

# GSIS Secondary School Profile 2020-2021

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GYEONGGI SUWON  
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



## The School

Gyeonggi Suwon International School (GSIS) opened its doors in 2006 as a result of a partnership between its School Founder, Gyeonggi Province, and Suwon City. The school's mission statement is as follows:

*"GSIS cultivates internationally minded learners to lead and serve for the glory of God"*

Because each student is recognized as a person made in the image of God, Christian education should foster self-respect and self-worth as well as respect and esteem for others. For this reason, the goal of GSIS is to provide a quality educational environment in which each student's unique gifts of intellect, personality, stature, and spirit are given the best opportunities for development toward maturity. GSIS bases its philosophy on basic Christian beliefs.

## Student Body

The GSIS Secondary School Division is a fully comprehensive 6-12 secondary school enrolling over 265 students from 12 countries. The **Class of 2021** has 36 students from Australia, Canada, Japan, Korea, and the United States.

## Faculty

GSIS has 89 faculty members, with 48 in the secondary division. More than 67% of the secondary school staff have advanced degrees. The GSIS international faculty come from Australia, Canada, India, Korea, Mauritius, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Spain, Taiwan, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Venezuela.

## Calendar

The GSIS academic year consists of 180 instructional days where students attend five 70-minute classes per school day. Students who take the IB Diploma Program courses have additional class meetings of 90-minutes for Higher Level courses per cycle. The school year is divided into two semesters for assessment purposes: August to December and January to May. First semester is reported as a cumulative progress report. Final course grades are reported at the end of the second semester.

## University Applications

**The school limits students to 12 applications.** Thus, each application is the result of a thoroughly thought through process and is supported by the school. In addition, all recommendations are confidential.

## Curriculum

The Secondary School Division provides a college preparatory program with the expectation that students will pursue higher education. GSIS believes offering the International Baccalaureate Programs give the students a holistic education where they will continue their growth as life-long learners giving back to the global community. GSIS has been authorized since 2009 to deliver the Diploma Program and since 2012 to deliver the Middle Years Program. The first cohort in the Diploma Program was completed in May 2011. Other special programs offered at GSIS include: a 21st century education, where students experience learning through 1:1 laptop, an English Language Learner (ELL) program, and a Special Educational Needs program for applicants who qualify.

## Co-Curricular Activities

Co-curricular opportunities for student involvement include, but are not limited to: badminton, basketball, cheerleading, cross-country, Global Issues Network, mission and service trips, Model United Nations, National Honor Society, Praise Team, soccer, Student Council Association, swimming, tennis, volleyball, and yearbook. GSIS students have competed and travelled to various countries where they have received awards for their endeavors and service through these programs. A graduation requirement for all juniors and seniors is active participation, logging, and journaling to complete the Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) requirement.

## COVID-19 and its Impact on GSIS:

Due to the rising numbers of confirmed coronavirus cases in South Korea in February 2020, GSIS began synchronous online classes for all students on February 24. Classes remained online until May 20, when members of the Class of 2021 were allowed to return to campus for a week of in-person classes in preparation for their end-of-year final exams, which concluded on June 3. Grades are reported as usual on the students' transcripts.

The fall semester of the 2020-21 school year has evolved from a mix of 100% of students on campus, to a hybrid model, to only seniors being allowed on campus while all other grades receive synchronous online learning; this has been dependent on government regulations and is therefore subject to change. Extracurricular activities have been severely impacted since February, with the cancellation of all spring sports, the spring play, and most clubs. University admission offices are asked to take all of this into consideration in the review of applicants from GSIS.

## Reporting System

Achievement levels are recorded on student transcripts at the end of each course. Credits from previous schools attended are included on the transcript. Cumulative GPA, based on a 4.0 scale, is calculated for achievement levels earned only at GSIS. IB Higher Level (HL) courses receive an additional 0.5 weighting in the calculation of GPA, and MYP and IB Standard Level (SL) courses are weighted 0.25.

Students who are taking online courses under a teacher's supervision at GSIS that is considered a Language support course, a required online course, School Supported Self Taught (SSST) in the Diploma Program, Theory of Knowledge (TOK) and transfer students receive a "P (Pass)" or "F (Fail)". GSIS awards a modified diploma to students that have an IEP and courses that have been adapted. Students who receive in a modified curriculum earn a "S (Satisfactory)" or "U (Unsatisfactory)".

