



Seoul International School
Annual Report
2019-2020



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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.

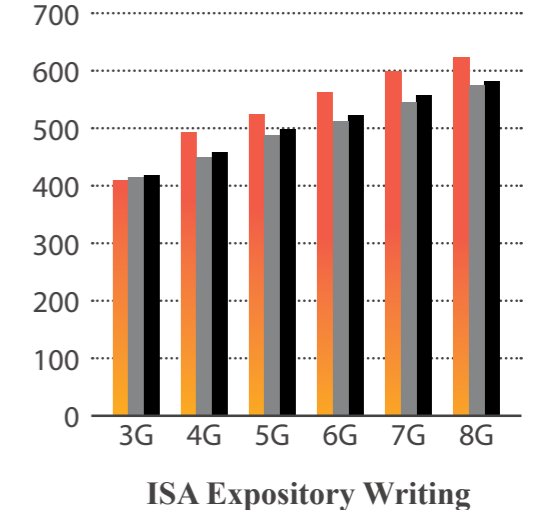
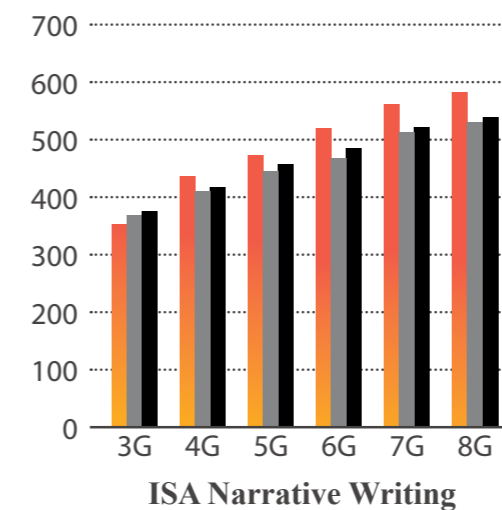
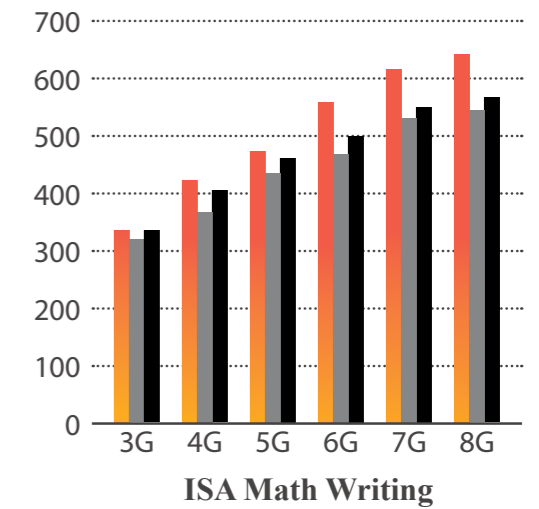
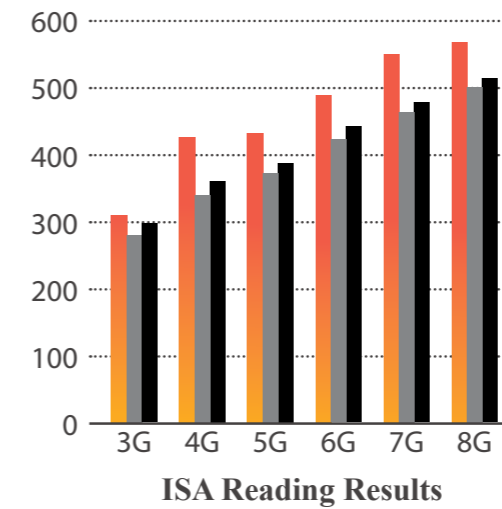
A Tradition of
Excellence
Since 1973

Leadership Team

- Head of School : Mr. Michael Colaianni
- High School Principal : Dr. James Gerhard
- Middle School Principal : Mr. John Benavidez
- Elementary School Principal : Mr. Art DeFilippo
- HS Assistant Principal : Mr. Gray Macklin
- ES/MS Assistant Principal : Ms. Agnes Schuppel
- Admissions Administrator : Mrs. Irene De Shazo
- Director of Curriculum & Staff Development : Mr. David Coleman
- Director of Guidance and College Counseling : Ms. Kelcey Edwards

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. From next year, students in grades kindergarten through grade 8 will have assessments through the NWEA-MAP and WrAP.



■ 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

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

	2020
Evidence-based Reading and Writing	727
Math	765
Combined	1492

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.



2020 AP Results	
Number of AP courses offered	23
Number of students taking at least 1 AP course	260
Number of AP exams written	674
Number of exams with a score of 5	529
Number of exams with a score of 4	



*AP Exams were optional for all students. Exams were shortened and completed by students electronically at home.

