

Profile 2020/21 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 **three campuses** hold approximately **1,250 students** representing over **55 countries** and more than **40 mother tongue languages**.

Upper School Faculty

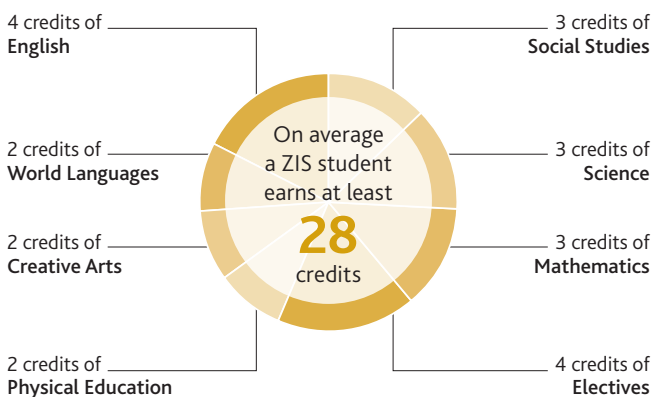
The **70 full-time and part-time Upper School faculty** have an **average of 18 years teaching experience** and over six years with the school. **73% hold MA/MS or higher degrees**, and most have taught at other international schools throughout the world. Native speakers teach our world language courses.

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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501	119	70
Total students Grades 9–12	Class of 2021	Number of AP and IB courses offered in 2020/21

Accreditation/Memberships

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



Class of 2020 University Destinations (128 students)



United Kingdom (39%)	United States (13%)	Europe (20%)
Other or gap year (20%)	Switzerland (4%)	Canada (4%)

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 in Grades 9 and 10.

COVID-19 Response

In response to the COVID-19 health crisis, ZIS implemented its online Continuous Learning Plan (CLP) from March 18 until the end of the school year in June. During this time, our classes met regularly and students' second semester letter grades were based on formative and summative assignments as well as demonstrated proficiency in each subject. Also, all spring sports and extracurricular activities were cancelled for the rest of the year. Finally, COVID-19 disrupted the Grade 11 summer internship program with the majority of placements being virtual.

Academic Pathways Offered

ZIS offers multiple academic pathways. Students can take Advanced Placement courses (AP), ZIS Upper School courses, or International Baccalaureate Diploma courses (IB). **We value our AP and IB pathways equally.** This is reflected in our academic advising and in our student course choices. All students enrolled in IB/AP courses are required to take the external exam.

Access to AP, 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 four HL courses in the IB Diploma.** Therefore, it is unusual to see four 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.

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)	

ZIS Upper School Courses

Creative Arts: Foundation Art and Design; Studio Art; Digital Graphic Design; Digital Photography; Essential Theater; Acting and Directing; Creative Music; Music Studio I–III; Concert Band; String Orchestra; Vocal and Choral Music

English: English as an Additional Language (EAL); English 9; English 10; English Literature; English Language; English Research and Composition; Digital Journalism I–III

Mathematics: Integrated Mathematics 1A–1C; Integrated Mathematics 2A–2C; Integrated Mathematics 3C; PreCalculus; Personal Finance

Physical Education: Physical Education/Health 9; Physical Education and Wellness 10; Physical Education 11/12 – Fitness and Wellness

Science: Coordinated Science I–II; Computer Science STEM; Project Based Science; Honors Biology; Honors Chemistry; Applied Design (STEAM)

Social Studies: History I–II; Global Studies

World Language: French I–V; German I–V; Spanish I–V; Fluent I and II French; Level VI Fluent German Studies; Fluent I and II German Standard Level; Fluent I and II Spanish

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

Creative Arts: Drawing; 2-D Art and Design; 3-D Art and Design; Music Theory

Mathematics: Calculus AB; Calculus BC; Statistics

Science: Biology; Chemistry; Computer Science A; Physics 1; Physics 2

Social Studies: Art History; European History; World History; Psychology; Economics

