



Seoul International School  
**Annual Report**  
2017-2018



## 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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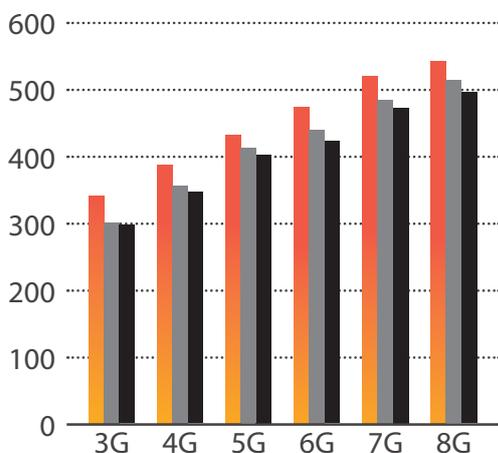
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Since 1973

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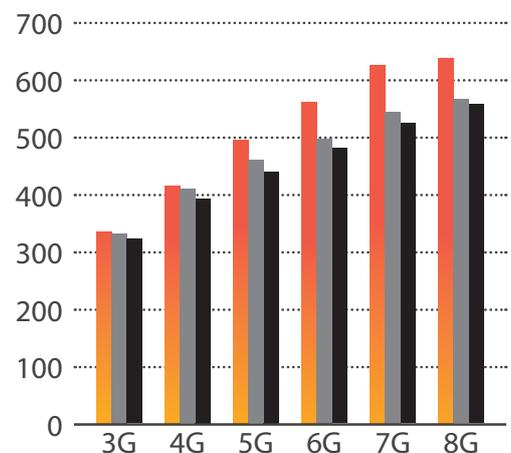


# International Schools' Assessment

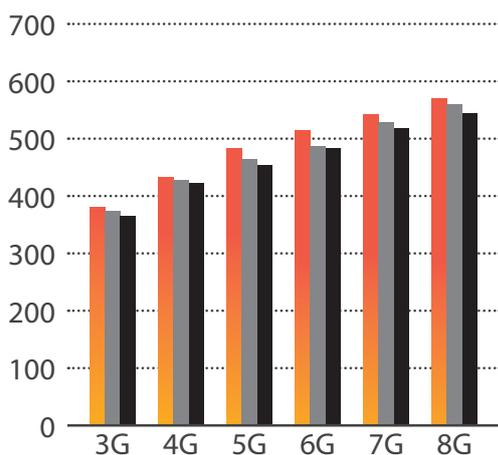
The ISA assessment program is designed especially for students in international schools in grades 3 to 10. It is based on the internationally endorsed reading, writing, mathematical literacy, and scientific literacy frameworks of the OECD's Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA). It is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



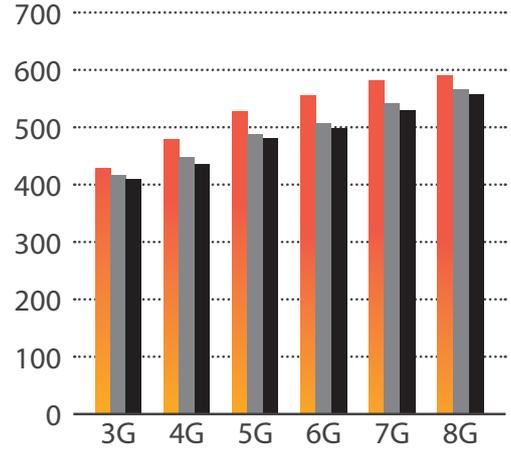
ISA Reading Results



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<sup>®</sup>

## 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	*
Spanish	*	*	*	790	

\* 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. These are the SIS averages on the redesigned SAT.



# Advanced Placement

The Advanced Placement (AP) is a program used in the United States, Canada, and international schools. It is 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.



2018 AP Results	
Number of AP courses offered	22
Number of students taking at least 1 AP course*	303
Number of AP exams written	909
Number of exams with a score of 5	598
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 2017-18

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The school year was filled with many special events including 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 relating to nature in the area.
- Students volunteered to work in developing countries through UNICEF and Habitat For Humanity in order to create better living conditions 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.

