



# Nagoya International School

## 2017-2018 School Profile

*We empower our students to think creatively and critically, pursue lifelong learning and contribute positively to the global community.*

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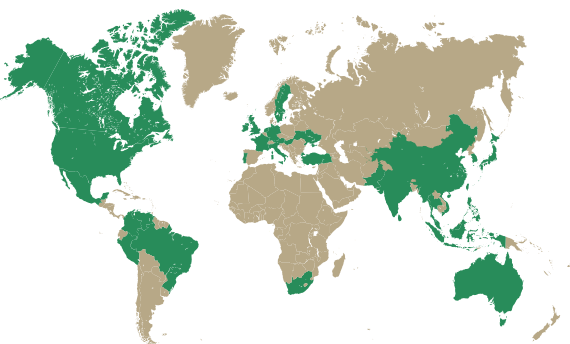
### Our School and Community

Nagoya International School (NIS) is an independent, non-profit, co-educational day school established in 1964 to serve the needs of the bicultural, international, and internationally-minded community of Nagoya, Japan, from preschool to grade 12. NIS is an inclusive school, and we enroll students with diverse gifts, talents and dreams who both benefit from the programs we offer and have the opportunity to achieve the objectives of our mission. NIS enrolls students from 35 countries.

The school is divided into two divisions, the *Primary School*, which includes the ELC Preschool/Kindergarten and the Elementary School, and the *Secondary School*, which encompasses the Middle School (gr. 6-8) and High School (gr. 9-12). The student population is approximately 500, of whom roughly 250 students are in pre-school through Grade 5; 100 in Grades 6 through 8, and 150 in Grades 9 through 12. The Secondary school (Grades 6-12) faculty consists of 45 teachers representing 11 different nationalities. School-wide, the student-teacher ratio is approximately 6:1.

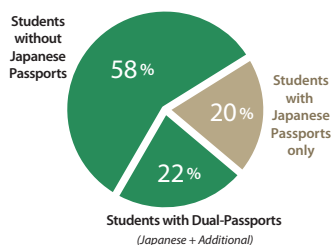
The 180-day school year is divided into two semesters, starting mid-August and finishing in mid-June.

**Student Nationalities** (as of Sept. 1, 2017 = 35)

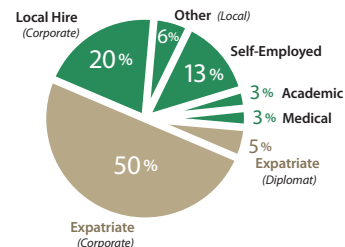


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Austria	Indonesia	Pakistan	Thailand
Brazil	Italy	Peru	Turkey
Canada	Japan	Philippines	UK
China	Korea	Portugal	Ukraine
Colombia	Malaysia	S. Africa	US
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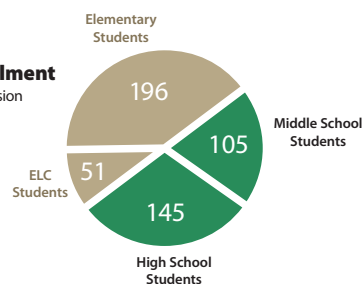
**Nationality Breakdown**



**Parent(s) Profession**



**Enrollment By Division**



### Accreditation, Curriculum and Activities

Nagoya International School (NIS) is accredited by the *Council of International Schools (CIS)* and the *Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)*. NIS is authorized by the *International Baccalaureate Organization* to teach the *IB Diploma Programme (DP)*, the *Middle Years Programme (MYP)* and the *Primary Years Programme (PYP)*. NIS was authorized in 2008 to teach the IB Diploma level. All students in Grades 11 and 12 follow IB Diploma Programme (IBDP) courses and more than 90% take the full IB Diploma. All qualifying students also receive an accredited NIS High School diploma.

NIS offers a wide range of extracurricular activities, including: Choir, Chess Club, Dolphin Wave Newspaper, NIS Homebuilders, Model United Nations, Musicals, Nagoya Honor Society, Red Cross, Robotics Team, Service Dog Club, Student Council and Yearbook. Sports include: Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Soccer, Softball, Tennis and Volleyball.

