



High School Academic Profile 2017-18



Hong Kong International School

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Mission

Dedicating our minds to inquiry, our hearts to compassion, and our lives to service and global understanding

An American-style education grounded in the Christian faith and respecting the spiritual lives of all

Vision

HKIS will be a leading place of learning that inspires a socially engaged community of collaborative, creative, and resilient learners dedicated to realizing their full potential.



Accreditation

Hong Kong International School is a member of the East Asia Regional Council of Schools and is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.



Students

HKIS enjoys a diverse student body committed equally to academic excellence and service around the world. HKIS students are noted for being active in the community, eager to learn, as well as ambitious and entrepreneurial. **The class of 2018 consists of 188 students from 24 different countries.** Nearly 100% of a typical class pursues tertiary study, over 80% of them at colleges and universities in the United States.



School Calendar

The school operates under a 180-day calendar, divided into two semesters. The first semester begins the third week of August and concludes mid-December. The second semester begins the second week of January and concludes early June.



Student Learning Results

In addition to providing a rigorous course of study, HKIS targets student growth in six domains: Academic Excellence, Spirituality, Character Development, Self-Motivated Learning, Contributing to Society, and Chinese Culture.



School and Community

Hong Kong International School, a private coeducational day school, serves students (Pre-K to Grade 12) in the international community who seek an American-style college preparatory education in a Christian setting. Students come from business, government, and professional families. HKIS serves over 2600 students, of whom 56% are from the United States, 6% are from Hong Kong, and 38% are from 40 other countries. 760 students are enrolled in the High School.



Faculty

HKIS attracts and retains an outstanding faculty, 73% of whom hold advanced degrees, by providing a vibrant work environment and exceptional professional development opportunities. The average tenure is 7.28 years. The faculty-student ratio is 1:10.



Interim

Interim is an annual 7-8 day off-campus experiential service and learning program for all four high school grade levels. Through its cultivation of communication and leadership skills, self-awareness and self-reliance, compassion and cross-cultural understanding, the program promotes student growth relative to the six Student Learning Results. The Interim experiences form an integral part of the high school curriculum, and annual participation is a graduation requirement for all students.

Counseling Practice & HKIS Policy on Early Plans

HKIS will support up to 10 college applications and counsels its students to use this allowance deliberately and wisely. In addition, HKIS limits the number of early plans to which students may apply; they may apply to one early decision and two early action or three early action plans. HKIS students understand that early decision is a global decision, and, should they be admitted under an early decision agreement, they must withdraw applications from all other institutions. The students are also aware that their college counselors will inform all other colleges to which applications have been submitted of those decisions.

In its observation of NACAC Best Practices, when asked, HKIS will, through established reporting structures, disclose to colleges and universities disciplinary infractions that result in out-of-school student suspensions.

All HKIS seniors complete the FERPA agreement online.

Advanced Placement Exam Results: *Subject*

Subject	5	4	3	2	1	Total Exams
Art History	1	8	4	2	--	15
Biology	15	21	6	1	--	42
Calculus AB	22	23	23	9	--	77
Calculus BC	21	5	3	1	--	30
Capstone Research	10	1	2	--	--	13
Capstone Seminar	5	9	26	2	--	42
Chemistry	43	19	8	4	--	74
Chinese Language	47	12	3	--	--	62
Computer Principles	2	--	2	--	--	4
Computer Science	8	3	4	1	1	17
English Language & Composition	30	19	18	2	--	69
English Literature & Composition	13	19	15	4	--	51
Environmental Science	11	17	6	3	--	37
European History	2	5	2	--	--	9
French Language	4	3	--	--	--	7
Government & Politics Comparative	18	12	8	2	--	40
Government & Politics US	13	8	10	9	3	43
Human Geography	10	16	7	2	1	36
Macroeconomics	77	33	11	4	--	125
Microeconomics	69	42	12	6	--	129
Physics I	8	8	1	--	--	17
Physics C: E & M	19	4	--	1	--	24
Physics C: Mechanics	24	--	--	--	--	24
Psychology	34	17	6	1	--	58
Spanish Language	2	3	5	2	--	12
Statistics	29	18	12	9	2	70
Studio Art 2D	9	5	2	--	--	16
United States History	6	3	2	--	--	11
World History	30	21	5	1	--	57

Class of 2018 Distribution of Six-Semester Cumulative Grade-Point Averages

GPA	Percent in Range
3.67-4.00	33%
3.33-3.66	45.5%
3.00-3.32	14%
2.66-2.99	7%
<2.66	0.5%

Grade Point Average & Class Rank

Hong Kong International School computes a student's Grade Point Average on a 4-point scale, using only grades earned at HKIS. HKIS neither weights grades nor uses percentage equivalents of letter grades. HKIS does not report rank in class.

