



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS FOR SCHOOLS THAT ARE MEMBERS OF THE CIS ORGANIZATION

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Abstract: The Council of International Schools (CIS) is a membership community committed to high quality international education. The CIS community includes more than 1300 schools and universities, representing 123 countries. "As a leader in the field of school evaluation and accreditation worldwide, CIS provides a unique international accreditation with a focus on the development of students as global citizens. The quality and rigour of CIS International Accreditation is recognized by ministries, departments of education, and universities around the world as demonstration of a school's commitment to high quality international education and as a mark of quality assurance." The Council of International Schools (CIS) offers various benefits to member schools that enhance their educational quality and international standing.

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Graduates of four Presidential Schools will receive A-level certificates (certificate of advanced secondary education), which make it possible to enroll in universities in Great Britain and other countries of the world, along with local certificates of general secondary education. Presidential schools in Nukus, Khiva, Namangan, Tashkent and Nurafshon have simultaneously successfully passed accreditation of the Cambridge Assessment International Education and received the status of Cambridge International School.

Obtaining the status of Cambridge International School confirms that the curriculum and examination process of the Presidential Schools in Nukus, Khiva, Namangan, Tashkent meets the requirements and standards of the Cambridge curriculum.

A-Level is a curriculum, which envisaged by the British education system and leads to the receipt of a certificate of complete secondary education. Based on the results of their studies, students take exams and receive an A-level certificate. After that, certificate holders can go to university to get their first education (bachelor's degree). Based on the results of the A-Level

exams, the admissions committees of universities judge the knowledge and skills of the applicant and make a decision on enrollment in the university.

The Agency for Development of Presidential, Creative and Specialized Schools (PIIMA) under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the administration of Presidential Schools began preparations for Cambridge Assessment International Education accreditation in early 2020.

The accreditation process includes several stages. At the last stage, Cambridge Assessment International Education specialists visit the educational institution and make a decision on accreditation. In connection with the COVID-19 pandemic, British experts conducted a “virtual visits” to the Presidential Schools and gave a positive opinion on the accreditation of educational institutions.

- Obtaining the Cambridge Assessment International Education accreditation confirms that the students of the Presidential Schools receive knowledge in accordance with high standards. A bonus for our students will be that, based on the results of the exams, they can receive an A-level certificate, which enables our graduates to enroll in universities in Great Britain and other countries,” noted the director of the PIIMA Agency Khilola Umarova. It should be noted that interested persons, who study outside the system of PIIMA, can also register and take part in A-level exams, organized by the Presidential schools. Also, Presidential Schools have the opportunity to conduct International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) exams for students, who graduated from grade 9.

CIS accreditation shows that the school has achieved high standards of professional performance in international education and has a commitment to continuous improvement. The award of accreditation shows that the school:

- is devoted to its mission and vision for students;
- has thought deeply about the services it offers to students, family and community;
- invests the time and resources for validation from a globally-recognized accreditation authority;
- focuses on the quality of teaching, student learning, as well as student safeguarding and well-being;
- is committed to the development of the students’ global citizenship;
- has a philosophy of education suitable for its students;
- promises only what it can deliver;
- is open to regular evaluation by its own school community and peer evaluators;
- constantly seeks improvement in all areas of the school;
- plans strategically for the future.

Higher education institutions recognize that a CIS accredited school meets globally-recognized standards and promotes the values and skills that they are seeking in students. CIS International Accreditation is recognized by various government and non-government agencies in several countries.

Over 500 of the top universities in the world are part of the CIS membership community. They recognize and value the mark of CIS International Accreditation, targeting students who graduate from CIS accredited schools for admission to their institutions. This verifies CIS International Accreditation as a mark of high quality, and therefore, endorses

the quality and rigor of international education provided to student graduates of CIS accredited schools.

This organization effects teacher career such as:

1. **Accreditation and Quality Assurance:** CIS provides a rigorous accreditation process that helps schools evaluate and improve their educational practices, ensuring they meet high international standards.
2. **Professional Development:** Member schools gain access to a wide range of professional development opportunities for educators, including workshops, conferences, and online resources that promote best practices in international education.
3. **Networking Opportunities:** CIS facilitates connections between member schools, educators, and administrators worldwide, allowing for collaboration, sharing of resources, and support among international education professionals.
4. **Access to Resources:** Members benefit from a wealth of resources, including research, publications, and tools that assist in curriculum development, student assessment, and school management.
5. **Student Mobility:** CIS membership can enhance student mobility opportunities, providing students with pathways to study abroad and facilitating transitions between international schools.
6. **Global Recognition:** Being part of CIS enhances a school's reputation on a global scale, making it more attractive to prospective students and families seeking high-quality international education.
7. **Guidance on Best Practices:** CIS offers guidance on governance, leadership, and operational practices, helping schools to implement effective strategies for improvement and sustainability.
8. **Community Engagement:** Members are part of a global community committed to promoting international education values, fostering inclusivity, and encouraging cultural exchange.
9. **Consultative Services:** CIS provides consultative services to help schools navigate challenges related to international education, such as curriculum design and accreditation processes.
10. **Research and Advocacy:** CIS engages in research on trends in international education and advocates for the interests of its member schools at various levels.

Summary:

Overall, being a member of CIS allows schools to enhance their educational offerings, improve their operational effectiveness, and connect with a global network dedicated to excellence in international education.

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