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Seoul International School
Annual Report
2018-2019

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.
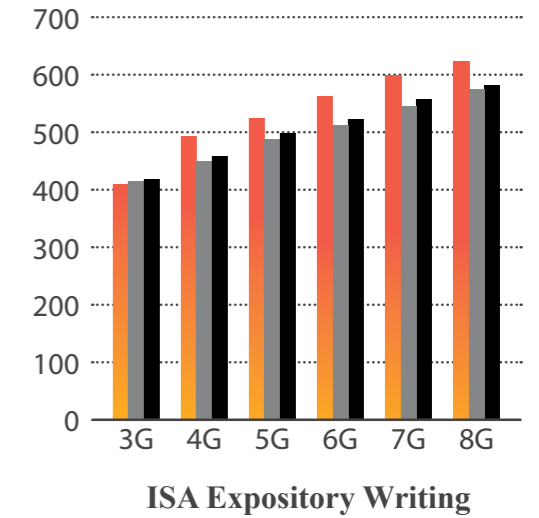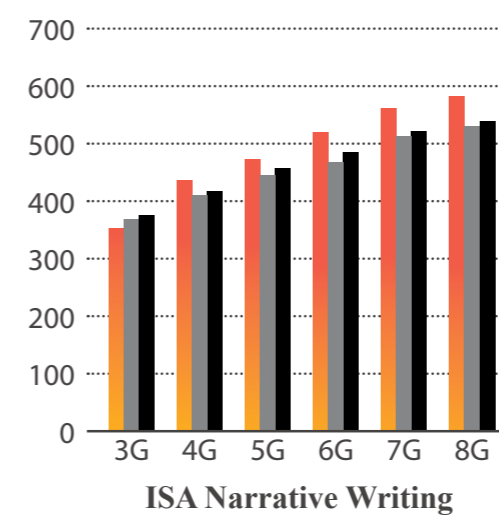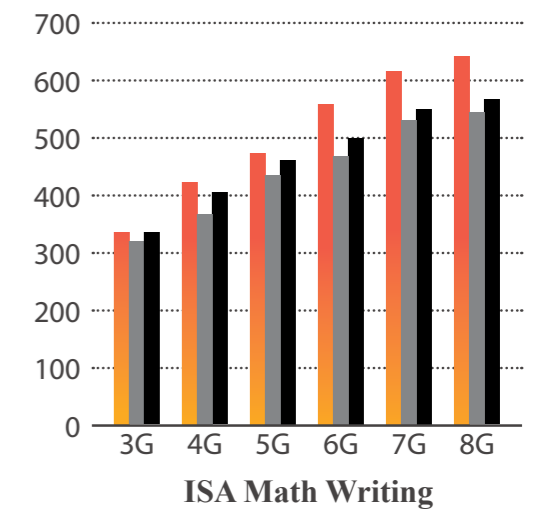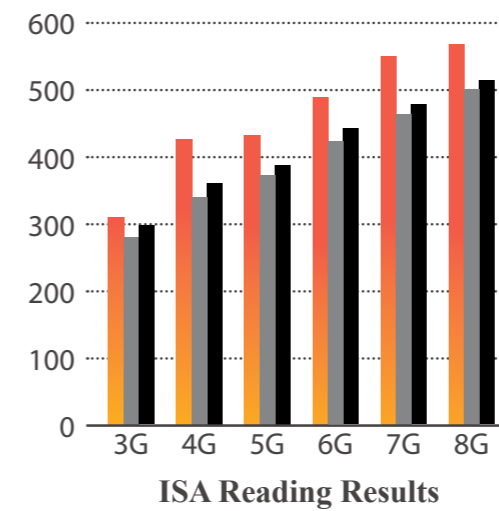
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A Tradition of
Excellence
Since 1973

Leadership Team

Head of School : Mr. Michael Colaianni

Dean of Students : Mr. Fredric Schneider

High School Principal : Dr. James Gerhard

Middle School Principal : Mr. John Benavidez

Elementary School Principal : Mr. Art DeFilippo

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Admissions Administrator : Mrs. Irene De Shazo

Director for Curriculum & Professional Development : Mr. David Coleman

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.