# 2018 College & University Placements

Bates College	1	New York University	8	UC Santa Barbara	2
Boston College	1	Northeastern University	1	University of Chicago	1
Boston University	2	Northwestern University	1	University of Hong Kong	2
Brown University	4	Occidental College	1	U. I. U. C.	1
Bryn Mawr College	1	Parsons, The New School for Design	1	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	1
Carnegie Mellon University	3	Pennsylvania State University	1	University of Notre Dame	1
Case Western Reserve University	1	Pomona College	1	University of Oxford, UK	3
Columbia University	3	Pratt Institute	1	University of Pennsylvania	1
Cooper Union	1	Queen's University, Canada	1	University of Southern California	7
Cornell University	4	Reed College	1	University of Toronto	1
Dartmouth College	1	Rhode Island School of Design	1	University of Washington	2
Davidson College	1	Stanford University	2	University of Wisconsin Madison	1
Emory University	6	Swarthmore College	2	Virginia Tech	1
Georgetown University	2	Syracuse University	1	Wake Forest University	1
Harvard University	1	Tufts University	1	Waseda University, Japan	3
Hong Kong Univ. of Science & Tech.	2	UC Berkeley	10	Washington University in St. Louis	5
Johns Hopkins University	3	UC Irvine	1	Wellesley College	3
Korea University	1	UCLA	2	Yonsei University	3
M. I. T.	2	UC San Diego	1		



# Cumulative College &

American University	1	Columbia University	24	Queen's University, Canada	2
Amherst College	6	Columbia/Sciences Po	1	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	2
Art Center College of Design	1	Connecticut College	1	Rhode Island School of Design	12
Babson College	5	Cooper Union	5	Rice University	9
Barnard College	8	Cornell University	55	Ringling School of Art & Design	1
Bates College	1	Dartmouth College	9	Rutgers, State University of New Jersey	3
Baylor University	1	Davidson College	4	Saint Louis University, Madrid	1
Bentley University	2	Drexel University	1	Santa Monica College	1
Berklee College of Music	2	Duke University	8	School of the Art Inst. of Chicago	7
Boston College	6	Emerson College	6	School of Museum of Fine Arts	1
Boston University	15	Emory University	29	School of Visual Arts	5
Brandeis University	14	Eugene Lang College of New School	1	Shanghai Jiao Tong University	1
Brigham Young University	2	Ewha Womans University	3	Simmons College	1
Brown University	18	Fashion Institute of Technology	3	Smith College	10
Bryn Mawr College	7	Five Towns College	1	Sokang University, Korea	1
California Institute of Technology (Cal Tech)	1	Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering	1	Southern California Institute of Architecture	2
California Institute of the Arts	1	George Washington University	7	Southern Methodist University	1
California Polytechnic State Univ. / San Luis Obispo	1	Georgetown University	8	Stanford University	8
California State Polytechnic Univ. / Pomona	1	Parsons The New School for Design	4	SUNY Binghamton	1
Carnegie Mellon University	40	Pennsylvania State University	7	SUNY Fredonia	1
Case Western Reserve University	8	Pepperdine University	3	SUNY Stony Brook	2
Central St. Martins College of Art & Design, UK	2	Pomona College	2	Sungkyunkwan University, Korea	1
Chinese University of Hong Kong	1	Pratt Institute	7	Swarthmore College	18
Claremont McKenna College	4	Princeton University	12	Syracuse University	17
College of William and Mary	2	Purdue University	14	Trinity College	1