GPA Equivalency Scale Based on the IB 1-7 Grading Scale for 2012 and Beyond			
1-7 Level	GRADE	IB MYP/SL Scale	IB HL Scale
7	4.00	4.25	4.50
6	3.75	4.00	4.25
5	3.25	3.50	3.75
4	2.75	3.00	3.25
3	2.25	2.50	2.75
2	1.25	1.50	1.75
1	0.00	0.00	0.00

## SAT Results - Class of 2020

### SAT Summary

Section	Middle 50%	Mean	Students tested
Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	570 - 710	610	
Mathematics	670 - 760	710	
<b>Total</b>	1240 - 1420	1330	

## Early SAT Results - Class of 2021

### SAT Summary

Section	Middle 50%	Mean	Students tested
Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	615 - 710	654	
Mathematics	690 - 800	734	
<b>Total</b>	1285 - 1420	1389	

### Important Information on Standardized Tests

This year, our students have had less access to SAT/SAT Subject, ACT, and TOEFL/IELTS due to COVID-19 cancellations.

We ask that all higher education institutions take this into account when evaluating our students' applications, as some students' testing plans were disrupted by the COVID-19 situation.

## IB Results - Class of 2020

Percent of Diploma candidates - 77%

Pass rate - 100%

Average points - 32

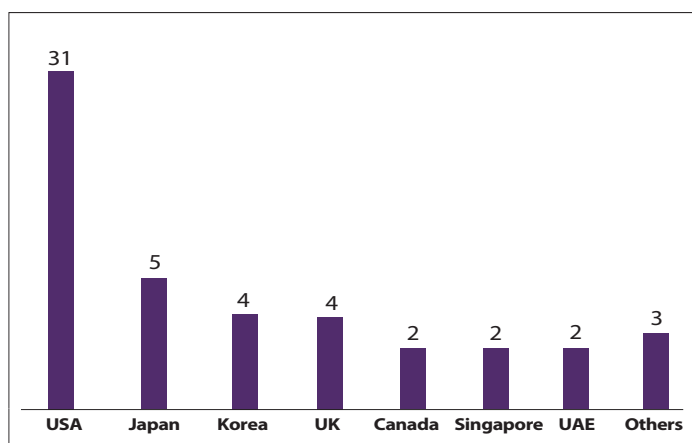
Number of bilingual diplomas - 10

Average grade obtained by candidates - 5.04



## Class of 2021

Total number of students submitting applications to the following countries for entry in 2021 :



Others: Australia, China, Taiwan

# Course List 2020-2021 School Year

(GSIS Secondary Division Gr.9-12)