SIS Average SAT Subject Scores

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Literature	*	698	720	711	719
US History	717	763	760	741	745
World History	703	690	705	723	715
Math 2	776	780	783	778	775
Biology - Ecology	*	*	753	705	710
Biology - Molecular	757	768	752	787	778
Chemistry	749	753	755	776	768
Physics	742	772	768	742	745
Chinese	*	735	755	*	*
Spanish	*	*	790		

* Not enough test takers to produce an average score.

SIS Average SAT Scores

	2018
Critical Reading and Writing	718
Math	768
Combined	1486

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.

2019 AP Results	
Number of AP courses offered	23
Number of students taking at least 1 AP course*	301
Number of AP exams written	880
Number of exams with a score of 5	573
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
2014	7	1
2015	7	1
2016	3	1
2017	9	1
2018	7	0

School Events 2018-19

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) leagues. 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 authors to visit and conduct workshops for students. Most recently, we welcomed Richard Sobol and Steven Herrick, authors of many fictional works for children and young adults.

2019 College & University Placements

Amherst College	1	Hardin-Simmons University	1	UC Santa Barbara	1
Bard College	1	Harvard University	1	University of Hong Kong	1
Bennington College	1	Hong Kong University of Science & Technology	2	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	4
Boston College	1	Johns Hopkins University	4	University of Michigan	1
Boston University	1	London School of Economics & Politics, UK	1	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	1
Brandeis University	1	Middlebury College	1	University of Notre Dame	1
Carnegie Mellon University	6	New York University	12	University of Oxford, UK	2
Case Western Reserve University	1	Northeastern University	3	University of Pennsylvania	2
Colgate University	1	Northwestern University	3	University of Southern California	2
Cooper Union	1	Parsons The New School for Design	1	Vanderbilt University	2
Cornell University	6	Pratt Institute	1	Waseda University, Japan	1
Drew University	1	Rhode Island School of Design	2	Washington University in St. Louis	4
Duke University	2	Rice University	1	Wellesley College	2
Emerson College	1	Smith College	1	Wesleyan University	1
Emory University	2	UC Berkeley	13	University in Japan	1
Georgetown University	2	UC Irvine	1	University in Korea	2

