



SCIS

Upper School Academy



SCIS Pudong

SCIS is dedicated to providing a diverse, inclusive, and rigorous environment where all students are inspired to become increasingly expert learners. Utilizing the diversity of the community, learners develop an evolving understanding of themselves and the changing world. SCIS empowers learners to pursue pathways to individual excellence by fostering inquiry, innovation, and responsible action motivated by their interests, strengths, and ongoing reflection. SCIS students are an integral part of the learning community where they access a rigorous and meaningful curriculum, connect to their peers, and receive collaborative support to succeed.

Core Beliefs

- All students are capable of learning, have gifts to be nurtured and celebrated, and deserve the opportunity to fulfill their greatest potential.
- Student learning is maximized in a diverse and collaborative environment where all students feel a sense of belonging.
- Curriculum is designed to provide access for all students following the Universal Design for Learning guidelines.

SCIS Pudong Academy

The SCIS Academy is a specialized program in the upper school campus. It is designed for students in grades 6 to 12 who need highly modified curriculum and instruction in order to achieve educational success. The program provides students identified with developmental or intellectual disabilities with a positive learning experience that builds on individual strengths, supports self-advocacy and independence.

Academy students receive instruction in a combination of a self-contained classroom setting, specialized and mainstream courses depending on the student's individual needs. A goal for each student in the Academy is to be integrated with typically developing peers to the greatest extent possible. Specially trained learning support faculty create instructional programs focused on functional academics, social, emotional and life skill development. Academy faculty support students in mainstream courses through regular collaboration with subject teachers and/or support in mainstream classes.

SCIS does not have the necessary therapeutic supports for children with severe emotional or behavioral disabilities at this time. Students who need 1:1 support for physical disabilities will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

What We Offer

- Highly qualified multidisciplinary team that includes: trained learning specialists, trained IB teachers, speech language pathologist, school counselor, and school/clinical psychologist
- Individualized Learning Plans (ILPs) that utilize student strengths to support identified areas of growth. Potential areas of growth include: functional academics, social skills, adaptive/life skills, executive functioning, self-advocacy, and communication
- Access to mainstream curriculum, including the IB programs
- Low student to teacher ratio that strives for one teaching staff for every three students
- Access to after school clubs and sports
- Integration with outside providers
- For Academy students who are high school age, two options are available: Certificate of Completion or graduation with a modified SCIS Diploma

Admissions

Our application process balances the principles of inclusion with the need to ensure appropriate support is available. To ensure appropriate placement, a comprehensive evaluation completed in the last two years is required. Additional school information may also be requested. All admissions decisions are informed by and contingent upon a match between the student's needs and the level of services available at SCIS.

SCIS is a community school and we value family connections. To support the neurodiversity of our student population and our philosophy of an inclusive school, we require that all school-age students in the family attend SCIS.

Fee

The fee for the Academy program is RMB ¥470,000. This price includes all specialized services recommended for the student including speech and language therapy and/or social skill development/counseling. It also includes the standard SCIS tuition, which includes transportation, lunch, one uniform, and a student laptop.

To apply, visit <https://www.scis-china.org>
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