# University Placements 2008-2018

Tufts University	8	London College of Fashion, UK	1	Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	1
University College London, UK	1	London School of Economics, UK	1	University of Notre Dame	9
University of British Columbia, Canada	2	Long Beach College	1	University of Oxford, UK	3
U.C. Berkeley	37	Loyola Marymount University	1	University of the Pacific	8
U.C. Davis	4	Macalester College	2	University of Pennsylvania	12
U.C. Irvine	5	Maryland Institute College of Art	1	University of Rochester	3
U.C. L. A.	23	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	5	University of the Sciences in Philadelphia	1
U.C. San Diego	7	McGill University, Canada	4	University of Southern California	28
U.C. Santa Barbara	3	Michigan State University	2	University of Toronto, Canada	5
University of Chicago	7	Middlebury College	5	University of Virginia	6
University of Glasgow, UK	1	Mount Holyoke College	2	University of Washington	5
Georgia Institute of Technology	5	National University of Singapore	1	University of Wisconsin Madison	2
Gordon College	1	New York University	109	Vanderbilt University	2
Grinnell College	1	New York University, Abu Dhabi	1	Vassar College	1
Harvard University	3	Northeastern University	5	Villanova University	1
Harvey Mudd College	2	Northwestern University	20	Virginia Tech	1
Haverford College	1	Oberlin College	1	Wake Forest University	1
Hofstra University	1	Occidental College	2	Waseda University, Japan	5
Hong Kong Univ. of Science & Technology	4	University of Hawaii	1	Washington Univ. in St. Louis	23
Howard Payne University	1	University of Hong Kong	9	Wellesley College	13
Indiana University Bloomington	4	University of Illinois at Chicago	1	Wesleyan University	5
Johns Hopkins University	17	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	22	Williams College	3
Juilliard School	1	University of Massachusetts Amherst	3	Yale University	1
Keio University, Japan	2	University of Miami	1	Yale-NUS College, Singapore	1
Korea University, Korea	1	University of Michigan	4	Yonsei University, Korea	13
Lehigh University	1	University of Minnesota	2		

# 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 Season

	KAIAC	AISA
Boys Tennis	Conference and Tournament 2 <sup>nd</sup>	NA
Girls Tennis	Conference and Tournament 2 <sup>nd</sup>	NA
Girls Volleyball	Conference 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Tournament 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tournament 4 <sup>th</sup>
Boys Volleyball	Conference 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Tournament Champions	Tournament 3 <sup>th</sup>



## Winter Season

	KAIAC	AISA
Boys Basketball	Conference 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Tournament Champions	Tournament 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Girls Basketball	Conference Champions and Tournament 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tournament 2 <sup>nd</sup>



## Spring Season

	KAIAC	AISA
Boys Swimming	Conference and Tournament Champions	Tournament Champions
Girls Swimming	Tournament 5 <sup>th</sup>	Tournament 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Boys Soccer	Conference 3 <sup>rd</sup> and Tournament 5 <sup>th</sup>	Tournament 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Girls Soccer	Conference 3 <sup>rd</sup> and Tournament 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tournament 2 <sup>nd</sup>





## Activities

The tennis teams traveled to Beijing, to participate in The Dragon Cup Invitational tennis tournament, organized by International School of Beijing. Our teams had an opportunity to compete against strong teams from Western Academy of Beijing, ISB and KIS.

The MUN delegations successfully hosted SEOMUN conference in Seoul, participated in THIMUN conference in Hague and BEIMUN conference in Beijing. MS MUN students traveled to Taiwan to participate in TASMUN conference for the first time and they had fantastic experience.



The 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 teaching them English, had fun organizing field day and donated school materials.

Our choir students traveled to Berlin where they participated in AMIS choir festival with top choir groups from other international school from around the world.



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

Many art students traveled to Italy over spring break. They had an opportunity to experience the culture and visit all those famous places they were studying about in art history class.

A group of 9 students traveled to Maryland, USA, where they successfully participated at the final round of 2018 National History Day competition.

## Publishing



SIS' yearbook (Tiger's Eye) and newspaper (Tiger Times & Tiger Times Online) each received recognitions from the Columbia and National Scholastic Press Associations (NSPA/CSPA). Tiger Times, and its on-line companion, TTONL.org, received recognition the NSPA's "All-American" rating with 3 Marks of Distinction, and Tiger's Eye was awarded by the NSPA's 'First Class' rating with 3 marks of distinction for Coverage and Photography. The CSPA awarded both Newspaper and Yearbook publications with a Silver Medals for excellence in coverage and overall design.

# Fine and Performing Arts

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

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

The Advanced Drama class put on many short plays including “Almost, Maine” for high school students.

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

In 2018, the Drama Department will produce the “Game of Tiaras”.

In March, the SIS Music Department joined the AMIS Festival in Luxembourg, organized by the Association for Music in International Schools. 22 students were selected through auditions for band and orchestra.

# 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 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 believes 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 who needed them.

## **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 other international schools in Seoul.



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