

İzmir Atatürk High School, which is the second of İzmir's oldest schools, was established in 1888 in the building where the old İzmir Courthouse, which is the Konak District Governor, is located today. The first principal of the school, which started education with 120 students as a 5-year high school, is Abdurrahman Efendi, a teacher of history and geography. The school, which was "İzmir High School" for 7 years in 1890, became "Mekteb-i Sultani" (high school) on 29 October 1910. He raised the youth of İzmir as "Mekteb-i Sultani" until the Republican era. Mekteb-i Sultani was evacuated during the occupation of İzmir by the Greeks and turned into a Greek Courthouse. After the liberation of İzmir, the building continued to be used as a courthouse by the Turkish Government. Upon this; "Mekteb-i Sultani" moved to the present building, which functions as the "Greek Girls' School" by the Greeks during the days of occupation. School in the Republican era; respectively; "İzmir Boys' High School"; It has taken the names "İzmir First Boys High School". In 1942, it was renamed as "İzmir Atatürk High School" at the request of President İsmet Pasha. Today's building was a 3-storey stone building without plaster when it was first used as a school. The school, which was one of the few buildings that survived during the big İzmir fire, was in a ruin. On the İzmir fire wreck, the symbol of the Municipality of İzmir, the Mayor of İzmir Boys High School. By Behçet Uz, the school has regained its garden today. İAL Museum", which was restored within the school; The historical documents belonging to the high school and the educational objects from the 1900s attract a lot of attention during the visits made by the schools. Museum; is on the agenda of the press with student trips.

"Pilaf Day" is organized every year in May with the participation of graduates. This event, which has been held since the 1930s, takes place with the participation of graduates from Turkey and abroad and the İzmir protocol. Every Pilaf Day, education, sports, science and art etc. to those who have been successful in their branches; "Success Awards" are given. President Gazi Mustafa Kemal, who visited İzmir Boys' High School on October 15, 1925, visited Mustafa Kemal, İzmir Boys' High School before Saturday afternoon of 01 February 1931. On the 15th of October 2015, the 90th anniversary of this visit, İAL Alumni Association and İAL Education Foundation and students from İAL went to Anıtkabir and made a "Return Visit" to Atatürk. This visit will be repeated in 2025 as the 100th Anniversary event. İAL Students created the Çanakkale Memorial Forest in Karşıyaka Örnekköy as an event of İAL Education Foundation on March 18, 1995.

İzmir Atatürk High School has been taking boarding students since its establishment and has been embracing the students in the surrounding districts for 132 years. In 2015, a student dormitory with a capacity of 150, built by our graduate in our campus, has been serving students for 5 years. The 80-student girls' pension, built by another philanthropist next to the men's pension, was put into service in 2018.

With the completion of these modern dormitories, students increased their preference to İzmir Atatürk High School. Students who have previously stayed in various out-of-school hostels and lost time on the roads have been able to meet the demand for dormitory.