



LOWER SCHOOL

In the Lower School at AISZ, our talented faculty and staff are passionate about creating authentic learning experiences that are child-centered and personalized. We believe that children learn best when they feel challenged, encouraged, and nurtured. Guided by what research tells us are best practices, we prepare students through a rigorous, inquiry-based academic program from Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5.

At the foundation of our program are the core academic disciplines of literacy, numeracy, science and social studies guided by AERO/Common Core/NGSS/C3 standards and supported by resources such as *Units of Study* from Teachers College and *Everyday Math*. In addition, we believe that art, counseling, music, and physical education are vital to educating the whole child. We also embrace the well-known benefits of language learning by providing instruction in Croatian and a family's choice of French or German. Further supporting children's development is an emphasis on social and emotional learning using *Responsive Classroom* to establish a caring community in which children feel safe and comfortable as they come together as learners.

AISZ takes safeguarding very seriously and we expect that all candidates complete our child safeguarding screening, background checks, and training. We also expect that references will be recent and that they will be contacted.