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The School and Community

Hangzhou International School (HIS) is a non-profit, co-educational, inclusive day school established in 2002 to serve the children of foreign nationals in Grades EY-12 (ages 2-18). HIS is governed by a self-perpetuating Board of Directors and overseen by the International School Foundation (ISF). The 20,000m² campus is home to over 760 students with 160 students in the high school. Our students come from over 50 different nationalities and speak over 30 mother tongue languages.

The HIS Mission

The HIS mission is to provide international learners with opportunities to pursue academic and personal excellence in a caring community.

Accreditation and Authorization

Hangzhou International School (HIS) is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and is authorized as an IB Continuum School by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) to offer the Primary Years Programme (PYP), Middle Years Programme (MYP), and Diploma Programme (DP). All upper school students in Grades 6-12 follow IB MYP and DP coursework and the majority pursue the full IB Diploma. All qualifying students also receive an accredited HIS High School Diploma. The school year is divided into two semesters, running from August to December and January to June for 180 instructional days.

HIS High School Diploma

Students complete the required credits over four years to receive an HIS High School Diploma. Credit requirements are listed below:

• Language and Literature A	4	credits
• Language B	3	credits
• Social Studies	3	credits
• Sciences	3	credits
• Mathematics	3	credits
• Arts	2	credits
• Physical and Health Education (PHE)	2	credits
• Theory of Knowledge (TOK)	2	credits
• Electives	4	credits
Total	26	

Students must complete at least 4 credits of English Language A or B. Additional language and literature credits may be earned in other languages. Students must also complete non-credit Creativity, Action, & Service (CAS), Extended Essay (EE) or Senior Project, and graduation portfolio/presentation requirements

Assessment

HIS offers standardized assessments to prepare for college entrance exams. HIS is an exam center for the SAT and PSAT. Students regularly score above the global average. Faculty use IB criteria and rubrics to assess student attainment levels. External moderation validates the evaluation.

IB Diploma Program (IBDP)

The IB Diploma Programme (IBDP) is a two-year pre-university program which consists of six subjects (three at Higher Level and three at Standard Level), an Extended Essay (EE) of 4000 words, a Theory of Knowledge (TOK) course, and a required Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) component.

The IBDP is structured to provide students with a rigorous and balanced education, to facilitate geographic and cultural mobility, and to promote international understanding.

IBDP Courses

The following IBDP courses are offered at HIS:

Group 1 Language A:

- English Language & Literature SL & HL
- Chinese Language & Literature SL & HL
- School Supported Self-Taught Literature A (Korean, Spanish & German) SL

Group 4 Sciences:

- Biology SL & HL
- Chemistry SL & HL
- Physics SL & HL

Group 5 Mathematics

- Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation SL
- Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches SL & HL

Group 2 Language B:

- English SL & HL
- Chinese Ab Initio SL
- Spanish SL & HL
- French SL & HL

Group 6 Arts:

- Visual Arts SL & HL

Group 3 Individuals and Societies:

- Economics SL & HL
- History SL & HL
- Psychology SL & HL

Theory of Knowledge (TOK)





IBDP Results, Grades and Class Rank

HIS reports student achievement on assessments that are graded against clearly expressed criteria and rubrics. All assessment grades are reported using a 1-7 scale with a 3 being the minimum passing grade to receive credit. HIS does not provide a class rank for individual students and does not weight grades. Grade Point Averages (GPA) are not used for final calculations. The IB Diploma results for the last three years are posted below.

CLASS OF 2021		
5.89	37	100%
Average HIS subject grade	Average IB Diploma score for the cohort (IBDP global average score 33)	IB Diploma pass rate for the cohort

Grading Scale

Student reports indicate a 1-7 level mark as listed below:

Achievement Level	Descriptor	Class of 2021 Grade Distribution	Total Numerical
7	Exemplary	25%	73
6	Very Good	42%	
5	Good	25%	
4	Satisfactory	5%	
3	Passing	3%	
2	Unsatisfactory	0%	
1	Weak	0%	

Technology Access

HIS is a 1:1 Macbook school, using student laptops with school wifi coverage and online research access. The ManageBac platform allows for digital submission and documentation of student work, assessment, and communication.

Awards and Recognitions

Students at HIS are recognized with Principal's Honor Roll for achievement each semester. At the end of the year, faculty nominate students for HIS Community Awards including categories such as Inquirer, Communicator, Principled & Caring, Self-Management, and Perseverance. Students are also recognized for participation and achievement in athletics each year. Coaches recognize top players with yearly awards.

China Trip Explorations

Students at HIS participate in a yearly trip to different locations in China, including Guizhou, Inner Mongolia, and Yunnan provinces. They take part in community service projects, challenge themselves physically while exploring the different terrains of rural communities, and gain insight to the language and culture of the country. These curricular programs provide excellent opportunities for exploration and introduction to our host country culture.

