

University and College Placement

Zurich International School graduates (2016–2018) have been offered admission to leading institutions worldwide including:



United States
 Allegheny College
 Allegheny College
 American University
 Amherst College
 Arizona State University
 Babson College
 Bard College
 Barnard College
 Bentley University
 Berklee College of Music
 Boston University
 Brown University
 Bryant University
 Bucknell University
 California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
 Calvin College
 Case Western Reserve University
 Chapman University
 Claremont McKenna College
 Clark University
 Clemson University
 Colgate University
 College of William and Mary
 Columbia University
 Concordia University – Irvine
 Cornell University
 Dartmouth College
 Davidson College
 DePaul University
 Drexel University
 Duke University
 Eckerd College
 Elon University
 Emerson College
 Fairfield University
 Florida Institute of Technology
 Fordham University
 Furman University
 Georgetown University
 Georgia Institute of Technology
 Gettysburg College
 Haverford College
 Hofstra University
 Indiana University at Bloomington
 Ithaca College
 Johnson & Wales University, Providence
 Keene State College
 Kenyon College
 Loyola Marymount University
 Lynn University
 Manhattan College
 Marist College
 Marymount California University
 Marymount Manhattan College
 Merrimack College
 Miami University, Oxford
 Michigan State University
 Muhlenberg College
 New Jersey Institute of Technology
 New Mexico Military Institute
 New York University
 North Carolina State University
 Northeastern University
 Northwestern University
 Pace University, New York City
 Pennsylvania State University
 Pennsylvania State University – Abington
 Pomona College
 Princeton University
 Purdue University
 Quinnipiac University
 Reed College

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Rhode Island School of Design
 Rochester Institute of Technology
 Saint Joseph's University
 San Francisco State University
 Santa Clara University
 Santa Monica College
 Savannah College of Art and Design
 School of the Art Institute of Chicago
 School of Visual Arts
 Seton Hall University
 Smith College
 Southern Methodist University
 St. John's University
 Stevens Institute of Technology
 Suffolk University
 Syracuse University
 Temple University
 Texas A & M University
 Texas Tech University
 The College of New Jersey
 The George Washington University
 The Ohio State University
 The University of Alabama
 The University of Arizona
 Towson University
 Trinity University
 Tufts University
 Tulane University
 University of California, Berkeley
 University of Colorado, at Boulder
 University of Colorado, at Denver
 University of Connecticut
 University of Delaware
 University of Georgia
 University of Illinois, at Chicago
 University of Illinois, at Urbana-Champaign
 University of Maryland, College Park
 University of Massachusetts, Amherst
 University of Miami
 University of Michigan
 University of Missouri Columbia
 University of New Haven
 University of Oregon
 University of Rhode Island
 University of San Francisco
 University of Southern California
 University of Southern Maine
 University of Tennessee, Knoxville
 University of Vermont
 University of Virginia
 University of Wisconsin, Madison
 Vanderbilt University
 Wake Forest University
 Washington and Jefferson College
 Washington State University
 Washington University in St. Louis
 Wesleyan University
 Westmont College
 Wheaton College MA
 Whitman College

Whittier College
 Williams College
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute
United Kingdom
 Aberystwyth University
 Anglia Ruskin University
 Arts University Bournemouth
 Aston University
 Bangor University
 Bath Spa University
 Birkbeck, University of London
 Bournemouth University
 British and Irish Modern Music Institute
 Brunel University London
 Canterbury Christ Church University
 Cardiff University
 Cass Business School, City University, London
 Central Film School London
 City University of London
 Coventry University
 De Montfort University
 Durham University
 Edinburgh College
 Edinburgh Napier University
 European Business School, London
 Falmouth University
 Glyndwr University
 Goldsmiths, University of London
 Heriot-Watt University
 Hult International Business School – London
 Imperial College London
 Keele University
 King's College London
 Kingston University
 Lancaster University
 Leeds College of Art & Design
 Leeds College of Music
 London College of Communication
 London Metropolitan University
 London South Bank University
 Loughborough University
 Manchester Metropolitan University
 Manchester University
 Manchester University
 New College of the Humanities
 Newcastle University
 Nottingham Trent University
 Oxford Brookes University
 Pearson College
 Queen Margaret University
 Queen Mary University of London
 Regent's University London
 Richmond, The American International University in London
 Robert Gordon University
 Royal Holloway, University of London
 Royal Veterinary College
 SAE Institute London
 School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
 Southampton Solent University
 St George's, University of London
 St Mary's University, Twickenham, London
 Staffordshire University
 Swansea University
 The Academy of Contemporary Music