Changes to Grading & Assessment Practices

Starting with the 2015-16 school year, the high school at Hong Kong International School moved to standards referenced grading and assessment. These practices explicitly address the students' performance according to the published learning standards of our curriculum, which is the approach to assessment and grading supported by the school-wide HKIS Shared Philosophy of Education statement.

There is no change in the rigor of the classes, nor in the ability to differentiate one HKIS student's performance from another. Grades more accurately demonstrate each student's knowledge, understanding and mastery of skills.

Grading Scale

Grade	Prev	Since 2015-16
A	4.0	4.0
A-	3.67	3.67
B+	3.33	3.33
B	3.0	3.0
B-	2.67	-
C+	2.33	-
C	2.0	2.33
C-	1.67	-
D+	1.33	-
D	1.0	1.33
D-	0.67	-
F	0.00	0.00

HKIS's Advanced Placement Policy

- 27 AP courses offered.
- Juniors & seniors are counseled to take no more than three AP credits a year.
- Students enrolled in an AP course must take the corresponding exam in May.

Advanced Placement Exam Results: Overall (2015-17)

	2015	2016	2017
Candidates	435	434	449
Exams Taken	1188	1193	1216
Percent of Exams that earned Passing Scores (3+)	92	94	94
Percent of Exams that earned a 4 or 5	76	77	77

Class of 2018 SAT Scores

Middle 50-Percentile Scores and Mean for SAT (1600) *122 students tested*

	Middle 50%	Mean
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	620-720	685
Reading	31-36	34
Writing	32-36	34
Mathematics	620-780	710
Math	31-39	36
Total	1290-1480	1380



Class of 2018: 50-Percentile Scores & Mean for SAT Subject Tests

SAT Subject Tests	Students	Score Range	Mean
Biology – Ecology	9	610-720	668
Biology – Molecular	18	740-800	753
Chemistry	59	680-800	731
Chinese with Listening	19	680-780	728
English Literature	14	570-660	621
French	1	–	600
French with Listening	1	–	720
German with Listening	1	–	750

SAT Subject Tests	Students	Score Range	Mean
Italian	1	–	780
Japanese with Listening	1	–	720
Math Level I	16	570-710	639
Math Level II	77	670-800	737
Physics	3	700-800	747
Spanish	2	460-630	545
U.S. History	4	680-800	755
World History	34	590-730	673

Academic Program

To earn a diploma, a student must earn a minimum of 22 credits distributed as follows: English (4), Mathematics (3), Science (2), Social Studies (2), Modern Languages (2), Religion (1.5), Fine Arts (1.5), P.E. (2), and electives sufficient to complete the 22 credits. Students must also complete an Interim experience and participate in a comprehensive counseling curriculum for each year of residency at HKIS. In the final two years of high school, each student must write and defend a Junior Research Paper and undertake and present a Senior Project.

ENGLISH

AP English Language & Composition (1)
AP English Literature & Composition (1)
Effective Speech Communication (.5)
Film: Critical Introduction (.5)
Junior English (1)
Journalism (.5)
Senior English: Asian or Western (1)
Senior English: Rhetoric of Non-Fiction (1)

MATHEMATICS

Advanced Algebra (1)
Advanced Algebra (Honors) (1)
Algebra (1)
AP Calculus AB (1)
AP Calculus BC (1)
AP Statistics (1)
Geometry (1)
Geometry (Honors) (1)
Math of Human Behavior (.5)
Mathematics of Architectural Design (.5)
Models in Math A & B (.5 each)
PreCalculus (1)
PreCalculus (Honors) (1)
Statistics (.5)
Topics in Advanced Mathematics (1)

SCIENCE

AP Biology (1)
AP Chemistry (1)
AP Environmental Science (1)
AP Physics I (1)
AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism (1)
AP Physics C: Mechanics (1)
Astronomy (.5)
Biology (1)
Biology (Honors) (1)
Chemistry (1)
Chemistry (Honors) (1)
Earth Science (.5)
Forensic Science (.5)
Human Biology / Sports Science (.5)
Physics (1)
Physics (Honors) (1)
Physical Science (1)
Marine Biology (.5)

