of the TOK course is taught in Grade 11. Your student will also be required to successfully complete a Senior Project, planned in conjunction with their advisor and the DP Coordinator. Finally, students will complete a modified CAS program planned in conjunction with the DP Coordinator and CAS Coordinator.

Homework Guidelines
Meaningful homework is used to reinforce what students learn in class, master skills, and develop individual interests. Homework is a learning activity that increases in complexity as the student progresses from grade to grade.

- **Elementary School**
  Students and/or Parents are responsible for contacting teachers to get assignments missed while absent for any reason. Kindergarten can be assigned up to 30 minutes per school night (including reading with parents) which can progress up to 1 hour 30 minutes of homework per school night in Grade 5.

- **Middle School**
  Students are responsible for contacting teachers to get assignments missed while absent for any reason. Grades 6 through 8 are assigned one to two hours of homework, on average, per school night.

- **High School**
  Students are responsible for contacting teachers to get assignments missed while absent for any reason. Students in Grades 9 through 12 are generally assigned between two and three hours of homework per school night.

If there are any questions about homework, students are encouraged to speak with their teacher. Both students and parents have access to our virtual learning environment, ManageBac.

Academic Honesty
Academic Honesty is an integral part of who we are. Academic dishonesty is not tolerated. All Secondary School students are required to follow the Academic Honesty Guidelines. All Secondary School students sign a copy of the Academic Honesty Agreement to ensure they have read and understood the guidelines.
Use of Technology at ISL
Technology at ISL is used meaningfully to enhance education. It is important to note that technology used during classes is for educational purposes only. We work with our students to develop appropriate mobile phone and wireless network use. The full Acceptable use of Technology at ISL document can be found HERE.

Bring Your Own Laptop Program in Secondary School (BYOL)
Every Secondary School student will be required to bring in a laptop computer and a charger that can be used in school on a daily basis. Participation in the BYOL program is not optional.

The system requirements/hardware specifications for student laptops are as follows:
- WiFi capable;
- Attached keyboard;
- Less than 5 years old;
- USB and headphone jack;
- Battery lasts at least 5 hours.

If there are any questions about purchasing a laptop, or questions about whether the laptop your student is currently using will do, please contact ISL’s Tech Department at tech@isl.edu.lv. Please see the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section on the ISL website.

Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences
Any day can be a Parent-Student-Teacher conference day with prior arrangement. The conferences in the Fall and Spring give the opportunity to discuss your child’s progress. Student-Led Conferences for Elementary School in the Spring are student-led and are a facilitated opportunity for your student to demonstrate their own learning. Fall and Spring conferences are scheduled on dates indicated on the school calendar.

Field Trips
Field trips are an important part of a student’s education. They provide opportunities to explore the local culture and community, and to take part in activities. There may be additional costs for these activities. At the beginning of the year, you will sign a general Field Trip Permission Form, allowing your child to participate in field trips throughout the year. Parents will be informed by the teachers in advance of any field trips their child will be taking. Special trips such as overnight trips may involve separate permission forms.

Personal Accident Insurance
ISL does not provide personal accident insurance for its students. Please also be advised that the school has no liability insurance for students riding the bus, both on field trips and trips to and from school.

Student Records
Student information is treated in a confidential manner. If you need school records because your child is applying to another school, please provide ISL with contact details for that school so that the records may be sent directly to that school. We are also happy to provide hard copies for you to take with you. No student’s records, transcripts or ISL/IB Diploma will be released unless all school fees have been paid.
Use of Student Images in Videos, Photographs
The School may wish to photograph film or record students for certain events within the context of their school education. These images may be used in printed or online publicity materials, including School brochures or other publications, on the website, on the School’s social media platforms or around campus. The School may also use video footage or web camera recordings during inter-school conferences or educational projects. Use of Student Images in Videos, Photographs will be organized according to the Policy of Use of Images and Recordings of Students by the School This Policy of Use of Images and Recordings by the School which establishes the framework in which the International School of Latvia may take and use the photos or recordings of its Students. You will be asked to sign Data subject/Parental Consent form.
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Association
The International School of Latvia is an Association regulated by Latvian Law and Articles of Association. The Articles of the Association are filed with the Register of Enterprises and nothing in this handbook shall supersede the Articles. The Association is governed by the Members General Meeting (hereinafter – “MGM”), the Council and the Board (Director). The major functions of the Association include electing members of the ISL Council and approval of the Annual Report. One of the parents or guardians under whose guardianship are children, registered for attendance of the International School of Latvia, becomes a member of the Association for the period of time which their child/children is/are students of ISL and exercise their rights at the Members General Meeting (MGM).
More information can be found on the ISL website.

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
Parent support is essential to ISL’s success. The PTO is a group of parents and teachers who help the school by arranging community activities and fundraisers. To take part in PTO activities, please contact the PTO for details or visit the ISL website.

Parent Information Sessions
School Principals and the School Counselor, along with other faculty on occasion, will hold meetings with parents to share information about school activities, and discuss topics that are important to student learning. Announcements will be made to let you know when and where these sessions will be held. Information about these sessions is also available on the ISL website.

After-School Activities and Athletics
ISL is a member of the Central and Eastern European Schools Association (CEESA). After-school activities provide a wide variety of wonderful opportunities for students. A full list of this season’s offerings are available on the ISL website.

Student Council
Participating in the Student Council provides: leadership opportunities, promotion of school spirit, and a forum to express opinions about school related issues. Students are encouraged to take part in activities organized by the Student Council.
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Acknowledgement Form

After reading and discussing all the information in the handbooks, parents and students must sign and return this form no later than the first week of school for the student. Your signatures denote that you have read, understand, accept, and will follow the rules and procedures in this Handbook and support the Mission and Community Values of The International School of Latvia.

Family Name__________________________________________________
(Please print)

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Printed Name of Student                             Grade                     Signature of Student

Date:________________________________________________________

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Printed Name of Parent/Guardian                                      Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date:________________________________________________________

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Acceptable Use Agreement
(only Secondary School students must complete)

Student: I have read, understand, accept, and will follow the rules and procedures regarding my use of the Internet and the computer technology at ISL. I understand that the computer use is designed for educational purposes only. I understand the failure to follow the procedures listed above may result in suspension or loss of the right to access the Internet and/or use the ISL technology and may result in other disciplinary or legal actions as noted above. I will not hold my teacher, other ISL personnel, or ISL responsible for or legally liable for materials distributed or acquired from the Internet or network. I also agree to report any misuse of the Internet or network to a teacher or administrator.

Accepted and Agreed:___________________________________________

Date: __________________

Signature of Student:_________________________________________

Accepted and Agreed:___________________________________________

Date: __________________

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Signature of Parent/Guardian: __________________________