



SPRING BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**WESTCHESTER ACADEMY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**

**WILDCATS**  
 901 YORKCHESTER, HOUSTON, TX 77079

**Community & School Information**

| Student Enrollment | 2017-2018  |
|--------------------|------------|
| Seniors            | 161        |
| Juniors            | 141        |
| Sophomores         | 146        |
| Freshmen           | 161        |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>609</b> |

Westchester Academy for International Studies (WAIS) is a District sponsored charter school. WAIS provides a challenging, advanced level curriculum that helps students develop a global awareness including a focus on international relations and problem solving while delivering an advanced level curriculum. Instructors use a variety of teaching methods and promote a culture of college readiness and success.

WAIS offers an International Baccalaureate World School curriculum with an authorized Middle Years Programme for 6-10th grades, and both a Diploma Programme and Career Related Program for 11 and 12th grades.

Along with a rigorous curriculum, students develop an international perspective through exploring the languages, cultures, business environments, governments, fine arts and technologies of other countries to prepare for the global workforce. Creative thinking, reflection, and problem solving are integral components of all classes.

In addition to the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, students may take courses at Advanced Placement courses.

All 9th and 10th graders take English, math, science and social studies at Pre AP level.

**Spring Branch ISD reports class rank outside the top 10% only for those students who make a formal request to have it included on their transcript.**

**Grading & Ranking Procedures**

|              | GT/AP/DC/DE Pre-AP | Grade Level |
|--------------|--------------------|-------------|
| A = 90-100   | 7                  | 6           |
| B = 80-89    | 6                  | 5           |
| C = 75-79    | 5                  | 4           |
| D = 70-74    | 4                  | 3           |
| F = Below 70 | 0                  | 0           |

**Curriculum**

Students must complete the State of Texas Foundation High School Graduation Program with an Endorsement that requires a total of 26 credits as follows:

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| English            | 4 |
| Mathematics        | 4 |
| Science            | 4 |
| Social Studies     | 3 |
| World Languages    | 2 |
| Fine Arts          | 1 |
| Physical Education | 1 |
| Elective Credits   | 7 |

Students may select their endorsement from the following areas: STEM, Business and Industry, Public Service, Arts and Humanities, and Multidisciplinary Studies. Special permission is required to graduate on the Foundation Plan without an Endorsement that requires a total of 22 credits.

**Advanced Placement Courses**

English Language (English III)  
 English Literature (English IV)  
 Calculus AB  
 Statistics  
 Environmental Science  
 U.S. History  
 U.S. Government  
 Macroeconomics  
 Psychology  
 Spanish Language (Spanish IV)  
 Spanish Literature (Spanish V)  
 French Language  
 German Language  
 World History  
 Human Geography

**International Baccalaureate Courses**

English A Literature HL  
 History of the Americas HL  
 Mathematics SL/HL  
 Math Studies SL  
 Biology SL/HL  
 Chemistry SL/HL  
 Physics SL/HL  
 Computer Science SL/HL  
 French B SL/HL  
 Spanish A Literature SL/HL  
 Spanish B SL/HL  
 German A Literature SL/HL  
 German B SL/HL  
 Italian B SL/HL  
 Theatre Arts SL/HL  
 Visual Arts SL/HL  
 Music SL/HL  
 Theory of Knowledge  
 Personal & Professional Skills

## Test Score Information

| SAT      | Math | Reading | Total |
|----------|------|---------|-------|
| WAIS     | 533  | 531     | 1065  |
| Texas    | 507  | 512     | 1019  |
| National | 523  | 514     | 1037  |

| ACT      | English | Math | Reading | Science | Composite |
|----------|---------|------|---------|---------|-----------|
| WAIS     | 21.7    | 22.5 | 22.6    | 21.5    | 22.2      |
| Texas    | 19.5    | 20.7 | 21.1    | 20.9    | 20.7      |
| National | 20.3    | 20.7 | 21.4    | 21.0    | 21.0      |

| National Merit Recognition | 2017 | 2018 |
|----------------------------|------|------|
| Finalists                  | 00   | 01   |
| Semifinalists              | 01   | 00   |
| Commended Scholars         | 00   | 01   |
| National Hispanic Scholars | 02   | 00   |