The London School of Economics and Political Science
 The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama
 The University of Buckingham
 The University of Edinburgh
 The University of Manchester
 The University of Northampton
 The University of Nottingham
 The University of Sheffield
 The University of Warwick
 The University of Winchester
 University College Birmingham
 University College London
 University of Aberdeen
 University of Bath
 University of Bedfordshire
 University of Birmingham
 University of Bradford
 University of Brighton
 University of Bristol
 University of Cambridge
 University of Central Lancashire
 University of Chester
 University of Derby
 University of Dundee
 University of East Anglia
 University of East London
 University of Essex
 University of Exeter
 University of Glasgow
 University of Gloucestershire
 University of Greenwich
 University of Hertfordshire
 University of Kent
 University of Leeds
 University of Leicester
 University of Liverpool
 University of Oxford
 University of Plymouth
 University of Portsmouth
 University of Reading
 University of Roehampton
 University of Salford
 University of Southampton
 University of St Andrews
 University of Stirling
 University of Surrey
 University of Sussex
 University of the Arts London
 University of the West of England
 University of West London
 University of Westminster
 University of York



Czech Republic
 Charles University
Denmark
 Copenhagen Business School
France
 The American University of Paris
Germany
 Carl Benz School of Engineering
 Ludwig Maximilians Universität Munich
Israel
 IDC Herzliya – Raphael Recanati International School
Italy
 John Cabot University
 The American University of Rome
 Università Bocconi
Netherlands
 Amsterdam Fashion Institute
 Amsterdam University College
 Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam
 Hogeschool Utrecht
 Hotelschool The Hague
 HZ University of Applied Sciences
 Leiden University College The Hague
 Maastricht Hotel Management School
 NHTV Internationaal Hoger Onderwijs Breda
 Rijksuniversiteit Groningen
 Technische Universiteit Delft
 Technische Universiteit Eindhoven
 The Amsterdam Fashion Academy
 Tilburg University
 Universiteit Leiden
 Universiteit Maastricht
 Universiteit van Amsterdam
 University College Utrecht
 Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
Poland
 Warsaw School of Economics
Spain
 CEU Cardenal Herrera University
 Escuela Superior de Admistrac (ESADE)
 IE University – Madrid
 IE University – Segovia
 Instituto de Empresa Business School
 Saint Louis University, Madrid
Switzerland
 École hôtelière de Lausanne
 École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne
 ETH (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology) Zurich
 Franklin University Switzerland
 Glion Institute of Higher Education
 Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts
 Universität St. Gallen
 University of Zurich
 Webster University (Geneva)



Profile 2018/19 for Colleges and Universities

Mission and Philosophy

We are a learning community of students, faculty, staff, and parents. At Zurich International School (ZIS), educational excellence commits us to: **Learn, Care, Challenge, Lead.**

The School

ZIS is a leading non-profit day school offering a comprehensive education program for students ages 3–18. We are **an inclusive school with an open admission policy** that serves mainly the transient expatriate population in the greater Zurich area. Our **four campuses** hold approximately **1,300 students** representing over **55 countries** and more than **40 mother tongue languages**.

Upper School Faculty

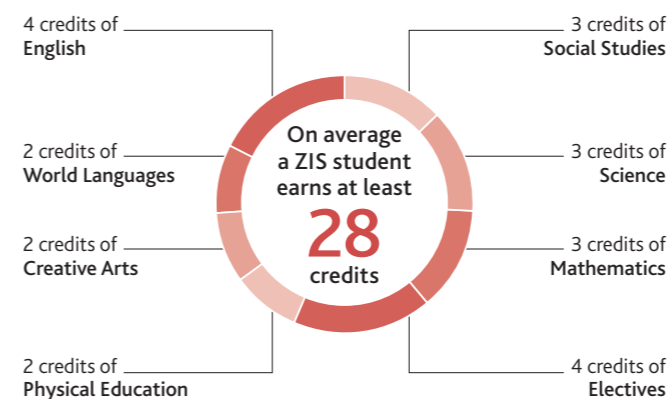
The 72 Upper School full-time and part-time faculty have an **average of 17 years teaching experience** and over six years with the school. **73% hold MA/MS or higher degrees**, and most have taught at other international schools throughout the world. Native speakers teach our world language courses.