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
2016	3	1
2017	9	1
2018	7	1
2019	6	2
2020	7	1
2021*	6	



* 2021 semifinalist applications have been submitted

School Events 2019-20



The school year started out in typical fashion with the usual large array of events and activities. As the pandemic came into focus in February, the school was forced to curtail or cancel most of the planned activities.

Nonetheless, the activities and events for the first half of the year included:

- Family Fun Day which brought the community together in a fun-filled summer festival.
- The Activities and Athletics Department hosted sports events and competitions in conjunction with our KAIAC (Korean-American Association of Interscholastic Activities Conference) and AISA (Association of International Schools in Asia).
- High School students visited the DMZ and recorded on film the natural habitat of the area, which culminated in a photo exhibit in the Atrium.
- High School and Middle School students worked within the local community to help feed and clothe those in need, to ensure the humane treatment of animals and brighten the days of the elderly.
- Students collected Christmas gifts for orphaned children and distributed them allowing for personal contacts.
- Students volunteered to work in developing countries through UNICEF and Habitat For Humanity in order to improve the living conditions of the people in such communities.
- The Elementary School invited visiting authors to chat with and intermingle with our youngest students.

2020 College & University Placements

Berklee College of Music	1	New York University	7	University of Chicago	2
Boston College	1	Northeastern University	1	Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	4
Boston University	1	Northwestern University	4	University of Nevada: Las Vegas	1
Brown University	1	Parsons The New School for Design	1	University of the Pacific	1
California College of the Arts	1	Pratt Institute	1	University of Pennsylvania	1
Carnegie Mellon University	5	Princeton University	1	University of Rochester	1
Columbia University	3	Purdue University	2	University of Southern California	3
Cooper Union	1	Rhode Island School of Design	5	University of Sydney, Australia	1
Cornell University	5	Stanford University	2	University of Toronto, Canada	2
Duke University	2	Tufts University	2	Univ. of Western Ontario, Canada	1
Emory University	1	Univ. of British Columbia, Canada	1	Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison	1
Ewha Womans University	1	U. C. Berkeley	14	Washington University in St. Louis	1
Georgetown University	1	U. C. Irvine	1	Wesleyan University	2
Glion Institute, Switzerland	1	U. C. L. A.	1	Yale University	1
Johns Hopkins University	2	U. C. San Diego	3		
Michigan State University	1	U. C. Santa Barbara	1		



Cumulative College &

American University	1	Colgate University	1	Harvey Mudd College	1
Amherst College	5	College of William and Mary	1	Haverford College	1
Babson College	4	Columbia University	26	Hofstra University	1
Bard College	1	Columbia/Sciences Po	1	Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, HK	6
Barnard College	6	Cooper Union	6	Howard Payne University	1
Baylor University	1	Cornell University	60	Indiana University: Bloomington	2
Bates College	1	Dartmouth College	6	Johns Hopkins University	20
Bennington College	1	Davidson College	4	Julliard School	1
Berkelyee College of Music	3	Drew University	1	Keio University, Japan	2
Boston College	5	Drexel University	1	Konyang University, Korea	1
Boston Univeristy	15	Duke University	10	Korea University, Korea	2
Brandeis University	13	Emerson College	6	Lehigh University	1
Brigham Young University	1	Emory University	25	London College of Fashion, UK	1
Brown University	17	Eugene Lang College of New School for Liberal Arts	1	London School of Economics & Politics, UK	2
Bryn Mawr College	2	Ewha University, Korea	4	Long Beach College	1
California College of the Arts	1	Fashion Institute of Technology	3	Loyola Marymount University	1
California Institute of Technology (Cal Tech)	1	Five Towns College	1	Macalester College	2
California Institute of the Arts	1	Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering	1	Maryland Institute College of Art	1
California Polytechnic State University: San Luis Obispo	1	George Washington University	5	Marymount Palos Verdes College	1
California State Polytechnic University: Pomona	1	Georgetown University	10	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.)	4
Carnegie Mellon University	47	Georgia Institute of Technology	4	McGill University, Canada	3
Case Western Reserve University	5	Glion Institute	1	Michigan State University	2
Central Saint Martins College of Art & Design, England	1	Gordon College	1	Middlebury College	5
Chinese University of Hong Kong, HK	1	Grinnell College	1	Mount Holyoke College	2
Chung-Ang University	2	Hardin-Simmons University	1	National University of Singapore, Singapore	1
Claremont McKenna College	3	Harvard University	3	New York University	114

