



Seoul International School  
**Annual Report**  
2016-2017



## Mission

Seoul International School develops inquisitive, independent thinkers and collaborative learners, who acquire the essential knowledge necessary to be caring and creative contributors to the world around them.

## Vision

Seoul International School will foster an earnest passion for learning that inspires students to work with others in creating a better world for all.

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Since 1973

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# Leadership Team

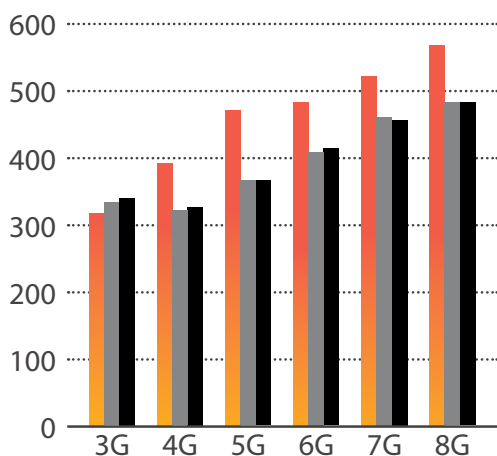
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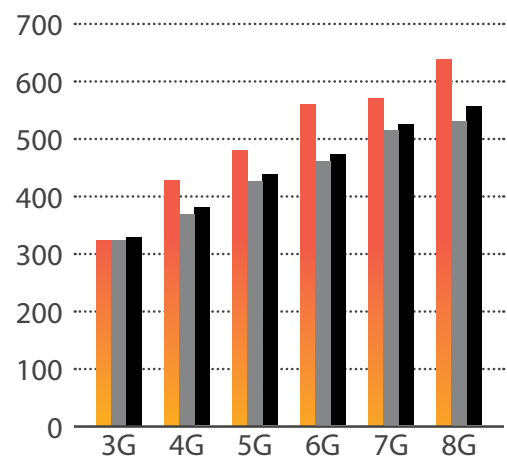


# International Schools' Assessment

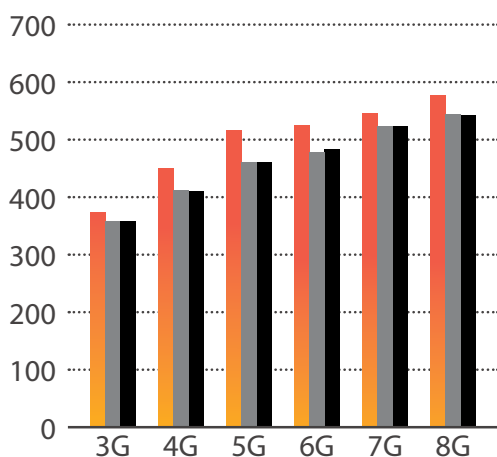
The ISA assessment program is designed especially for students in international schools in grades 3 to 10. It is based on the internationally endorsed reading, writing, mathematical literacy, and scientific literacy frameworks of the OECD's Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA). It is used at Seoul International School (SIS) to measure and improve student achievement.



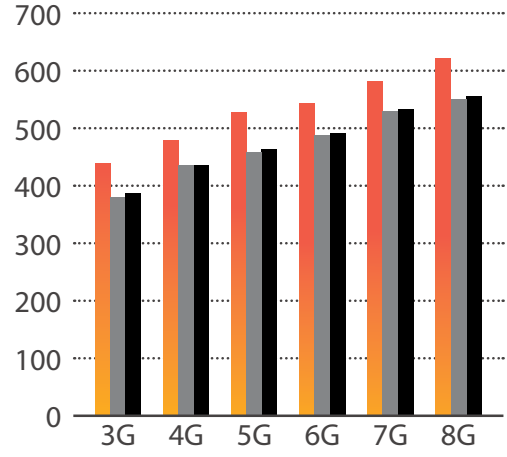
ISA Reading Results



ISA Math Writing



ISA Narrative Writing



ISA Expository Writing

SIS Average
  All ISA Schools
  Schools Like SIS

# SAT Results



The SAT is a standardized test widely used for college admissions in the United States. The SAT Subject and SAT Tests are offered at school six times a year. Scores may range from 200 to 800.