Curriculum

All students work toward earning a ZIS Upper School Diploma. The school offers the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme, Advanced Placement (AP) courses, or ZIS Upper School courses. All students have the option to choose which academic pathway they wish to pursue. **The language of instruction is English.**

ZIS has a technology-rich learning environment. The integration of technology into the curriculum is a priority and is based on the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Standards.

Minimum Graduation Requirements (23 credits)



ZIS Upper School Campus at a Glance

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University and Career Counselors:	Rich Modica, M Ed Leanda Wood, M Ed
Counseling Admin. Assoc.:	Reina Pace rmpace@zis.ch

514
Students in Grades 9–12

141
Students in our senior class (2019)

73
Number of AP and IB courses on offer in 2018/19

Accreditation/Memberships

ZIS is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School and is accredited by both the Council of International Schools (CIS) and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) in the United States. ZIS is also approved by the Department of Education of the Canton of Zurich. ZIS is a member of the Educational Collaborative for International Schools (ECIS) and the Swiss Group of International Schools (SGIS).



Class of 2018 University Destinations (126 students)



United Kingdom (40%)
 United States (18%)
 Europe (15%)
 Other or gap year (15%)
 Switzerland (10%)
 Canada (2%)

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ZIS Upper School Programs and Grading

As a school with an open admission policy, ZIS has an academically diverse student population with a range of abilities. Learning Support and English as an Additional Language (EAL) support is available at all grades. In Grades 11 and 12, students can choose to enroll in either the IB Diploma Programme, AP courses, and/or ZIS Upper School courses. All students enrolled in IB/AP courses are required to take the external exam.

Academic Pathways Offered

ZIS offers multiple academic pathways. Students can take Advanced Placement courses, High School Courses, or IB Diploma courses. **We value our Advanced Placement and IB pathways equally.** This is reflected in our academic advising and in our student course choices.

Access to Advanced Placement, Honors and Higher Level IB Courses

ZIS **limits access to Honors and AP courses for students in Grades 9 and 10.** Therefore, it is rare to see these classes on a ZIS transcript prior to Grade 11. **We also strongly discourage 4 HL courses in the IB Diploma.** Therefore, it is unusual to see 4 HL courses.

Policy for Reporting Disciplinary History

ZIS will report to universities any out of school suspensions and expulsions that take place during Grades 9–12. We will also notify institutions about any changes to enrolment status.

SAT, SAT Subject and ACT Tests

In recent years, and particularly this year, our students have had less access to SAT, SAT Subject and ACT tests because of fewer test dates abroad, fewer sites offering the test, and technology difficulties. We ask that higher education institutions take this into account when evaluating our students' applications.

Grade Point Average (GPA) and Class Rank

Due to the international and frequently changing composition of the student body (average stay is three years) only ZIS grades will be used to calculate a GPA. **ZIS grade point averages are not cumulative.** ZIS does not rank students.

ZIS Grading Scale and General Grade Descriptors

A 4.0 scale is used to calculate a student's Grade Point Average (GPA). Please note that **no additional GPA weighting is provided** for any IB HL/SL, AP, or Honors course in any grade at ZIS. ZIS does not weight grades.

A	A (4.00)	A- (3.67)
"A" Demonstrates an intellectual command of the subject. This includes mastery of techniques, skills, and knowledge, as well as the ability to integrate and to synthesize knowledge. The student shows initiative; describes and exhibits various ways of seeing; thinks critically and analytically; and must be able to work well independently and in groups.		
B	B+ (3.33)	B- (2.67)
"B" Produces work which shows a mastery of the basic skills and concepts of the material, as well as moments of insight, understanding and independence of inquiry.		
C	C+ (2.33)	C- (1.67)
"C" Demonstrates competent work in understanding and using the skills and concepts of the course. Reveals a sound enough grasp of facts and a sufficiently mature attitude to pursue the next course level (possible exception: World Languages and Mathematics).		
D	D+ (1.33)	D- (0.67)
"D" Represents limited understanding of the course content and unless extra work or effort is given, student will probably not be able to succeed at the next level of the course.		
F	F (below 0.67)	
"F" Displays poor understanding and achievement; insufficient for the student to attempt the next course level without remedial work.		

