



High School Academic Profile 2025-26



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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 2026 consists of 200 students from 20 different countries.** Nearly 100% of a typical class pursues tertiary study, approximately 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) who seek an American-style college preparatory education in a Christian setting. It is a WASC-accredited, American-curriculum school with English as its primary language of instruction. Students come from business, government, and professional families. HKIS serves over 3,100 students, of whom 39% are from the United States, 20% are from Hong Kong and 41% are from 48 other countries. 855 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 six to seven years. The faculty-student ratio is 1:11.



Interim

Interim is an annual 5 day off-campus experimental service and learning program for all High School students, and a graduation requirement. The program encourages student growth by cultivating communication and leadership skills, self-awareness and self-reliance, compassion, and cross-cultural understanding. The Interim experiences form an integral part of the High School curriculum.

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. 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 disclose to colleges and universities disciplinary infractions that result in out-of-school student suspensions.

All HKIS seniors complete the FERPA agreement online.

HKIS's Advanced Placement Policy

- 26 AP courses offered.
- G10 students are limited to 1.0 AP credits. G11 students are limited to 3.0 AP credits excluding World Language. G12 students must seek special permission from administrators to pursue more than 3.0 AP credits.
- Students enrolled in an AP course must take the corresponding exam in May.

Class of 2025 Advanced Placement Exam Results, by Subject

Subject	5	4	3	2	1	Total Exams
2D Art & Design	8	4	1	--	--	13
3D Art & Design	1	--	1	--	--	2
Art History	4	3	2	--	1	10
Biology	32	9	8	--	--	49
Calculus AB	29	20	12	10	--	71
Calculus BC	49	9	3	3	--	64
Chemistry	50	19	1	--	--	70
Chinese Language & Culture	60	22	4	--	--	86
Comparative Government & Politics	19	20	20	14	2	75
Computer Science A	8	5	2	--	--	15
Computer Science Principles	13	2	3	--	--	18
Drawing	--	1	--	--	--	1
English Language & Composition	56	52	26	6	--	140
English Literature & Composition	55	28	15	--	1	99
Environmental Science	20	30	8	3	1	62
European History	7	9	7	--	--	23
French Language & Culture	2	2	1	1	--	6
Human Geography	23	8	7	4	--	42
Macroeconomics	81	24	25	5	--	135
Microeconomics	70	36	19	9	1	135
Physics I	4	1	--	--	--	5
Physics II	6	11	4	1	--	22
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	15	6	2	--	1	24
Physics C: Mechanics	15	6	1	2	--	24
Psychology	56	22	7	2	1	88
Research	1	--	2	--	--	3
Seminar	1	5	2	--	--	8
Spanish Language & Culture	3	3	1	--	--	7
Statistics	42	24	15	1	2	84
United States Government & Politics	36	22	14	6	--	78
United States History	14	15	2	1	1	33
World History: Modern	33	8	3	--	--	44

Grading Scale

(until 2022-23 school year)		(from 2023-24 school year)	
Grade	GPA	Grade	GPA
A	4.0	A	4.0
A-	3.67	A-	3.67
B+	3.33	B+	3.33
B	3.0	B	3.0
C	2.33	B-	2.67
D	1.33	C+	2.33
F	0.00	C	2.0
		D	1.0
		F	0.00

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.

Grading & Assessment Practices

HKIS uses standards-based assessment to ensure that students demonstrate the expected knowledge and skills for the course. We communicate student learning using proficiency levels and, at the end of the course, a letter grade that is calculated based on students' proficiency levels. Students' behaviors (attendance, effort, participation, attitude) are reported separately from the academic grade.

Class of 2026 Distribution of Six-Semester Cumulative GPA

GPA	Percent in Range
3.8-4.00	30.15%
3.6-3.79	36.68%
3.4-3.59	21.11%
3.2-3.39	8.54%
<3.2	3.52%

Class of 2024-26 SAT Scores

Middle 50-Percentile Scores and Mean for SAT (1600)

	2024	2025	2026
# of Students tested	124	188	175
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	650-740 700	670-750 700	640-740 690
Mathematics	630-780 730	670-790 720	630-760 690

Class of 2024-26 ACT Scores

Middle 50-Percentile Scores and Mean for ACT (36)

	2024	2025	2026
# of Students tested	5	3	6
Reading	32-33 33	35-36 35	34-34 34
Science	31-36 33	36-36 36	35-36 35
Math	32-36 35	35-36 35	34-36 34
English	35-35 35	36-36 36	33-36 34
Composite	33-35 34	35-36 35	34-36 34

Advanced Placement Exam Results: Overall (2023-25)

	2023	2024	2025
Candidates	484	494	574
Exams Taken	1333	1405	1637
Percent of Exams that earned Passing Scores (3+)	95	95	95
Percent of Exams that earned a 4 or 5	82	82	79

Academic Program

To earn a diploma, a student must earn a minimum of 22 credits distributed as follows: English (4), Mathematics (3), Laboratory Science (2), Social Studies (2), World Languages (2), Art and Design and Performing Arts (1.5), Religion (1.5), P.E. (1.5) and electives sufficient to complete the 22 credits. P.E., Spiritual Explorations, Health, and Counseling Seminar are part of a Wellbeing Block that students take each year. In the final year of high school, each student will undertake and present a Senior Project.