# SAT

## SIS Average SAT Subject Scores

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Literature	676	*	698	720	711
US History	739	717	763	760	741
World History	729	703	690	705	723
Math 2	785	776	780	783	778
Biology - Ecology	*	*	*	753	705
Biology - Molecular	733	757	768	752	787
Chemistry	757	749	753	755	776
Physics	748	742	772	768	742
Chinese	*	*	735	755	*

\* Not enough test takers to produce an average score.

## SIS Average SAT Scores

	2017
Critical Reading and Writing	695
Math	765
Combined	1460

Due to 2016-17 being the first full year of redesigned SAT, we do not have relevant historical data for our SAT performance. Below are the SIS averages on the redesigned SAT



# Advanced Placement

Advanced Placement (AP) is a program used in the United States, Canada, and international schools, created by the College Board, which offers college-level curricula and examinations to high school students. Post-secondary schools typically consider a score of 3 or better a passing grade at the collegiate level.



2017 AP Results	
Number of AP courses offered	22
Number of students taking at least 1 AP course*	296
Number of AP exams written	852
Number of exams with a score of 5	612
Number of exams with a score of 4	

\* Students in grades 10-12 are eligible for AP classes



# National Merit Scholarships

Of the more than 1,000,000 eligible juniors who take the PSAT in October each year, 50,000 students worldwide are recognized for their high scores. 16,000 of those 50,000 students are designated National Merit Scholarship Finalists. These finalists complete a lengthy application that they submit with their SAT scores and endorsements from their high school. The National Merit Scholars are selected from this group. Seoul International students compete in the most competitive group - students from American schools abroad. Below is a table showing Seoul International School results for the past five years.



Year	Finalists	Scholars
2013	1	0
2014	7	1
2015	7	1
2016	3	1
2017	9	1



# School Events 2016-17

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The school year was filled with many special events including the wonderful musical concerts, drama productions and student art exhibits.

- Family Fun Day brought together the SIS community in a fun-filled summer festival.
- The Activities and Athletics Department hosted tournaments in conjunction with our AISA (Association of International Schools in Asia) and KAIAC (Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Conference) leaders. High School students visited the DMZ on a research project that led to a photo exhibit.
- High School and Middle School students worked within the local community to help feed and clothe those in need, ensure the humane treatment of animals and brighten the days of our elderly friends.
- High School students visited and photographed portions of the DMZ and created a research project based on their discoveries about the area.
- Students worked in developing countries through UNICEF and Habitat For Humanity creating better life situations for those they encountered.
- Each year SIS invites a children's author to visit and perform workshops for students. Most recently, we welcomed Kenneth Oppel, author of many fictional works for children and young adults.



# 2017 College & University Placements

American University	1	Fashion Institute of Technology	1	U.C. Davis	1
Amherst College	1	Georgetown University	1	U.C. San Diego	1
Boston College	1	Harvard University	1	University of Chicago	2
Boston University	2	Howard Payne University	1	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	1
Brandeis University	1	Johns Hopkins University	3	University of Michigan	1
Brown University	1	Keio University	1	University of Pennsylvania	1
Carnegie Mellon University	12	McGill University	1	University of Southern California	6
Claremont McKenna College	1	New York University	9	University of Virginia	1
College of William & Mary	1	Northwestern University	1	University of Washington	2
Columbia University	4	Princeton University	1	Vanderbilt University	1
Columbia/Sciences Po	1	Purdue University	1	Washington University in St. Louis	3
Cooper Union	3	Rhode Island School of Design	1	Wellesley College	1
Cornell University	4	Rice University	2	Yale-NUS College	1
Dartmouth College	2	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey	1		
Duke University	1	Swarthmore College	1		
Emory University	2	Tufts University	1	University in Korea	1
Ewha Womans University	1	U.C. Berkeley	6	University in U.S.A.	1



