



SPRING BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
WESTCHESTER ACADEMY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

WILDCATS
 901 YORKCHESTER, HOUSTON, TX 77079

Community & School Information

Student Enrollment	2020-2021
Seniors	129
Juniors	118
Sophomores	131
Freshmen	137
Total	515

Westchester Academy for International Studies (WAIS) is a District sponsored charter school. WAIS provides a challenging, advanced level curriculum that helps students develop a global awareness including a focus on international relations and problem solving while delivering an advanced level curriculum. Instructors use a variety of teaching methods and promote a culture of college readiness and success.

WAIS offers an International Baccalaureate World School curriculum with an authorized Middle Years Programme for 6-10th grades, and both a Diploma Programme and Career-Related Programme for 11 and 12th grades.

Along with a rigorous curriculum, students develop an international perspective through exploring the languages, cultures, business environments, governments, fine arts and technologies of other countries to prepare for the global workforce. Creative thinking, reflection, and problem solving are integral components of all classes.

In addition to the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, students may take Advanced Placement courses.

All 9th and 10th graders take English, math, science and social studies at Pre AP level.

Grading & Ranking Procedures

	GT/AP/DC/DE Pre-AP/IB	Grade Level
A = 90-100	7	6
B = 80-89	6	5
C = 75-79	5	4
D = 70-74	4	3
F = Below 70	0	0

Spring Branch ISD reports class rank outside the top 10% only for those students who make a formal request to have it included on their transcript.

Curriculum

Students must complete the State of Texas Foundation High School Graduation Program with an Endorsement that requires a total of 26 credits as follows:

English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	4
Social Studies	3
World Languages	2
Fine Arts	1
Physical Education	1
Elective Credits	7

Students may select their endorsement from the following areas: STEM, Business and Industry, Public Service, Arts and Humanities, and Multidisciplinary Studies. Special permission is required to graduate on the Foundation Plan without an Endorsement that requires a total of 22 credits.

Advanced Placement Courses (AP)

English Literature (English IV)
 Calculus AB
 Statistics
 Environmental Science
 U.S. History
 U.S. Government
 Macroeconomics
 Psychology
 Spanish Language (Spanish IV)
 Spanish Literature (Spanish V)
 French Language
 German Language
 World History

International Baccalaureate Courses (IB)

English Language & Literature HL
 History of the Americas HL
 Mathematics: Applications and Interpretations SL/HL
 Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches SL/HL
 Biology SL/HL
 Chemistry SL/HL
 Physics SL/HL
 Computer Science SL
 French B SL/HL
 Spanish Language & Literature SL/HL
 Spanish B SL/HL
 German B SL/HL
 Italian B SL/HL
 Theatre Arts SL/HL
 Visual Arts SL/HL
 Music SL/HL
 Theory of Knowledge
 Personal & Professional Skills

Test Score Information

SAT	Math	Reading	Total
WAIS	523	537	1060
Texas	500	510	1010
National	523	528	1051

ACT	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
WAIS	25.5	24.5	25.8	25.0	25.4
Texas	19.1	20.1	20.8	20.4	20.2
National	19.9	20.2	21.2	20.6	20.6

IB Assessments	2020	2021
Exams Taken	319	333
% of Exams Earning Passing Score	68	74

Advanced Placement	2020	2021
Total AP Students	215	110
Number of Exams	276	168
% of AP Students with Scores 3+	58	55

IB Diploma Candidates	2019	2020
IB Diploma Candidates	30	27
IB Career-Related Candidates	14	18
IB Diplomas Earned	7	12
IB Career-Related Diplomas Earned	9	17

World languages are encouraged at all grade levels. The District's career and technology center, The Guthrie Center, provides instruction in 12 popular career focus areas.

Students may earn college credit through the District's Early College Program by taking courses at Houston Community College.

WAIS provides a Secondary Dual Language Program option for students continuing from SBISD elementary schools' Two-Way Dual Language Programs.

WAIS uses an Alternating Block Schedule, 8 classes/ semester; each class meets for 90 minutes on alternating days (Upper School only). Semesters are 18 weeks with 9 week grading periods.

WAIS has earned distinctions from the Texas Education Agency in all four core subjects, post-secondary readiness, and for closing gaps. WAIS is regularly included in recognitions such as Best High Schools in Houston, Children At Risk; America's Best High Schools, U.S. News and World Report; and Best Charter High Schools, Niche.

College Attendance History

WAIS graduates continue their education attending 4-year institutions, out-of-state colleges and the military.

Angelina College	Mount Holyoke College	(Mexico)
Angelo State U	Northern Arizona U	Universidad de Guanajuato
Barnard College	Notre Dame	(Mexico)
Baylor U	Oberlin College	U of Aberdeen (Scotland)
Blinn College	Ohio Wesleyan U	U of Alabama
Boston U	Our Lady of the Lake U	U of Colorado
Bournemouth U (England)	Parson's School of Design	U of Economics in Prague
Brandeis U	Prairie View A&M	U of Houston-Clear Lake
Bryn Mawr College	Regents U (London)	U of Houston-Main
Carleton College	Rice U	U of Houston-Downtown
Carnegie Mellon U	Sam Houston State U	U of Mary Hardin Baylor
Case Western Reserve U	San Diego State U	U of North Texas
Concordia of Montreal	Santa Fe Community College	U of Oklahoma
Colorado School of Mines	Southern Methodist U	U of Pennsylvania
Colorado State U	Southwestern U	U of Rochester
Duke U	St. Edwards U	U of St. Thomas (Houston)
Eckerd College	St. Mary's U	U of Texas-Austin
Emory U	Stephen F. Austin State U	U of Texas-Dallas
Georgetown U	Swarthmore College	U of Texas-San Antonio
Houston Baptist U	Syracuse U	U of Virginia
Houston Community College	Texas A&M U	U of Warwick (England)
Howard U	Texas A&M U-Corpus Christi	Virginia Tech
Kari-Franzens U (Austria)	Texas A&M U-Galveston	Washington & Le U
Kettering U	Texas A&M U-Kingsville	Western Washington U
King's College (London)	Texas Lutheran U	Wheaton College
Knox College	Texas Southern U	
Lamar U	Texas State U	
Lone Star College	Texas Tech U	
Louisiana State U	Trinity U	
Loyola U of Chicago	Universidad de Catolica de	
McGill U (Canada)	Murcia (Spain)	
Missouri U of Science & Tech.	Universidad Vasco Quiroga	

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