International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme

Group 1, Studies in Language and Literature: English A: Literature HL/SL; English A: Language and Literature HL/SL; French A: Language and Literature HL/SL; German A: Language and Literature HL/SL; Spanish A: Language and Literature HL/SL; IB A Literature SL Self-taught

Group 2, Language Acquisition: French ab initio SL; French B HL/SL; German B HL/SL; Spanish ab initio SL; Spanish B HL/SL

Group 3, Individual & Societies: History HL/SL; Psychology HL/SL; Economics HL/SL; Geography HL/SL; Environmental Systems and Societies SL

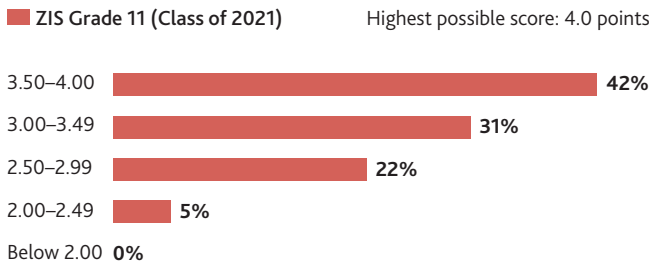
Group 4, Experimental Sciences: Biology HL/SL; Chemistry HL/SL; Physics HL/SL; Environmental Systems and Societies SL

Group 5, Mathematics: Mathematics HL/SL, Applications and Interpretations; Mathematics HL/SL, Analysis and Approaches

Group 6, Arts: Visual Arts HL/SL; Theater Arts HL/SL; Music HL/SL

Results at a Glance

Grade 11 Final Unweighted Grade Point Average (GPA) Distribution for Class of 2021



of Grade 11 students had a GPA of 3.0 or higher

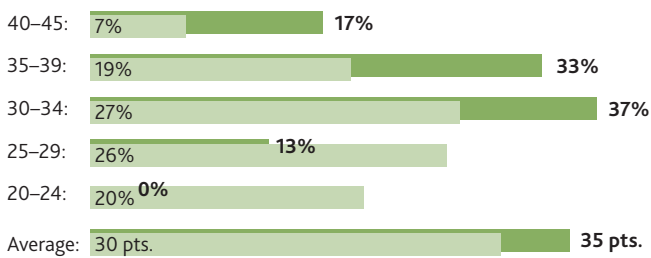


of Grade 11 students had a GPA of 3.5 or higher

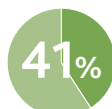
International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Results 2020

■ ZIS ■ World Highest possible score: 45 points

Number of IB Diploma candidates: 75
Pass rate: 99% (74 out of 75)
 Total points obtained by candidates:



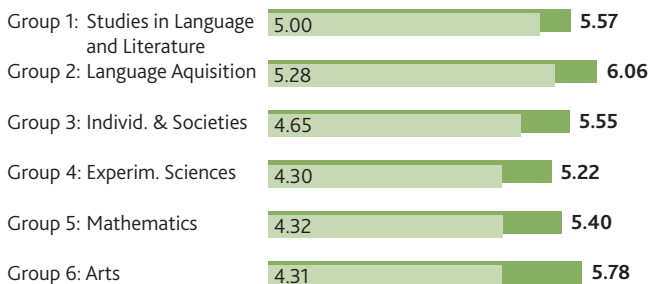
of ZIS IB Diploma candidates passed



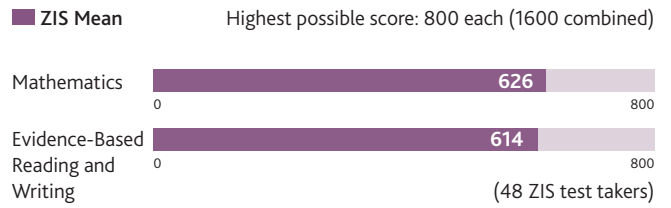
of ZIS students received a bilingual diploma