ZIS Upper School Courses

- **Creative Arts:** Foundation Art & Design, Studio Art, Digital Photography, Graphic Design, Choir, Concert Band, String Ensemble, Creative Music, Music Studio, Actors Workshop, Essential Theater, Acting & Directing
- **English:** English 9–12, EAL 9/10, Digital Journalism, Grade 9 Humanities
- **Mathematics:** Math 9, Math 9 Honors, Applied Math 9, Math 10, Math 10 Honors, Applied Math 10, Algebra II/Trigonometry, Business Math, Advanced Functions, Geometry/Statistics
- **Physical Education:** Physical Education/Health 9–12, Grade 10 Competitive Games & Fitness, Fitness & Wellness
- **Science:** Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Honors Biology, Honors Chemistry, Coordinated Science I–II, Applied Design
- **Social Studies:** History I–II, Art History, Philosophy, Environmental Economics
- **World Languages:** German I–IV, French I–IV, Spanish I–IV, German for Fluent Speakers, Spanish for Fluent Speakers, French for Fluent Speakers

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

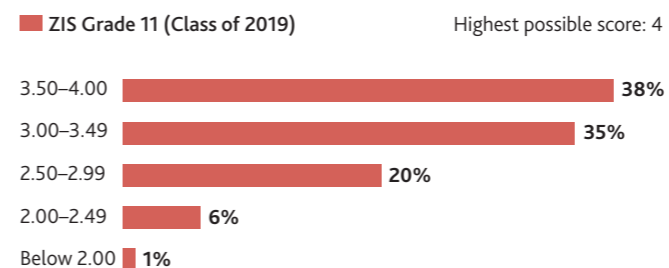
- AP Courses at ZIS:**
- **Arts:** Studio Art Drawing, 2D Design, 3D Design, Music Theory
 - **English:** Language & Composition, Literature & Composition
 - **Mathematics:** Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, Computer Science
 - **Science:** Biology, Chemistry, Physics 1, Physics 2
 - **Social Studies:** European History, United States History, World History, Art History, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, Seminar, Research
 - **World Languages:** German, French, Spanish

International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme

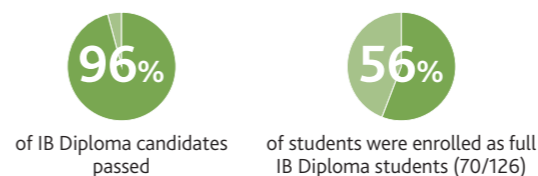
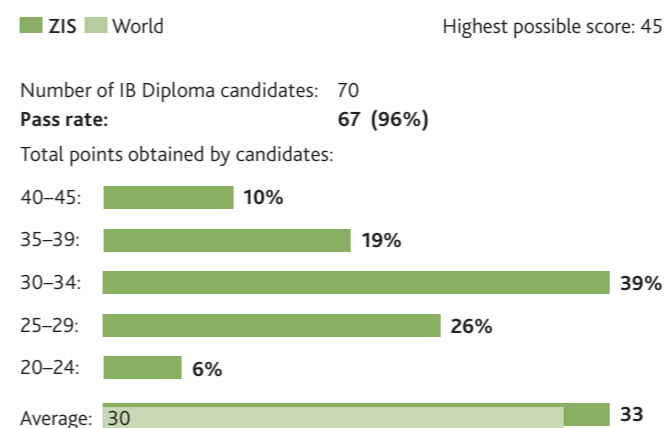
- IB Courses at ZIS:**
- **Group 1, Studies in Language and Literature:** English A: Literature HL/SL, English A: Language & Literature HL/SL, French A: Language & Literature HL/SL, German A: Literature HL/SL, German A: Language & Literature HL/SL, Spanish A: Language & Literature HL/SL
 - **Group 2, Language Acquisition:** French Ab Initio SL, French B HL/SL, German B HL/SL, Spanish Ab Initio, Spanish B HL/SL
 - **Group 3, Individuals & Societies:** Economics HL/SL, Geography HL/SL, History HL/SL, Philosophy HL/SL, Psychology HL/SL
 - **Group 4, Experimental Sciences:** Biology HL/SL, Chemistry HL/SL, Physics HL/SL, Environmental Systems and Societies SL, Sports, Exercise & Health Science SL
 - **Group 5, Mathematics:** Math Studies SL, Mathematics HL/SL
 - **Group 6, Arts:** Music HL/SL, Theatre HL/SL, Visual Arts HL/SL