ENGLISH

AP English Language & Composition (1)
AP English Literature & Composition (1)
Junior English (1)
Senior English (1)

MATHEMATICS

Advanced Algebra (1)
Advanced Algebra (Honors) (1)
Algebra 1 (1)
AP Calculus AB (1)
AP Calculus BC (1)
AP Statistics (1)
Applied Statistics (.5)
Calculus (1.0)
Foundations of Precalculus (1)
Geometry (1)
Geometry (Honors) (1)
Mathematics of Human Behavior (.5)
Math Advanced Topics (1)
Precalculus (1)
Precalculus (Honors) (1)

SCIENCE

AP Biology (1)
AP Chemistry (1)
AP Environmental Science (1)
AP Physics 1 (1)
AP Physics 2 (1)
AP Physics C: Electricity/Magnetism & Mechanics (1)
Biology (1)
Biology (Honors) (1)
Chemistry (1)
Chemistry (Honors) (1)
Earth & Space Science (1)
Forensic Science (.5)
Human Biology, Health & Sport (.5)
Introduction to Biotechnology (.5)
Introduction to Chemical Engineering (.5)
Physics (1)
Physics (Honors) (1)

SOCIAL STUDIES

AP Capstone Seminar (1)
AP Capstone Research (1)
AP European History (1)
AP Government & Politics (1)
AP Human Geography (1)
AP Economics (1)
AP Psychology (1)
AP United States History (1)
AP World History: Modern (1)
Advanced Research (1)
Business Leadership (.5)
Introduction to Psychology (.5)
Learning Service in Action: Hong Kong (.5)

WORLD LANGUAGE

Mandarin for Near Native Speakers (MNN)
Advanced Chinese Literature & History (1)
Mandarin for Near Native Speakers (MNN)
Advanced Chinese Literature & Society (1)
Mandarin for Near Native Speakers (MNN)
Chinese Language & Culture 1 to 5 (1 each)
Mandarin for Near Native Speakers (MNN)
Chinese Literature & Society (1)
AP Chinese Language & Culture (1)
Mandarin as a Second Language (MSL)
Chinese Advanced 1 to 2 (1 each)
Mandarin as a Second Language (MSL)
Chinese Intermediate 1 to 5 (1 each)
Mandarin as a Second Language (MSL)
Chinese Novice 1 to 2 (1 each)
AP French Language & Culture (1)
French Advanced (1)
French Intermediate 1 to 4 (1 each)
French Novice (1)
AP Spanish Language & Culture (1)
Spanish Advanced (1)
Spanish Intermediate 1 to 4 (1 each)
Spanish Novice (1)

RELIGION

Applied Practices of Mindfulness (.5)
Biblical Explorations (.5)
Christian Apologetics (.5)
Comparative Religions (.5)
Searching for Self (.5)

ART AND DESIGN

3D Form & Function (.5)
Art & Design Foundation (.5)
Advanced Computer Science Studio (1)
Advanced Film Photography (.5)
Advanced Painting (.5)
Advertising & Layout Design (.5)
AI and Machine Learning (1)
AP Art History (1)
AP Computer Science Principles (1)
AP Studio Art (1)
Architecture (.5)
Ceramics (.5)
Ceramics Advanced (.5)
Coding in Action (.5)
Digital Photography (.5)
Drawing & Painting (.5)
Fashion & Textiles Studio (.5)
Graphic Design (.5)
Independent Studio (.5)
Introduction to Fashion & Textiles (.5)
Introduction to Photography (.5)
Mobile App Development (.5)
Mobile Games Development (.5)
Product Design (.5)
Robotics (.5)
Spatial & Urban Design (.5)
Street Art (.5)

PERFORMING ARTS

Beginner Band (.5 or 1)
Chamber Strings (1)
Concert Choir (.5 or 1)
Drama Production – Musical (.5)
Drama Production – Play (.5)
Drama Workshop 1 & 2 (.5 each)
Drama Workshop Ensemble (.5)
Effective Speech (.5)
Madrigal Singers (1)
Men's Choir (1)
Orchestra (.25 or .5)
Performing Arts Student Leadership (.5)
Stagecraft (.5)
String Ensemble (1)
Symphonic Band – Brass, Percussion, Woodwinds (1 each)
Wind Ensemble – Brass, Percussion, Woodwinds (1 each)
Women's Choir (1)

