

Ironi Hey High School, Haifa.

Who are we?

Ironi Hey High School Haifa was established in 1962 and has been the biggest public high school in Haifa since then. The number of students currently studying at Ironi Hey, both in the middle school and in the high school is about 1500. There are around 170 faculty members at school today.

The student population is quite diverse in terms of the socio-economic backgrounds.

The core values of our school are **academic excellence, social involvement** and a **respectful and sincere dialogue between educators and students**. We are committed to the **safety and well being** of each of the boys and girls who study at Ironi Hey.

In order to achieve all the above the school offers a variety of programs which take into account the different needs, capabilities, aspirations and goals of each student.

Ironi Hey has a proven record of **academic excellence especially in the fields of math and science**. We have taken upon ourselves to even raise the number of students who major in physics, math, computer science, biology, robotics and chemistry at an honors level much above the national level. We have already been **very successful** in that, especially in the fields of math, physics, and computer science. Ironi Hey has a magnet program for students

gifted in math. This is the joint program with the **Technion** in Haifa which starts in the middle school.

We take pride in the arts programs which are offered to our students: these are the **drama, art, and film and media classes**. Students can major in these classes at an honors level, too.

We encourage our students to become **young leaders** and volunteer within and outside the school community from the 7th to the 12th grades.

There are many socially oriented enriching programs at school. Here are a few examples:

We offer youth exchange programs with the **Goethe Gymnasium** in Bensheim, Germany and with **Gann Academy High School in Boston, USA**.

The connection with our sister school in Boston focuses on the values of Jewish and Israeli identity and provides a comprehensive experience for the students throughout the high school years.

In the senior year many of our students join the 8 day visit to Poland which takes place after a long process of learning about the Holocaust and about Jewish life in Europe prior to WW2 as well as about the lessons to be taught from this painful chapter in our history.

The school participates in the **Middle East Model U.N** program and the annual conference which takes place in the American International School in Israel.