Cumulative College & University Placements 2008-2019

College/University	#	College/University	#	College/University	#
American University	1	College of William and Mary	2	Hofstra University	1
Amherst College	7	Columbia University	24	Hong Kong Univ. of Science & Technology	6
Art Center College of Design	1	Columbia/Sciences Po	1	Howard Payne University	1
Babson College	5	Connecticut College	1	Indiana University Bloomington	4
Bard College	1	Cooper Union	6	Johns Hopkins University	21
Barnard College	8	Cornell University	61	Juilliard School	1
Bates College	1	Dartmouth College	9	Keio University, Japan	2
Baylor University	1	Davidson College	4	Korea University, Korea	1
Bennington College	1	Drexel University	1	Lehigh University	1
Bentley University	2	Drew University	1	London College of Fashion, UK	1
Berklee College of Music	2	Duke University	10	London School of Economics, UK	2
Boston College	6	Emerson College	7	Long Beach College	1
Boston University	16	Emory University	31	Loyola Marymount University	1
Brandeis University	15	Eugene Lang College of New School	1	Macalester College	2
Brigham Young University	2	Ewha Womans University	3	Maryland Institute College of Art	1
Brown University	18	Fashion Institute of Technology	3	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	5
Bryn Mawr College	7	Five Towns College	1	McGill University, Canada	4
California Institute of Technology (Cal Tech)	1	Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering	1	Michigan State University	2
California Institute of the Arts	1	George Washington University	7	Middlebury College	6
California Polytechnic State Univ. / San Luis Obispo	1	Georgetown University	10	Mount Holyoke College	2
California State Polytechnic Univ. / Pomona	1	Georgia Institute of Technology	5	National University of Singapore	1
Carnegie Mellon University	46	Gordon College	1	New York University	121
Case Western Reserve University	9	Grinnell College	1	New York University, Abu Dhabi	1
Central St. Martins College of Art & Design, UK	2	Hardin-Simmons University	1	Northeastern University	8
Chinese University of Hong Kong	1	Harvard University	4	Northwestern University	23
Claremont McKenna College	4	Harvey Mudd College	2	Oberlin College	1
Colgate University	1	Haverford College	1	Occidental College	2
Parsons The New School for Design	5	SUNY Fredonia	1	University of Notre Dame	10
Pennsylvania State University	7	SUNY Stony Brook	2	University of Oxford, UK	5
Pepperdine University	3	Sungkyunkwan University, Korea	1	University of the Pacific	8
Pomona College	2	Swarthmore College	18	University of Pennsylvania	14
Pratt Institute	8	Syracuse University	17	University of Rochester	3
Princeton University	12	Trinity College	1	University of the Sciences in Philadelphia	1
Purdue University	14	Tufts University	8	University of Southern California	30
Queen's University, Canada	2	University College London, UK	1	University of Toronto, Canada	5
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	2	University of British Columbia, Canada	2	University of Virginia	6
Rhode Island School of Design	14	U.C. Berkeley	50	University of Washington	5
Rice University	10	U.C. Davis	4	University of Wisconsin Madison	2
Ringling School of Art & Design	1	U.C. Irvine	6	Vanderbilt University	4
Rutgers, State University of New Jersey	3	U.C. L. A.	23	Vassar College	1
Saint Louis University, Madrid	1	U.C. San Diego	7	Villanova University	1
Santa Monica College	1	U.C. Santa Barbara	4	Virginia Tech	1
School of the Art Inst. of Chicago	7	University of Chicago	7	Wake Forest University	1
School of Museum of Fine Arts	1	University of Glasgow, UK	1	Waseda University, Japan	6
School of Visual Arts	5	University of Hawaii	1	Washington Univ. in St. Louis	27
Shanghai Jiao Tong University	1	University of Hong Kong	10	Wellesley College	15
Simmons College	1	University of Illinois at Chicago	1	Wesleyan University	6
Smith College	11	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	26	Williams College	3
Sokang University, Korea	1	University of Massachusetts Amherst	3	Yale University	1
Southern California Institute of Architecture	2	University of Miami	1	Yale-NUS College, Singapore	1
Southern Methodist University	1	University of Michigan	5	Yonsei University, Korea	13
Stanford University	8	University of Minnesota	2	University in Japan	1
SUNY Binghamton	1	Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2	University in Korea	2

High School Sports & Activities

Students participate in two leagues that emphasize sports, forensics, MUN, music, art, quiz, 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 5th and Tournament 4th	NA
Girls Tennis	Conference 3rd and Tournament 2nd	NA
Girls Volleyball	Conference 2nd and Cup Tournament 4th	Tournament 5th
Boys Volleyball	Conference 3rd and Cup Tournament 6th	Tournament 2nd
Cross Country	Conference 3rd and Tournament 5th	Tournament 4th

Winter Season

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

Spring Season

	KAIAC	AISA
Boys Swimming	4th Place	ISB Swim Meet Champions
Girls Swimming	6th Place	ISB Swim Meet Champions
Boys Soccer	5th Place	Tournament 5th
Girls Soccer	Conference and Cup Tournament Champions	Tournament 3rd

Activities

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

The MUN delegations successfully participated in the SEOMUN conference in Seoul and participated in the THIMUN conferences in The Hague and the BEIMUN conference in Beijing. MS MUN students also traveled to Taiwan to participate in TASMUN conference.

The GIN students went to Chiang Mai where they were able to learn about the culture and engage in community and service projects. UYSC club had their annual trip to Cambodia to visit 2 local schools where they taught English and donated school materials.

Habitat for Humanity (HFH) revived their trip to Cambodia over Spring Break, where they constructed homes and contributed to other aspects through service based learning.

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

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

Our Swim team traveled to Bangkok, where they competed at International School of Bangkok swim meet against some of the premier swim teams in Asia, only to come out as swim meet champions.

A group of students traveled to Maryland, USA, where they successfully participated in the final round of 2019 National History Day competition.

Fine and Performing Arts

As a follow-up to "Wizard of OZ", the Drama Department featured "Game of Tiaras" incorporating students from the high school and middle school, and most recently "Little Shop of Horrors".

The Advanced Drama class put on many short plays including "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown" 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 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, and Chorus.

Service Learning

Trustworthy Students
Independent Learners
Global Citizens
Effective Communicators
Reflective Learners
Sociallly 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.

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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