SOCIAL STUDIES

AP Capstone Seminar (1)
AP Capstone Research (1)
AP European History (1)
AP Comparative Government and Politics (.5)
AP United States Government and Politics (.5)

AP Human Geography (1)
AP Macroeconomics (.5)
AP Microeconomics (.5)
AP Psychology (1)
AP United States History (1)
AP World History (1)
Asian History & Action: Cambodia (.5)
Business Leadership (.5)
International Business (.5)
Introduction to Psychology (.5)
Peace Studies (.5)
Young Women: Challenges & Empowerment (.5)

MODERN LANGUAGES

Chinese Language and Culture (1)
AP French Language and Culture (1)
AP Spanish Language and Culture (1)
French I-IV (1 each)
French Conversation & Culture (1)
French Language and Culture (Honors) (1)
Mandarin as a Second Language Foundation I & II (1 each)
Mandarin as a Second Language Intermediate I-III (1 each)
Mandarin as a Second Language Advanced I-II (1 each)
Mandarin as a Second Language Advanced Honors (1)
Mandarin for Near Native Learners I-VI (1 each)
Spanish I-IV (1 each)
Spanish Conversation and Culture (1)
Spanish Language and Culture (Honors) (1)

RELIGION

Applied Practices of Mindfulness (.5)
Biblical Traditions (.5)
Existentialism (.5)
Jesus Christ: Movie Star (.5)
Personal Spirituality Project (.5)
Service, Society and the Sacred (.5)
Spiritual Community (.5)
Spiritual Explorations (1)
World Religions (.5)

VISUAL ART, DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

3D Studio (.5)
2D Studio I-III (.5 each)
AP Art History (1)
AP Computer Principles (1)
AP Computer Science (1)
AP Studio Art 2D & 3D (1)
Art and Design Advanced Studio (.5)

Fashion Design I & II (.5 each)
Graphic Design I & II (.5 each)
Invent to Learn (.5)
Introduction to Game Design (.5)
Introduction to Programming (.5)
Photography & Digital Imaging I-III (.5 each)
Robotics I & II (.5)

PERFORMING ARTS

Concert Choir (.5 or 1)
Drama Workshop I & II (.5 each)
Drama Production – Play (.5)
Drama Production – Musical (.5)
Effective Speech Communication (.5)
Fine Arts Survey (.5)
Guitar I & II (.5 each)
Madrigal Singers (1)
Men's Choir (1)
Music Theory & Composition (.5)
Musical Theatre Workshop (.5)
Orchestra (.5)
Stagecraft for the Theater (.5)
String Ensemble (1)
Symphonic Band – Brass and Percussion (1)
Symphonic Band – Woodwind (1)
Wind Ensemble – Brass & Percussion (1)
Wind Ensemble – Woodwind (1)
Women's Choir (1)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education Grade 9 (.5)
Physical Education Grade 10 (.5)
Physical Education Grade 11 (.5)
Physical Education Grade 12 (.5)

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

(English and Social Studies Credit)
Humanities I (English/History) (1/1)
Humanities I in Action (English/History) (1/1)
Humanities II (English/U.S. History) (1/1)
Humanities III (English/History) (1/1)

LEARNING SUPPORT

Learning Strategies (.5)
Strategies for Self Advocacy (.25)

DEVELOPMENTAL GUIDANCE

Seminar Program Grade 9-12

GLOBAL ONLINE ACADEMY

Consortium of the world's leading independent schools using online platforms for classrooms.

College Matriculation 2015 – 2017

A team of eight counselors offers students personalized guidance to help them understand and articulate their own interests, needs and aspirations and to choose post-secondary experiences appropriate to that understanding. Nearly 100% of our graduates pursue tertiary study, over 80% of them at colleges and universities in the US. In the last three years, HKIS graduates have attended the following institutions:

U.S.A.