# Cumulative College &

American University	1	College of William and Mary	3	Hong Kong University of Science & Technology	2
American University in Sharjah, U.A.E.	1	Columbia University	21	Howard Payne University	1
Amherst College	7	Columbia/Sciences Po	1	Indiana University Bloomington	11
Art Center College of Design	3	Connecticut College	1	Iowa State University	1
Babson College	9	Cooper Union	4	Johns Hopkins University	16
Barnard College	10	Cornell University	61	Juilliard School	1
Baylor University	1	Dartmouth College	11	Kalamazoo College	1
Bentley University	4	Davidson College	3	Keio University (Japan)	2
Berklee College of Music	2	Drexel University	2	King's College London	1
Biola University	2	Duke University	10	Lehigh University	3
Boston College	8	Elmira College	1	London College of Fashion, UK	1
Boston University	16	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	1	Long Beach College	1
Bowdoin College	1	Emerson College	6	Loyola Marymount University	1
Brandeis University	16	Emory University	25	Macalester College	1
Brigham Young University	6	Eugene Lang College of New School	1	Manhattanville College	1
Brown University	15	Ewha Womens University	2	Maryland Institute College of Art	1
Bryn Mawr College	12	Fashion Institute of Technology	3	Marymount College	1
California Institute of the Arts	1	Five Towns College	1	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	3
California Lutheran University	1	Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering	1	McGill University, Canada	4
Cal Poly	3	Georgetown University	6	Michigan State University	4
Cal Tech	1	George Washington University	8	Middlebury College	9
California State University at Fullerton	1	Georgia Institute of Technology	5	Mount Holyoke College	3
Carnegie Mellon University	51	Gordon College	1	National University of Singapore	1
Case Western Reserve University	9	Grinnell College	2	New York University	122
Central St. Martins College of Art & Design, UK	4	Hamilton College	2	Northeastern University	4
Chelsea College of Arts & Design, UK	1	Harvard University	2	Northwestern University	28
Chinese University of Hong Kong	1	Harvey Mudd College	1	Oberlin College	1
Claremont McKenna College	5	Haverford College	4	Occidental College	2
Clark University	2	Hofstra University	1	Ohio Northern University	1

# University Placements 2004-2017

Ohio State University	2	SUNY Binghamton	1	University of Nevada – Las Vegas	2
Otis College of Art & Design	2	SUNY Fredonia	1	Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	1
Pace University	1	SUNY Stony Brook	1	University of Notre Dame	8
Parsons The New School for Design	7	Sungkyunkwan University, Korea	1	University of the Pacific	8
Pennsylvania State University	8	Swarthmore College	18	University of Pennsylvania	17
Pepperdine University	3	Syracuse University	22	University of Rochester	4
Pomona College	1	Trinity College	1	University of San Francisco	2
Pratt Institute	7	Tufts University	12	University of the Sciences in Philadelphia	1
Princeton University	12	University of British Columbia, Canada	3	University of Southern California	25
Purdue University	23	U.C. Berkeley	32	University of Texas at Austin	2
Queens University	1	U.C. Davis	5	University of Toronto, Canada	5
Reed College	1	U.C. Irvine	4	University of Virginia	6
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	2	U.C. L. A.	21	University of Washington	6
Rhode Island School of Design	23	U.C. San Diego	6	University of Wisconsin – Madison	2
Rice University	10	U.C. Santa Barbara	1	Vanderbilt University	3
Ringling School of Art & Design	1	U.C. Santa Cruz	2	Vassar College	1
Rutgers, State University of New Jersey	4	University College London, UK	1	Villanova University	1
Saint Louis University, Madrid	1	University of Chicago	12	Waseda University, Japan	2
Santa Monica College	1	University of Denver	1	Washington University in St. Louis	24
School of Museum of Fine Arts	1	University of Glasgow (UK)	1	Wellesley College	17
School of the Art Institute of Chicago	14	University of Florida	1	Wesleyan University	8
School of Visual Arts	8	University of Hong Kong	7	Williams College	3
Shanghai Jiao Tong University	1	University of Illinois at Chicago	1	Yale University	3
Simmons College	1	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	30	Yale-NUS College	1
Smith College	19	University of Massachusetts Amherst	3		
Southern California Institute of Architecture	1	University of Miami	1		
Southern Methodist University	1	University of Michigan	14	Yonsei University, Korea	9
Stanford University	8	University of Minnesota	1	Universities in China, Korea, & Singapore	3

# High School Sports & Activities

Students participate in two leagues that emphasize sports, forensics, music, art, and competitions in math and chess. Our school is a charter member of the Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Conference (KAIAC). The school also founded an international league called the Association of International Schools in Asia (AISA). The school continues to have outstanding performances in both leagues.