Average International Baccalaureate (IB) Scores by Subject Groups 2020

■ ZIS ■ World Highest possible score: 7 points

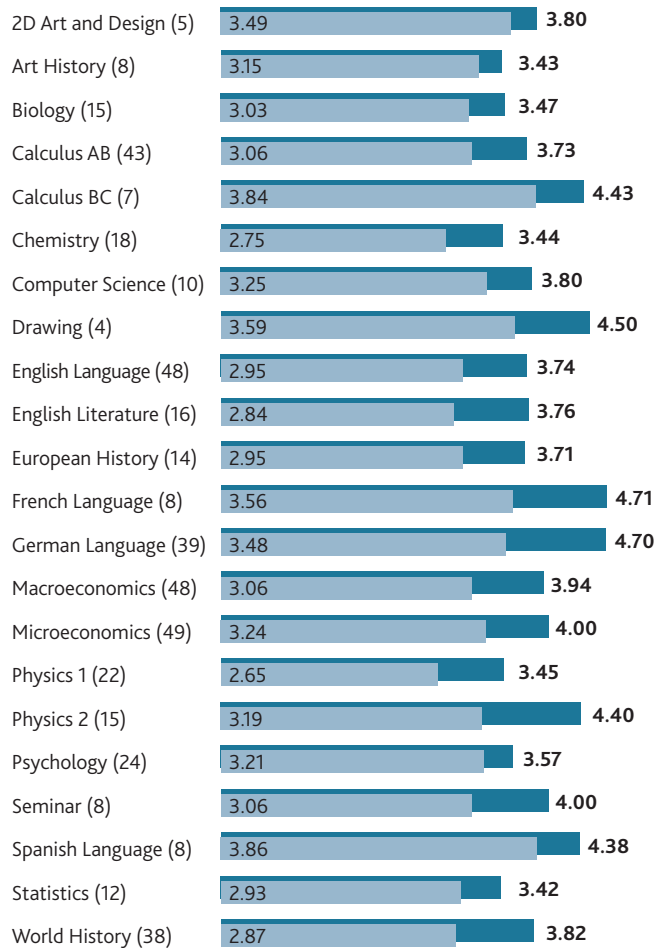


SAT Reasoning Scores ZIS Class of 2021

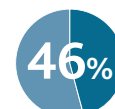


Average Advanced Placement (AP) Subject Scores World and ZIS 2020

■ ZIS ■ World Highest possible score: 5.0



of AP test takers scored 3.0 or higher



of students in Grades 10–12 enrolled in one or more AP classes

- 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

University and College Placement

Zurich International School graduates (2018–20) have been offered admission to leading institutions worldwide including:

United States of America

American University
Arizona State University
Babson College
Bard College
Bates College
Beacon College
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brigham Young University – Provo
Bryant University
Bucknell University
Butler University
California College of the Arts
Calvin College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Champlain College
Chapman University
Clark University
Clemson University
College of Charleston
College of William and Mary
Columbia University
Concordia University – Irvine
Culinary Institute of America
Curry College
Dartmouth College
Dean College
DePaul University
Dickinson College
Elon University
Emerson College
Fairfield University
Fairleigh Dickinson University
– Florham Campus
Florida Institute of Technology
Fordham University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
High Point University
Hofstra University
Indiana University at
Bloomington
Ithaca College
Johnson & Wales University
(Providence)
Keene State College
Kennesaw State University
Kenyon College
Landmark College
Lesley University
Loyola Marymount University
Lynn University
Marist College
Marymount Manhattan College
Marymount University
Massachusetts College of Art and
Design
Miami University, Oxford
Michigan State University
Mitchell College
Mount Holyoke College
Naropa University
New Jersey Institute of
Technology
New York University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
Northwestern University
Pace University, New York City
Pennsylvania State University
– Abington
– State College
Purdue University