DEPARTMENT	GSIS and MYP COURSES		DP COURSES	
English (4 credits required)	IB MYP English 3A HS IB MYP English 4A HS IB MYP English Lang & Lit 4 IB MYP English Lang & Lit 5		IB DP English B HL IB DP English B HL 2 IB DP English B SL IB DP English B SL 2 IB DP English Lang & Lit HL IB DP English Lang & Lit HL 2 IB DP English Lang & Lit SL IB DP English Lang & Lit SL 2	
Math (3 credits required)	IB MYP Math 3 IB MYP Math 3 Extended IB MYP Math 4 IB MYP Math 4 Extended	IB MYP Math 5 IB MYP Math 5 Extended	IB DP Math Analysis HL IB DP Math Analysis HL 2 IB DP Math Analysis SL IB DP Math Analysis SL 2 IB DP Math Interpretations SL IB DP Math Interpretations SL 2	
Science (3 credits required)	IB MYP Science 4 IB MYP Science 5 - Biology IB MYP Science 5 - Chemistry IB MYP Science 5 - Physics		IB DP Biology HL IB DP Biology HL 2 IB DP Biology SL IB DP Biology SL 2 IB DP Chemistry HL IB DP Chemistry HL 2 IB DP Chemistry SL IB DP Chemistry SL 2 IB DP Design Technology HL IB DP Design Technology HL 2 IB DP Design Technology SL IB DP Design Technology SL 2 IB DP Env Sys and Soc SL IB DP Env Sys and Soc SL 2 IB DP Physics HL IB DP Physics HL 2 IB DP Physics SL IB DP Physics SL 2	
Social Studies (3 credits required)	IB MYP I&S - History 4 IB MYP I&S - History 5		IB DP Bus. Management HL IB DP Bus. Management HL 2 IB DP Bus. Management SL IB DP Bus. Management SL 2 IB DP Env Sys and Soc SL IB DP Env Sys and Soc SL 2 IB DP Psychology HL IB DP Psychology HL 2 IB DP Psychology SL IB DP Psychology SL 2 IB DP World History HL IB DP World History HL 2 IB DP World History SL IB DP World History SL 2	
World Language (2 credits required)	IB MYP Japanese Lang & Lit 4 IB MYP Japanese Lang & Lit 5 IB MYP Korean 3A IB MYP Korean 3B IB MYP Korean 4A IB MYP Korean 4B IB MYP Korean 5 IB MYP Korean Lang & Lit 4 IB MYP Korean Lang & Lit 5 IB MYP Mandarin 1 HS IB MYP Mandarin 2 HS IB MYP Mandarin 3A	IB MYP Mandarin 3B IB MYP Mandarin 4A IB MYP Mandarin 4B IB MYP Mandarin 5 IB MYP Spanish 1HS IB MYP Spanish 2HS IB MYP Spanish 3A IB MYP Spanish 3B IB MYP Spanish 4A IB MYP Spanish 4B Language Studies	IB DP Japanese Lang & Lit HL IB DP Japanese Lang & Lit SL IB DP Korean B HL IB DP Korean B HL 2 IB DP Korean B SL IB DP Korean B SL 2 IB DP Korean Lang & Lit HL IB DP Korean Lang & Lit HL 2 IB DP Korean Lang & Lit SL IB DP Korean Lang & Lit SL 2 IB DP Mandarin Ab initio IB DP Mandarin Ab initio 2 IB DP Mandarin B HL IB DP Mandarin B HL 2 IB DP Mandarin B SL IB DP Mandarin B SL 2 IB DP Mandarin Lit SL 2 IB DP Spanish Ab initio IB DP Spanish Ab initio 2 IB DP Spanish B HL IB DP Spanish B HL 2 IB DP Spanish B SL IB DP Spanish B SL 2	
Religious Studies (3 credits required)	Bible 9 Bible 10 Bible 11 Bible 12		IB DP Theory of Knowledge 1 IB DP Theory of Knowledge 2	
The Arts (1 credit required)	IB MYP Arts 4 - Drama IB MYP Arts 5 - Drama IB MYP Arts 4 - Music IB MYP Arts 5 - Music IB MYP Arts 4 - Visual Arts IB MYP Arts 5 - Visual Arts	Choir Concert Band Strings Orchestra Publications	IB DP Music HL IB DP Music HL 2 IB DP Music SL IB DP Music SL 2 IB DP Theatre HL IB DP Theatre HL 2 IB DP Theatre SL IB DP Theatre SL 2 IB DP Visual Arts HL IB DP Visual Arts HL 2 IB DP Visual Arts SL IB DP Visual Arts SL 2	
PE/Health (1 credit required)	IB MYP Physical & Health Education 4 IB MYP Physical & Health Education 5			
Tech (0 credits required)	IB MYP Design 4 IB MYP Design 5			

## Graduation Requirements

A diploma will be granted to each student who has completed the following:

- Attended GSIS for at least the entire final semester of his/her 12th grade year
- Satisfactorily completed 27 credits during his/her 9th to 12th grade career
- Satisfactorily reflects a record that meets the behavior management code of conduct
- Satisfactorily has met the attendance requirements for obtaining credit
- Paid in-full fees and tuition owed to GSIS
- Completion of the CAS Program

### Subject Area and Graduation Requirements for GSIS

Subject Area	Credit
English	4
Math	3
Science	3
Social Studies	3
World Language	2
Religious Studies	3
The Arts	1
PE/Health	1
Electives	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>

### Transferred-in Students

Students who enter GSIS and have an average of fewer than 7 high school courses per year are subject to the following requirements:

Subject Area	Credit
English	4
Math	3
Science	3
Social Studies	3
World Language	2
Religious Studies	0
The Arts	1
PE/Health	1
Electives	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>

\* Bible or IB DP Theory of Knowledge is required as part of elective credits.