American University	2
Appalachian State University	1
Arcadia University	1
Auburn University	1
Babson College	1
Bard College	2
Barnard College	2
Baylor University	1
Bentley University	1
Bob Jones University	1
Boston College	4
Boston University	21
Brigham Young University	5
Brigham Young University, Idaho	1
Brown University	5
Bryn Mawr College	1
Canisius College	1
Carnegie Mellon University	7
Case Western Reserve University	4
Chapman University	2
Christopher Newport University	1
Claremont McKenna College	3
Clark University	1
Colby College	1
Colgate University	3
College of the Holy Cross	1
College of William and Mary	2
Colorado College	2
Colorado State University	1
Columbia University	5
Cornell University	12
Curry College	1
Dartmouth College	3
DePaul University	1
Drexel University	1
Duke University	2
Elon University	1
Emerson College	1
Emory University	3
Endicott University	1
Fordham University	6
Full Sail University	2
George Mason University	1
Georgetown University	10
Georgia Institute of Technology	1
Harvard University	4
Hofstra University	2
Illinois Wesleyan University	1
Indiana University at Bloomington	3
Johns Hopkins University	2
Kenyon College	1
Lafayette College	5
Lehigh University	1
Lipscomb University	2
Lourdes University	1
Loyola Marymount University	6
Loyola University Chicago	1
Macalester College	1
Marist College	1
Maryland Institute College of Art	1
Marymount California University	2
Marymount Manhattan College	1
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	3
Menlo College	1
Miami University, Oxford	1
Middlebury College	1
New York Institute of Technology	1
New York University	32
Northeastern University	15
Northwestern University	5
Occidental College	4
Pace University, New York City	2
Pennsylvania State University, all campuses	1
Pitzer College	4
Pomona College	1

Pratt Institute	1
Princeton University	7
Purdue University	9
Reed College	1
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	1
Rhode Island School of Design	2
Rhodes College	1
Rice University	1
Rochester Institute of Technology	2
Rutgers University-Newark	1
Saint Mary's College of California	1
Santa Clara University	3
San Jose State University	1
Savannah College of Art and Design	1
School of the Art Institute of Chicago	1
Sciences Po-Columbia University Dual BA Program	1
Scripps College	1
Skidmore College	2
St. Edward's University	1
St. John's University-Queens Campus	1
Suffolk University	2
SUNY Buffalo State College	1
Swarthmore College	1
Syracuse University	2
The College of Wooster	1
The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science & Art	1
The George Washington University	3
Parsons School of Design	6
The University of Alabama	1
The University of Arizona	1
Tufts University	5
Tulane University	1
United States Naval Academy	2
University of California, Berkeley	16
University of California, Davis	4
University of California, Irvine	2
University of California, Los Angeles	6
University of California, San Diego	2
University of California, Santa Barbara	1
University of California, Santa Cruz	2
University of Chicago	2
University of Colorado at Boulder	1
University of Hawaii at Manoa	2
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	4
University of La Verne	1
University of Massachusetts, Amherst	1
University of Miami	4
University of Michigan	7
University of Missouri, Columbia	1
University of Notre Dame	1
University of the Pacific	1
University of Pennsylvania	12
University of Portland	1
University of Redlands	1
University of Rhode Island	1
University of Richmond	1
University of Rochester	3
University of San Francisco	2
University of Southern California	20
University of Virginia	5
University of Washington	3
University of Washington, Bothell	1
University of Wisconsin-Madison	5
Villanova University	1
Virginia Tech	1
Wake Forest University	1
Washington University in St. Louis	2
Wellesley College	4
Westmont College	1
Wheaton College MA	1
Whittier College	1
Widener University	1
Williams College	1
Yale University	1

Other Countries

Australia

RMIT University	1
University of Melbourne	1
University of New South Wales	1

Canada

McGill University	2
Queen's University	3
Simon Fraser University	2
University of British Columbia	7
University of Guelph	1
University of Toronto	13

France

The American University of Paris	1
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Hong Kong

The Chinese University of Hong Kong	1
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	1
The Hong Kong University of Science & Technology	1
Savannah College of Art and Design, Hong Kong	2
The University of Hong Kong	2

Ireland

Dublin City University	2
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Japan

International Christian University	1
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Netherlands

Amsterdam University College	1
University College Maastricht	1

Singapore

La Salle College of Arts	1
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South Korea

Korea University	1
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Switzerland

Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne	1
University St. Gallen	1

U.K.

Durham University	4
Hult International Business School	1
Imperial College London	3
King's College London	3
London College of Fashion	1
London School of Economics and Political Science	1
Queen Mary University of London	2
Royal Holloway, University of London	2
St. George's, University of London	1
The University of Nottingham	1
The University of Warwick	2
University College London	5
University of Bath	2
University of Bristol	1
The University of Edinburgh	4
University of Exeter	1
University of Reading	1
University of St. Andrews	5
University of the Arts London	2
University of Surrey	1