## IB Diploma Programme (IBDP) and Assessment

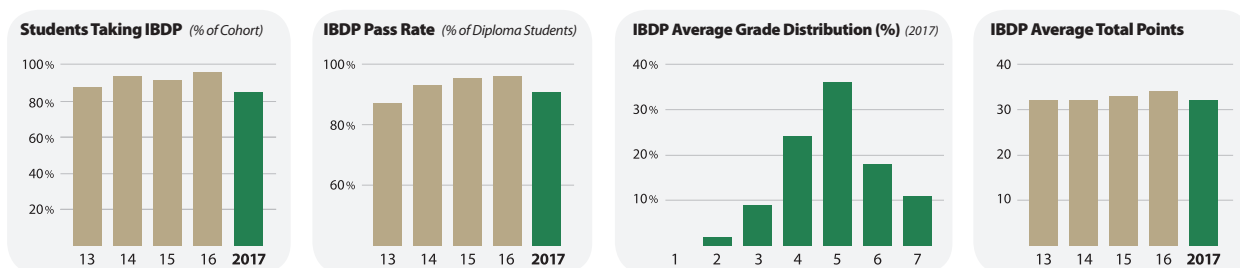
The IB Diploma Programme (IBDP) is a globally recognized two-year pre-university program which consists of six subjects (usually three at *Higher Level* and three at *Standard Level*), an Extended Essay of 4000 words, a *Theory of Knowledge* (TOK) course, and a required *Creativity, Action, Service* (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 and awareness. Courses are examined externally in May of Grade 12, but all have at least a 20% internally assessed component that is externally moderated. Each subject is graded on a 1 (minimum) through 7 (maximum) scale. The following courses are taught at IB *Higher Level* (HL) and at *Standard Level* (SL):

**Languages (A):** English Literature • English Language & Literature • Japanese Language & Literature    **Languages (B):** Japanese B, Japanese ab initio  
**Individuals & Societies:** Economics • History    **Experimental Sciences:** Biology • Physics • Chemistry  
**Mathematics:** Math Studies SL • Mathematics SL • Mathematics HL    **The Arts:** Visual Arts • Theater

\* Students are able to study additional accredited IB courses through Pomoja Education online

## IBDP Results, Grades, and Class Rank

The maximum IBDP score is 45 points (*six courses = maximum 42 points, plus 3 extra points for TOK and the Extended Essay*). All NIS students are encouraged to undertake the full IBDP, while in many schools the IBDP is selective. The pass rate average over the last six years was 94.0% with an average score of 33 out of 45 and an average point score per subject in 2017 of 5.10 (out of 7). This compares with a worldwide average approximated at 30 points and with a worldwide pass rate averaged at 79%. NIS teachers predict grades within a 1 point range for a 93% level of accuracy.



NIS reports grades according to the full IB assessment criteria based on the 7-point scale. This scale is applied at a developmentally appropriate level within the context of a two-year course in the case of the DP in Grades 11 & 12. Assessment criteria are rigorously upheld. Grades are issued at the end of each semester. Due to our belief in criteria-referenced education in which students are judged against their learning, rather than against each other, NIS does not provide class ranking.

GPA (Grade Point Average) is calculated as the average grade of all courses taken in High School. Only NIS semester grades will count towards a student's GPA; grades earned in other schools are not included in the NIS GPA. A student's GPA is calculated using the following conversion: **7** (A+/4.3), **6** (A or A-/4.0), **5** (B+, B or B-/3.3), **4** (C+, C, or C-/2.3), **3** (D+/1.3), **2** (D/1.0), **1** (F/0), **0** (I-F/0).

## University Acceptances (Classes of 2016 & 2017)

<b>US</b> Arizona State University Babson College Bates College Boston College (2) Boston University Brown University California Lutheran University California State Long Beach Colby College Colgate University Duke University Emory University Hofstra University Johns Hopkins University Kenyon College Lamar University Macalester College Middlebury College North Virginia Community College Northeastern University (2) Northwestern University (2) Occidental College (2) Oregon State University Pratt Institute	Purdue University Rutgers University Savannah College of Art & Design (2) Skidmore College Southern Methodist University Stanford University Temple University Texas A&M University Texas Christian University Texas Tech University The New School - Parsons University of Alabama University of California, Berkeley University of California, Irvine (2) University of California, Merced University of California, Riverside University of California, San Diego (2) University of Hawaii, Manoa University of Illinois, Urbana-C. University of Mississippi University of North Texas University of Oklahoma University of Oregon (2) University of Texas, Austin	University of Washington Vassar College Washington & Jefferson College Washington State University Washington University in St. Louis Wesleyan University Whittier College Wichita State University	University of Sussex University of the Arts London University of Warwick University of Westminster University of York  <b>CANADA</b> McGill University (2) McMaster University Ontario College of Art & Design Queen's University Quest University Seneca College Simon Fraser University University of British Columbia (3) University of Calgary University of Toronto (2) University of Waterloo  <b>JAPAN</b> Doshisha University Hosei University International Christian University (3) Keio University (10) Nagoya University	Okayama University (3) Osaka University Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Ritsumeikan University Sophia University (3) Temple University Waseda University (8) Yamanashi Gakuin University  <b>OTHER</b> Jacobs University (Germany) Leiden University College (Netherlands) Webster University (Austria) Seoul National University (2) (Korea) Yonsei University (2) (Korea) Chulalongkorn University (Thailand) Thammasat University (Thailand)
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