Quinnipiac University
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rhodes College
Rose-Hulman Institute of
Technology
Rutgers University
– New Brunswick
Sacred Heart University
Saint Edward's University
Saint Joseph's University
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University
Savannah College of Art and
Design
School of the Art Institute of
Chicago
School of Visual Arts
Skidmore College
Southern Methodist University
St John's University – New York
Stevens Institute of Technology
Suffolk University
Syracuse University
Texas A&M University
Texas Tech University
The College of New Jersey
The George Washington University
The New School
The Ohio State University
The University of Alabama
The University of Arizona
The University of the South
Trinity University
Tufts University
Tulane University
University of California
– Berkeley
– Davis
– Irvine
– Los Angeles
– Riverside
– San Diego
– Santa Barbara
– Santa Cruz
University of Chicago
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Colorado Denver
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Illinois
– Chicago
– Urbana-Champaign
University of Miami
University of Michigan
– Ann Arbor
University of Missouri – Columbia
University of New Hampshire
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
University of Rochester
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Utah State University
Vanderbilt University
Wake Forest University
Washington State University

Washington University in
St. Louis
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
Western State Colorado
University
Wheaton College MA
Whitman College
Whittier College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

United Kingdom

Anglia Ruskin University
Arts University Bournemouth
Aston University
Bath Spa University
Birkbeck, University of London
Bournemouth University
Brighton and Sussex Medical
School
Bristol University
Brunel University London
Buckinghamshire New University
Cambridge School of Visual and
Performing Arts
Canterbury Christ Church
University
Cardiff Metropolitan University
Cardiff University
Cass Business School, City
University, London
Central Film School London
City, University of London
Durham University
Edinburgh Napier University
Goldsmiths, University of London
Heriot-Watt University
Hull York Medical School
Hult International Business
School – London
Imperial College London
King's College London
Kingston University
Lancaster University
Leeds Arts University
Leeds College of Art & Design
Liverpool John Moores University
London College of
Communication
London Metropolitan University
London School of Economics and
Political Science, University
of London
London South Bank University
Loughborough University
Manchester Metropolitan
University
New College of the Humanities
Newcastle University
Northumbria University,
Newcastle
Norwich University of the Arts
Nottingham College
Nottingham Trent University
Oxford Brookes University
Pearson College
Queen Margaret University
Queen Mary University of London
Ravensbourne University London
Regent's University London
Richmond, The American
International University in
London
Robert Gordon University
Royal Holloway, University of
London
Royal Veterinary College

School of Oriental and African
Studies, University of London
Southampton Solent University
St George's, University of London
St Mary's University, Twickenham,
London
Swansea University
The Royal Central School of
Speech and Drama
University Centre South Essex
University College London
University for the Creative Arts
University of Aberdeen
University of Bath
University of Birmingham
University of Brighton
University of Bristol
University of Buckingham
University of Cambridge
University of Chester
University of Chichester
University of Derby
University of Dundee
University of East Anglia
University of East London
University of Edinburgh
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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 Manchester
University of Nottingham
University of Oxford
University of Plymouth
University of Reading
University of Roehampton
University of Salford
University of Sheffield
University of Southampton
University of St Andrews
University of Stirling
University of Strathclyde
University of Surrey
University of Sussex
University of the Arts London
University of the West of England
University of Warwick
University of West London
University of Westminster
University of Winchester
University of York

 Austria
Medical University of Vienna
MODUL University Vienna

 Canada
Brock University
Concordia University - Montreal
McGill University
McMaster University
Ontario College of Art & Design
(OCAD)
Queen's University
Ryerson University
University of British Columbia
– Okanagan
– Vancouver
University of Toronto
University of Waterloo
Western University

 Denmark
Copenhagen Business School

 France
Istituto Marangoni Paris
Skema Business School
The American University of Paris

 Italy
Humanitas University
John Cabot University
The American University of Rome
Universita Bocconi

 Netherlands
Amsterdam University College
Amsterdam University of Applied
Sciences
Eindhoven University of
Technology
Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam
Erasmus University College
Leiden University College
The Hague
NHTV Internationaal Hoger
Onderwijs Breda
Rijksuniversiteit Groningen
Technische Universiteit Delft
Technische Universiteit
Eindhoven
Tilburg University
Universiteit Leiden
Universiteit Maastricht
Universiteit Twente
Universiteit van Amsterdam
University College Groningen
University of Applied Sciences
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