Top Ten Reasons to Choose ESCA – Bishkek International School
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#3 Exceptional Teachers
#4 Extra-Curricular Activities
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Bishkek International School

#1
Leader in International Accreditation
First Authorised IB World School in Kyrgyz Republic

- From Sept 2016
  - IB Diploma for 16-19 year old
  - IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) for 11-13 year old
    - Expanding to cover 11-16 year old by 2018
  - IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) for 3-11 year old
- IB Diploma accredited – Authorization required prior to teaching
- IB PYP & MYP in process – Must be implemented before authorization. Accreditation expected in 2018
First school in KG to offer Cambridge accreditation for Kyrgyz students

- IGCSE for 14-16 year old
  - Multiple subjects available – students take from 5-10
  - Will offer both IGCSE and IB MYP in future

New England Association of Schools & Colleges
NEASC Commission on International Education (CIS)

- Eligibility visit Dec 2015 – approved for candidacy
- Candidacy – first visit planned Oct/Nov 2016
#2 Inspirational Learning Environment
#2: Inspirational Learning Environment

Parents tell us

• Students enjoy the happy, safe and supportive environment

• Students want to go to school – and don’t want to go home!

• A great place for students to learn

Laugh More – Learn More
Exceptional Teachers
#3: Exceptional Teachers

- Teachers from USA, Canada, Colombia, UK, Japan, France, Belgium, Poland & KG
- Strong academic background – PhDs, Masters
- Specialist teachers
- Low student/teacher ratio – individual attention
- Individual Education Plans & teaching support if needed
#4

Extra-Curricular Activities
#4: Extra-Curricular Activities

At school and off-site

- Wushu, chess, rock-climbing, basketball, baseball, tennis, film-making, crafts, cooking – and more!

From Sept 2016 – with certified coaches

- Soccer school
- Swimming school
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#5

Truly International
#5: Truly International

Students from 33 countries

- USA, Canada, UK, France, Germany, Japan, China, Korea, Australia – and many more countries
- Creative learning in a diverse environment
- English – the language of communication
- Effective EAL, from 1-on-1 support to full immersion
#6
Multilingual Students
Language Learning is a Priority

- English + 2 more languages for all students
- Support for own native language - mother tongue
- Also offer: Mandarin, French, Russian, Kyrgyz, & Japanese, with Spanish & German likely added in 2016
The Power of Community
Established by the Community for the Community

- Parents actively involved in school governance
- Open parent and school communication
- Joint commitment to success

We know that: “Together, anything is possible”
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#8

Fully Non-Profit Focused on Education
#7: Fully Non-Profit

A liberal secular non-profit school

- ‘Owned’ by the ‘community’, not a company or family
- Mission to improve education in the country
- Governing Board elected by Parents, Staff and Advisory Council
- Transparent governance and operations
  - Commitment to a strict ethics policy
  - Model taxpayer – based on publicly available data
- School fees cover operational costs, or are invested in school facilities or support scholarships

Providing excellent education is the only reason we exist
Quiet Central Location
#9: Quiet Central Location

- Not far from BGU on Manas-Gagarin
- But away from main roads in a safe and quiet residential housing area
- Largest outdoor play area of any international school in Bishkek
- Full size basketball court
- Real grass soccer field
Constant Improvement
#10: Constant Improvement

A culture of constant improvement for students and for all aspects of school facilities and operations

- Clearly visible in facilities improvement
  - Summer 2015: new buildings
    - 5 new classrooms + 2 new libraries + new ICT room & Science Lab
  - Summer 2016: building started
    - New multi-purpose hall for indoor sports and performances
    - Two large new library/media/ICT rooms
    - Two new science laboratories
    - Six new classrooms
    - New cafeteria style dining

We always work hard to be even better in future!
Buildings Summer 2015

Staff car-park and outbuildings June 2015

e-centre and outdoor play area Sept 2015

Extension to main school building

Foundations completed for 2016 building extension
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