University Placements 2010-2020

Northeastern University	9	Stanford University	9	University of Notre Dame	7
Northwestern University	24	The State University of New Jersey(SUNY): Binghamton	1	University of Oxford, UK	5
Occidental College	1	The State University of New Jersey(SUNY): Fredonia	1	University of the Pacific	8
Parsons, The New School for Design	6	The State University of New Jersey(SUNY): Stony Brook	2	University of Pennsylvania	13
Pennsylvania State University	6	Sungkyunkwan University, Korea	1	University of Rochester	3
Pepperdine University	3	Swarthmore College	16	University of Sydney	1
Pomona College	2	Syracuse University	14	University of Southern California	30
Pratt Institute	9	Tufts University	10	University of Texas: Austin	2
Princeton University	12	University of British Columbia, Canada	2	University of Toronto, Canada	7
Purdue University	12	University College London, UK	1	University of Virginia	5
Queens University , Canada	2	University of California: Berkeley	62	University of Washington	5
Reed College	1	University of California: Davis	3	University of Western Ontario, Canada	1
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	1	University of California: Irvine	5	University of Wisconsin: Madison	3
Rhode Island School of Design	16	University of California: Los Angeles	24	Vanderbilt University	2
Rice University	8	University of California: San Diego	9	Verginia Tech	1
Ringling School of Art & Design	1	University of California: Santa Barbara	4	Wake Forest University	1
The State University of New Jersey(SUNY): Rutgers	3	University of Chicago	10	Waseda University, Japan	6
Saint Louis University: Madrid Campus, Spain	1	University College London, UK	1	Washington University in St. Louis	26
School of the Art Institute of Chicago	5	University of Glasgow, UK	1	Wellesley College	13
School of Visual Arts	5	University of Hong Kong	10	Wesleyan University	8
Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China	1	University of Illinois: Urbana-Champaign	25	Williams College	3
Smith College	7	University of Massachusetts: Amherst	3	Yale University	2
Sogang University, Korea	1	University of Michigan	5	Yale-NUS College, Singapore	1
Southern California Institute of Architecture	2	University of Minnesota	2	Yonsei University, Korea	1
Southern Methodist University	1	University of Nevada	1	Yonsei Univesity(Underwood International College), Korea	12

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 2 nd and Tournament 2 nd	Dragon Cup 2 nd
Girls Tennis	Conference 2 nd and Tournament Champions	Dragon Cup 3 rd
Girls Volleyball	Conference 2 nd and Cup Tournament 6 th	Tournament 6 th
Boys Volleyball	Conference Champions and Cup Tournament 2 nd	Tournament Champions
Cross Country	Conference 4 th and Tournament 3 rd	Tournament 3 rd

Winter Season

	KAIAC	AISA
Boys Basketball	Conference Champions	Tournament Champions
Girls Basketball	Conference Champions	Tournament 2 nd

Spring Season

	KAIAC	AISA
Boys Swimming	Cancelled (COVID)	Cancelled (COVID)
Girls Swimming	Cancelled (COVID)	Cancelled (COVID)
Boys Soccer	Cancelled (COVID)	Cancelled (COVID)
Girls Soccer	Cancelled (COVID)	Cancelled (COVID)



Activities

Despite a challenging year impacted by the onset of COVID-19 in January 2020, the SIS activities and athletics program managed to complete nearly two seasons as well as engage in meaningful events both domestically and internationally.

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, Yokohama International School, ISB, and KIS, where they made meaningful connections with students from around the world.

The Model United Nations (MUN) delegations successfully participated in the SEOMUN conference in Seoul and participated in the THIMUN conferences in The Hague, however we had to cancel our annual trip to the BEIMUN conference in Beijing. The club continues to demonstrate excellence in their field of public speaking and diplomacy as they pick up accolades from each conference they attend.

Our AQT quiz team has been growing steadily, becoming a KAIAC sponsored activity last school year, and excelling against fellow KAIAC schools SFS and KIS, twice achieving Quiz Invitational Championships during the 2018-2019 school year. They continue to achieve success as the competition has moved online. In the coming years, AQT plans to transport their domestic success internationally with the advent of an international trip for the activity.

Habitat for Humanity (HFH), Global Issues Network (GIN), and other High School service clubs, despite having international trips cancelled have demonstrated the utmost ability to keep their clubs active via zoom club meetings, and maintained rigor as they seek to make meaningful contributions to the charities with whom they are engaged.

Our Math team also successfully traveled to Jakarta for the World Math Qualifiers, finishing an overwhelming first place against other schools from around Asia. They followed up as AISA math champions as they traveled to Busan in January. SIS continuously produces excellent mathematicians who compete at an impressive level.

Our United Youth Service Club (UYSC) club travelled on their annual trip to Cambodia to visit 2 local schools where they taught English and donated school materials. The students found this trip to be very rewarding, especially as they rebrand their club from UNICEF to UYSC, taking more ownership over their charitable donations and goals and mission of the organization.

Despite having their trips cancelled to Dubai and Muscat, our AMIS orchestra and choir students were accepted to the prestigious conference in record numbers, an impressive accomplishment, demonstrating excellence in both of these programs.



Fine and Performing Arts



As a follow-up to “Little Shop of Horrors”, the Drama Department featured “The Nutcracker” incorporating students from the high school and middle school.

The Advanced Drama class put performed short plays including “Kim Arthur and the Nerds of the Round ” for high school students.

In 2020, the Performing Arts Department students performed virtually for our community members.

Service Learning



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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