## Fall Sports

	KAIAC	AISA
Boys Tennis	Conference and Tournament 2nd	Tournament Champions
Girls Tennis	Conference 3rd and Tournament 2nd	Tournament Champions
Girls Volleyball	Conference 2nd and Tournament Champions	Tournament 4th
Boys Volleyball	Conference 2nd and Tournament Champions	Tournament 4th



## Winter Sports

	KAIAC	AISA
Boys Basketball	Conference and Tournament Champions	Tournament 2nd
Girls Basketball	Conference and Tournament 3rd	Tournament 5th



## Spring Sports

	KAIAC	AISA
Boys Swimming	Conference and Tournament Champions	Tournament Champions
Girls Swimming	Tournament 5th	Tournament 2nd
Boys Soccer	Conference and Tournament 2nd	Tournament Champions
Girls Soccer	Conference 4th and Tournament 3rd	Tournament 5th





## Activities

Our MUN delegations successfully participated in SEOMUN conference in Seoul, THIMUN conference in Hague and BEIMUN conference in Beijing.

GIN students went to Chiang Mai where they were able to learn about the culture and engage in community and service projects.

UNICEF Club had their annual trip to Cambodia to visit 2 local schools where they were taught English, had fun organizing field day and donated school materials.

Choir students traveled to Bangkok where they participated in choir festival, organized by International School of Bangkok, with 6 other international schools from Asia.

Band and orchestra students traveled to Luxembourg, where they were able to participate in AMIS Music festival with selected top musicians at their age group from around the world.

Spanish students traveled to Malaga, Spain over spring break. They had an opportunity to experience the culture, improve the language and enjoy the scenery of Andalusia.

Group of 22 students traveled to Maryland, USA, where they successfully participated at the final round of 2017 NHD competition.

## Publishing

The SIS yearbook (Tiger's Eye) and newspaper (Tiger Times & Tiger Times Online) have each received recognitions from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA) and the National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA).

The Tiger Times, the SIS newspaper, received the highest possible recognition from the National Scholastic Press Association, an "All-American" rating with 5 Marks of Distinction.

Tiger's Eye, the SIS yearbook, was awarded by the National Scholastic Press Association the 'First Class' rating with two distinctions for Coverage and Photography.

# Fine and Performing Arts



Performing Arts Presentations may be viewed on the SIS YouTube channel found at <http://www.youtube.com/siskorea>

As a follow-up to “The Sound of Music”, the Drama Department featured “Get Smart” incorporating students from the high school and middle school.

The Advanced Drama class put on many short plays for the elementary and middle school students.

The Winter and Spring Concerts and Elementary Suzuki Concerts continue to be a source of pride for all here at SIS.

In 2017, the Drama Department will produce the “Wizard of OZ”.

In March, the SIS Music Department joined, for the first time, the AMIS Festival in Luxembourg, organized by the Association for Music in International Schools. 22 students were selected through auditions for band and orchestra . [www.amis-online.org](http://www.amis-online.org)

# Service Learning



**T**rustworthy Students  
**I**ndependent Learners  
**G**lobal Citizens  
**E**ffective Communicators  
**R**eflective Learners  
**S**ocially Responsible Individuals

We promote global and socially responsible citizenship. Students are active in a wide variety of service learning projects. Over the years students and teachers have volunteered their time and resources in many of the following projects.

## **Anna's House**

Anna's House serves over 500 people to dinner every day with twenty volunteers. People can shower, receive haircuts, and clothing. Anna's House also provides counseling and help finding jobs. Anna's house also provides forty street children with food, shelter, clothing, and education. Elementary school students fundraised by selling lavender oil. Parents, teachers, and students have all volunteered their time to feed those in need every Thursday.

## **Christmas Holiday Orphanage Drive**

Teachers and students raise money and volunteer their time and resources to provide gifts to a local orphanage every Christmas.

## **FREAD**

FREAD is an organization started by a former student who believe all children should be FREE to READ. The purpose is to provide every child with books and tools necessary to read them. Parents, students, and teachers donated books to children in other countries that do not have access to these resources.

## **UNICEF**

Students helped raise money to fund building homes, water pumps, and schools in Siem Reap, Cambodia. Students have also collected clothes for those in need.

## **Habitat for Humanity**

High School students and teachers traveled for several weeks in Cambodia. They built homes for those in need.

## **Middle School Global Issues Network**

Started a pilot program of raising a roof top garden.

## **Korean Animal Service Association**

Students fundraised and collected old blankets for animal shelters. The blankets help keep the animals warm during the winter.

## **Battle of the Books**

Students split into teams and read ten books including books nominated for the Morning Calm Medal. Students were quizzed about the books and competed with two other schools.



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