## University Acceptances - Classes of 2018-2020

### Australia

International College of Hotel Management  
University of Melbourne  
University of Queensland  
University of Sydney  
University of Western Australia

### Canada

Brock University  
Dalhousie University  
McGill University  
McMaster University  
Mount Allison University  
Queen's University  
Simon Fraser University  
Trinity Western University  
University of British Columbia  
University of Toronto  
University of Waterloo

### Germany

Friedrich-Alexander University  
Jacobs University

### Hong Kong

Chinese University of Hong Kong  
City University of Hong Kong  
Hong Kong Baptist University  
Hong Kong Polytechnic University  
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology  
University of Hong Kong

### Japan

International Christian University  
Keio University  
Keio University, Shonan Fujisawa  
Temple University Japan  
Waseda University

### Netherlands

Leiden University  
Leiden University College The Hague  
The Hague University of Applied Sciences  
University of Groningen  
Utrecht University

### New Zealand

The University of Auckland

### South Korea

Kookje University  
Korea Advanced Institute of Science & Technology (KAIST)  
Yonsei University

### Spain

Saint Louis University, Madrid

### Switzerland

Les Roches Global Hospitality Management

### United Kingdom

Aston University  
Goldsmiths, University of London  
Imperial College London  
Institute of Contemporary Music Performance  
King's College London  
Kingston University  
Liverpool Institute for the Performing Arts  
University College London  
University of Birmingham  
University of Bristol  
University of Central Lancashire  
University of Edinburgh  
University of Exeter  
University of Leeds  
University of Leicester  
University of Liverpool

University of Manchester  
University of Nottingham  
University of Plymouth  
University of Portsmouth  
University of St. Andrews  
University of Surrey  
University of Sussex  
University of Warwick

### United States

Adelphi University  
Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences  
Amherst College  
Arizona State University, Tempe  
Art Center College of Design  
Asbury University  
Bard College  
Bates College  
Baylor University  
Berklee College of Music  
Binghamton University  
Biola University  
Boston College  
Boston University  
California College of the Arts, San Francisco  
California Institute of the Arts  
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo  
California State University, Fullerton  
California State University, Long Beach  
California State University, Northridge  
California State University, Sacramento  
California State University, San Bernardino  
Calvin College  
Campbell University  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Case Western Reserve University  
Colorado State University  
Columbia College Chicago  
Columbus College of Art and Design  
Cornell University  
Cornerstone University  
CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
Denison University  
Dickinson College  
Drexel University  
Elon University  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach  
Emerson College  
Emory University  
Emory University (Oxford College)  
Fashion Institute of Technology  
Florida Atlantic University  
George Mason University  
George Washington University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Hofstra University  
Hope College  
Illinois Institute of Technology  
Indiana University, Bloomington  
Johns Hopkins University  
Lehigh University  
Long Island University, Post  
Loyola University Chicago  
Manhattan College  
Maryland Institute College of Art  
Massachusetts College of Art and Design  
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences  
Michigan State University  
Mount Holyoke College  
New York University  
North Park University  
Northeastern University  
Ohio State University  
Oral Roberts University  
Otis College of Art and Design  
Pace University, New York City  
Parsons School of Design  
Pennsylvania State University, Abington  
Pennsylvania State University, Altoona  
Pennsylvania State University, Erie  
Pennsylvania State University, Harrisburg  
Pennsylvania State University, University Park  
Pepperdine University  
Portland State University  
Pratt Institute  
Purdue University  
Regis College  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Rhodes College  
Rice University  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Rutgers University, New Brunswick  
Samford University  
San Diego State University  
San Francisco Art Institute  
San Jose State University  
Santa Clara University  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
School of Visual Arts  
Seattle University  
Seton Hall University  
Smith College  
St. John's University (New York)  
Stanford University  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
Stony Brook University  
SUNY Albany  
Syracuse University  
Temple University  
Texas A & M University, College Station  
Truett McConnell University  
Tufts University  
University at Buffalo, The State University of New York  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, Davis  
University of California, Irvine  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of California, Merced  
University of California, Riverside  
University of California, San Diego  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
University of California, Santa Cruz  
University of Chicago  
University of Colorado, Boulder  
University of Colorado, Colorado Springs  
University of Connecticut  
University of Florida  
University of Hawaii, Manoa  
University of Illinois, Urbana/Champaign  
University of Maryland, College Park  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
University of Massachusetts, Boston  
University of Miami  
University of Michigan  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
University of North Texas  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Oregon  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Pittsburgh, Greensburg  
University of Rhode Island  
University of Rochester  
University of San Diego  
University of San Francisco  
University of Southern California  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
University of Texas, Austin  
University of the Pacific  
University of the Sciences in Philadelphia  
University of Tulsa  
University of Utah  
University of Virginia  
University of Washington, Bothell  
University of Washington, Seattle  
University of Wisconsin, Madison  
Valparaiso University  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Wake Forest University  
Washington State University  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Western Washington University