Results at a Glance

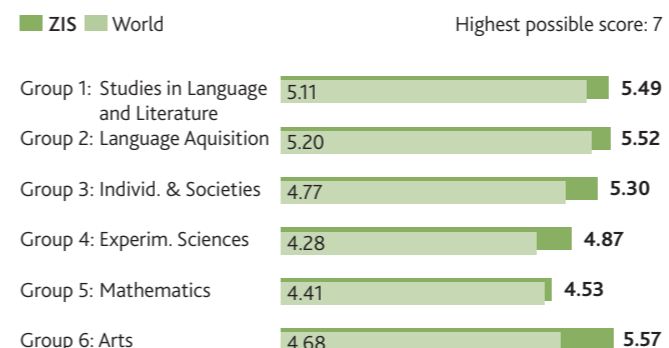
Grade 11 Final Unweighted Grade Point Average (GPA) Distribution for Class of 2019



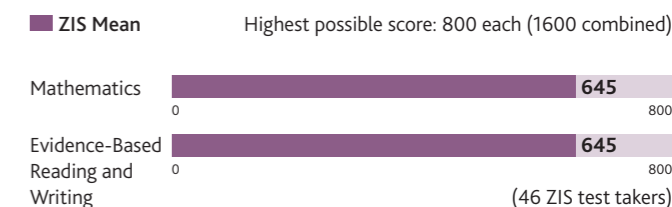
International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Results 2018



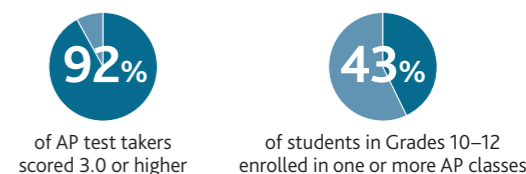
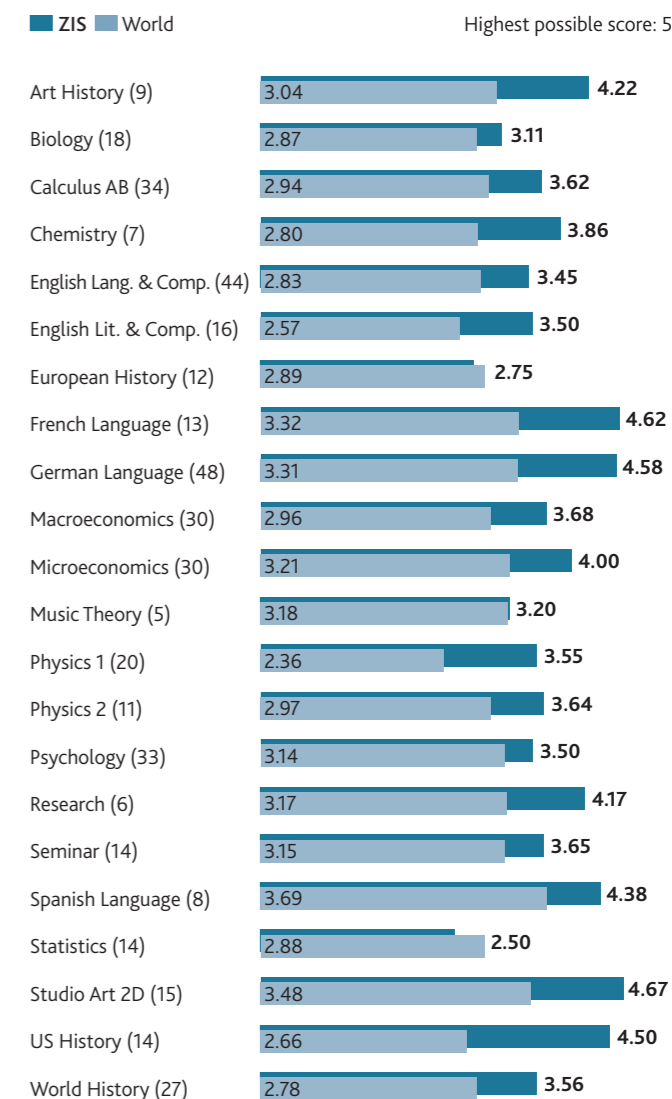
Average International Baccalaureate (IB) Scores by Subject Groups 2018



SAT Reasoning Scores ZIS Class of 2019



Average Advanced Placement (AP) Subject Scores World and ZIS 2018



- All grades reported for subjects with five or more ZIS students
- All scores include ZIS test candidates in Grades 10, 11 and 12
- Number in brackets indicates the number of candidates who sat the exam