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Humanities I (English/History) (1/1)
Humanities I in Action (English/History) (1/1)
Humanities II (English/History) (1/1)
Humanities II in Action (English/History) (1/1)

LEARNING SUPPORT

Learning Strategies (.5 or 1)

GLOBAL ONLINE ACADEMY

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

WELLBEING BLOCK

Physical Education Grade 9-12 (.5 each)
PE: Group Dynamics in Movement (.5)
PE: Individual Pursuits (.5)
Spiritual Exploration Grade 9-12 (.25 each)
Counseling Seminar Grade 9-12
Health Grade 9-12

LEADERSHIP STUDIES

Community Leadership (1)
Spiritual Community (.5 or 1)

FLEXIBLE STUDIES

Teaching Assistant (.5 or 1)
Independent Study (.5 or 1)
Hong Kong National Sport (.5)
Elementary Teaching Assistant (1 or 2)
Internship (.5 or 1)
Junior Option & Senior Option (1 or 2)

College Matriculation 2023 – 2025

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, approximately 80% of them at colleges and universities in the US. In the last three years, HKIS graduates have attended the following institutions:

United States

American University	2
Amherst College	1
Babson College	2
Barnard College	2
Bates College	2
Boston College	12
Boston University	22
Bowdoin College	3
Brandeis University	2
Brigham Young University	3
Brown University	3
Bryn Mawr College	1
California Polytechnic State University- San Luis Obispo	1
California State University-Northridge	1
Carleton College	1
Carnegie Mellon University	6
Case Western Reserve University	1
Claremont McKenna College	4
Clark University	1
Colby College	1
Colgate University	2
Colorado College	1
Columbia University	9
Cornell University	9
Dartmouth College	2
Denison University	1
Duke University	5
Emory University	18
Fordham University	5
George Washington University	3
Georgetown University	5
Harvard University	3
Harvey Mudd College	1
Haverford College	1
High Point University	1
Indiana University-Bloomington	1
James Madison University	2
Johns Hopkins University	6
Lehigh University	1
Loyola Marymount University	5
Meredith College	1
Michigan State University	1
Middle Georgia State University	1
Middlebury College	2
Minnesota State University Moorhead	1
Montana State University	1
Mount Holyoke College	1
New York University	38
Northeastern University	19
Northwestern University	6
Orange Coast College	1
Pace University	1
Parsons School of Design	1
Pasadena City College	1
Pomona College	2

Princeton University	1
Purdue University	5
Rhode Island School of Design	3
Rice University	3
Santa Clara University	2
Santa Monica College	1
Scripps College	3
Skidmore College	1
St Olaf College	1
Stanford University	7
Swarthmore College	1
Texas A & M University	1
The New School	2
Tufts University	9
University of California, Berkeley	15
University of California, Davis	6
University of California, Irvine	4
University of California, Los Angeles	9
University of California, San Diego	9
University of California, Santa Cruz	5
University of Chicago	7
University of Colorado at Boulder	1
University of Colorado Colorado Springs	1
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	2
University of Iowa	1
University of Kentucky	1
University of Maryland-College Park	1
University of Michigan	10
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities	1
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	1
University of Notre Dame	1
University of Pennsylvania	6
University of Richmond	1
University of Rochester	1
University of San Diego	2
University of San Francisco	1
University of Southern California	15
University of Washington-Seattle Campus	2
University of Wisconsin-Madison	3
Vanderbilt University	3
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	1
Washington University in St Louis	3
Wellesley College	3
Wesleyan University	5
Williams College	1
Yale University	1

Other Countries

Australia

The Australian National University	1
University of Sydney	2
University of Melbourne	1
University of New South Wales	1

Canada

McGill University	4
The University of British Columbia	12
Toronto Metropolitan University	1
University of Toronto	18
University of Victoria	2
University of Waterloo	1

China, Hong Kong SAR

The Chinese University of Hong Kong	1
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	1
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	6
The University of Hong Kong	3

Ireland

Trinity College Dublin	2
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Japan

Keio University	1
Ritsumeikan University	1
Waseda University	1

Netherlands

Erasmus University Rotterdam	1
Maastricht University	1

New Zealand

Queenstown Resort College	1
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South Korea

Seoul National University	1
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Spain

IE University	3
Les Roches - Spain Campus	1

United Kingdom

Cardiff University	1
Durham University	3
Imperial College London	1
King's College London	3
Kingston University	1
The University of Edinburgh	2
University College London	13
University of Bath	1
University of Cambridge	3
University of Glasgow	1
University of Oxford	1