HIS Extra Curricular Activities

HIS offers a wide range of extracurricular activities, sports, and creative programs to promote student development. Students take part in organizations such as Model United Nations, Global Issues Network, Student Council, Upper School Musical Ensemble, National Honor Society and more. Students also coordinate their own activities such as Cooking Club, Robotics Club, Chess Club, etc. Students are involved in service projects to area children's hospitals, environmental sites, and local organizations. Students help plan the annual Dragon Run 5k, which supports the migrant school Library Project through fundraising.

HIS Dragon Athletics

HIS Dragons are part of the ACAMIS, SISAC, SSL and HISAC athletic associations, allowing for competitive matches around China. Student athletes gain teamwork and leadership skills while taking top rank in local and regional tournaments. Varsity and junior-varsity sports include Badminton, Basketball, Soccer, Swimming, Table Tennis, Golf and Volleyball.

University Acceptances

United States of America

Arizona State University
Babson College
Berklee College of Music
Biola University
Boston College
Boston University
Buffalo State University
California College of Arts
Carnegie Mellon
Central Washington University
Cornell University
Cornish College of Arts
Emory University
Eugene Lang College
Evergreen State College
Fisher College
Florida Southern College
Fordham University
Georgetown University
Gonzaga University
Hawaii Pacific University
Indiana University Bloomington
Kapi Olani College
Loyola University Chicago
Maryland Institute College of Art
Menlo College
Miami University
Michigan State University
New Jersey Institute of Technology
New York University
Northeastern University
North Bennet Street School
Ohio State University
Oregon State University

Otis College of Art and Design
Parsons New School
Pepperdine University
Pennsylvania State University
Pitzer College
Pratt Institute
Portland State University
Purdue University
Rochester University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rutgers University
Saint Olaf University
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
School of Visual Arts New York
Seattle Central College
Seattle Pacific University
Seton Hall University
Spelman College
St. Louis University
St. Mary's University
Stony Brook University
Texas A&M University
The Evergreen State University
Tulane University
University of Arizona
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Davis
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Riverside
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado at Boulder

University of Connecticut
University of Georgia
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
University of Iowa
University of Laverne
University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Minnesota Twin Cities
University of Nebraska
University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
University of North Texas
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Oregon-Cascade
University of Pennsylvania
University of Portland
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
International Christian University
University of Tulsa
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin-Madison
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Vanderbilt University
Washington State University
Western Washington University
Westmont College
William and Mary University
Wheaton College (Illinois)

ASIA

Ateneo de Manila University
Busan National University
China Medical University-Shenyang
East China University
Chung An University
City University of Hong Kong
Hanyang University
Hong Kong University
Hong Kong University of Education
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
International Christian University
Korea University
Kyunghee University
Les Roches Jin Jiang International
Nanyang Technological University
National University of Singapore
New York University, Shanghai
Peking University
Ritsumeikan University Japan
Shanghai Jiao Tong University
SCAD Hong Kong
Seoul National University
Sungkyunkwan University
The University of Nottingham
Tsinghua University
Wenzhou-Kean University
Xi'an Jiao Tong University
Yonsei University
Zhejiang University

European Union

Aarhus Universitet
Avans University
Berlin Business School
Bocconi University of Milan
Copenhagen Business College
CODE University of Applied Sciences
Culinary Arts Academy
Design Academy Eindhoven
Erasmus University Rotterdam
EU Business School
Fontys University
Hanzehogeschool Academie Minerva
Hofstra University
International University of Geneva
Leiden University College, the Hague
LUISS University
NHL Stenden University
Nuova Accademia di Belle Art (Italy)
Queen Margaret University
Rijksuniversiteit Groningen
Saxion University
St. Louis University-Madrid
Syddansk Universitet
Technische Universität Dresden
Technische Universität München
Tilburg University
Toulouse Business School
University of Amsterdam
University of Geneva
University of Groningen
University of Zurich Swiss Business School
Universiteit Utrecht
Wirtschaftsuniversität, Vienna

United Kingdom

Aberystwyth University
Birkbeck University of London
Brunel University
Buckinghamshire New University
Cardiff University
Durham University
Falmouth University
Goldsmiths University of London
Imperial College London
King's College
King's University College
London School of Economics
London Metropolitan University
Manchester Metropolitan University
Newcastle University
Buckinghamshire New University
Oxford Brooks University
Portsmouth University
Queen Mary University
Roehampton University
Royal Holloway University of London
The University of Liverpool
The University of Manchester
The University of Nottingham

University College London
University of Bath
University of Bedfordshire
University of Birmingham
University of Bristol
University of Dundee
University of East London
University of Edinburgh
University of Essex
University of Kent
University of Leicester
University of Sheffield
University of Southampton
University of South Wales
University of Surrey
University of Sussex
University of Warwick
University of York

Australia

Deakin University
Griffith University
Monash University
RMIT
University of Melbourne
University of New South Wales
University of Queensland
University of Sydney
University of Technology
University of Technology Sydney

Canada

Nipissing University
Simon Fraser University
McGill University
Ryerson University
University of British Columbia
University of Toronto
University of Waterloo
University of Western Ontario



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