| Advanced Placement              | 2017 | 2018 |
|---------------------------------|------|------|
| Total AP Students               | 228  | 270  |
| Number of Exams                 | 337  | 359  |
| % of AP Students with Scores 3+ | 59%  | 79%  |

| IB Diplomas & Certificates Awarded  | 2017 | 2018 |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|
| Diploma Candidates                  | 24   | 27   |
| Candidates Earning IB Diploma       | 16   | 19   |
| IB Career-Related Candidates        | 13   | 18   |
| IB Career-Related Diplomas          | 11   | 15   |
| Average Points Obtained             | 28   | 27.5 |
| Highest Diploma Points Awarded      | 34   | 38   |
| Course Certificates Earning 4 or 4+ | 62   | 62   |

World languages are encouraged at all grade levels. The District's career and technology center, The Guthrie Center, provides instruction in 12 popular career focus areas.

Students may earn college credit through the District's Early College Program by taking courses at Houston Community College.

WAIS provides a Secondary Dual Language Program option for students continuing from SBISD elementary schools' Two-Way Dual Language Programs.

WAIS uses an Alternating Block Schedule, 8 classes/semester; each class meets for 90 minutes on alternating days (Upper School only).

Semesters are 18 weeks with 9 week grading periods.

WAIS has earned distinctions from the Texas Education Agency in all four core subjects, post-secondary readiness, and for closing gaps. WAIS is regularly included in recognitions such as Best High Schools in Houston, Children At Risk; America's Best High Schools, U.S. News and World Report; and Best Charter High Schools, Niche.

## College Attendance History

WAIS graduates continue their education attending 4-year institutions, out-of-state colleges and the military.

|                           |                               |                             |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Angelina College          | Missouri U of Science & Tech. | Universidad de Catolica de  |
| Angelo State U            | Mount Holyoke College         | Murcia (Spain)              |
| Barnard College           | Northern Arizona U            | Universidad Vascode Quiroga |
| Baylor U                  | Oberlin College               | (Mexico)                    |
| Blinn College             | Ohio Wesleyan U               | Universidad de Guanajuato   |
| Bournemouth U (England)   | Our Lady of the Lake U        | (Mexico)                    |
| Brandeis U                | Parson's School of Design     | U of Aberdeen (Scotland)    |
| Bryn Mawr College         | Prairie View A&M              | U of Alabama                |
| Carleton College          | Regents U (London)            | U of Colorado               |
| Carnegie Mellon U         | Rice U                        | U of Economics in Prague    |
| Case Western Reserve U    | Sam Houston State U           | U of Houston-Clear Lake     |
| Concordia of Montreal     | San Diego State U             | U of Houston-Main           |
| Colorado School of Mines  | Santa Fe Community College    | U of Houston-Downtown       |
| Colorado State U          | Southern Methodist U          | U of Mary Hardin Baylor     |
| Duke U                    | Southwestern U                | U of North Texas            |
| Eckerd College            | St. Edwards U                 | U of Oklahoma               |
| Emory U                   | St. Mary's U                  | U of Rochester              |
| Houston Baptist U         | Stephen F. Austin State U     | U of St. Thomas (Houston)   |
| Houston Community College | Swarthmore College            | U of Texas-Austin           |
| Howard U                  | Syracuse U                    | U of Texas-Dallas           |
| Kari-Franzens U (Austria) | Texas A&M U                   | U of Texas-San Antonio      |
| Kettering U               | Texas A&M U-Corpus Christi    | U of Virginia               |
| King's College (London)   | Texas A&M U-Galveston         | U of Warwick (England)      |
| Knox College              | Texas A&M U-Kingsville        | Virginia Tech               |
| Lamar U                   | Texas Lutheran U              | Washington & Le U           |
| Lone Star College         | Texas Southern U              | Western Washington U        |
| Louisiana State U         | Texas State U                 | Wheaton College             |
| Loyola U of Chicago       | Texas Tech U                  |                             |
| McGill U (Canada)         | Trinity U                     |                             |

## Contact Information

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