



# WESTERN ACADEMY OF BEIJING

## High School Profile 2021-2022

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## School Description

Western Academy of Beijing (WAB) was **established in 1994** as an international, independent, English-language, coeducational day school for foreign children in Beijing that offers a challenging, caring, and community-based educational experience from Early Years through Grade 12. English is the language of instruction. WAB is a school that confidently believes that excellence and inclusiveness can both thrive in the same place.

WAB is proud of its international reputation as a global leader in innovation of learning and teaching. Our High School offers the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP), the IB Diploma Programme (IB DP) and an American accredited High School Diploma. Every graduate earns an accredited Western Academy of Beijing High School Diploma. **The Class of 2022 (106 students) will be the 16th graduating class in the 27-year history of the school.**



**413**  
students

**38%**  
Australia, NZ,  
USA, UK, &  
Canada.

**39%**  
Asia

**20%**  
Europe  
(excluding UK)

**3%**  
Other

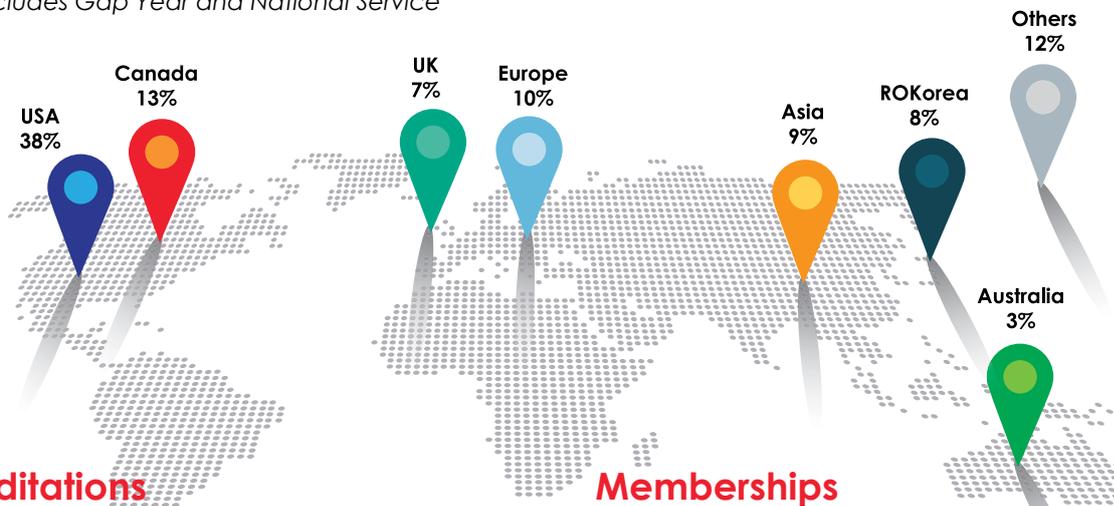
**WAB HS**  
DEMOGRAPHICS

**40 Nationalities | 37 Languages**  
WAB's diversity is reflected with no one nationality exceeding 20% of the student body.

**64 Teachers | 16 Nationalities**

## Destinations for Class of 2021 (99 students)

Others: Includes Gap Year and National Service



## Accreditations



## Memberships



# HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM (IB AND BEYOND)

*WAB has plans in place to adjust our learning experience to respond to any changes in the health and safety requirements for our community.*

**WAB students are encouraged to take the most challenging courses in which they can be academically successful.**

English is the language of instruction. Each course meets for 70 minutes on an alternate rotating day schedule throughout the school year, which runs from August through June. The academic year is divided into two halves, with an interim and a final grade being reported on the transcript.

All Grade 9 and 10 students study eight courses each year. In Grade 10, students complete the MYP Personal Project outside of class time. The project exposes students early on to independent research and critical reflection.

In Grades 11 and 12, students can participate in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, Capstone Program or the Individualized Curricula Program (a selection of IB and high school courses that best meets students' future goals). **The full IB DP Diploma is open to all WAB students.**



Full IB Diploma students choose from six subject groups that include a broad range of courses with three at standard level and three at higher level. In addition, students must take the Theory of Knowledge (TOK) course, complete an Extended Essay, and fulfill Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) commitments outside of class time.

**WAB Expects full DP student to enroll in no more than three courses at high level and three courses at standard level.**

**WAB allows 12 applications to universities each academic cycle.**

**WAB reports student disciplinary infractions that include academic malpractice, as well as suspensions and/or expulsions, to institutions which require this information.**

## CAPSTONE PROGRAM

**The Capstone program is selective and students must apply.** The Capstone program is an academic self-directed learning program for students in Grades 11 and 12. Students take five IB or WAB courses and opt for a passion course as their sixth subject: the Capstone. Students determine their Capstone core learning areas for study, create an extended project, and are involved with an internship element over two years. Students can earn credits with a final determination of level of achievement made at the end of the one or two-year program.

## WABX EXTRACURRICULARS, GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP, AND CHINA ENGAGEMENT

In order for students to receive the WAB High School Diploma, all students commit to global citizenship projects. Students in Grades 11 and 12 participate in CAS projects with clearly defined IB learning objectives, even if they are not a full DP student.

An annual China Studies field trip for each grade level is a key element in engaging students with our host country while supporting the High School curriculum.

**240**  
ACTIVITIES  
**16** SPORTS  
**39** TEAMS

*From February 2020 to current school year, WAB students have had limited access to school-based co-curricular activities; many student-led activities had to be canceled or postponed. Despite this, students were able to develop independent and individual ways to continue their involvement in sports, service, and the creative arts.*

## COURSE OFFERINGS: 2021-2022 All courses are IB unless specifically denoted as High School (HS) courses.

### ENGLISH

**MYP:** English A Language & Literature, English Language Acquisition

**DP:** English Literature (SL/HL), English Language & Literature (SL/HL), English B (HL), HS English

### HUMANITIES

**MYP:** Individuals & Societies

**DP:** Economics (SL/HL), Geography (SL/HL), History (SL/HL), Information Technology in a Global Society (ITGS) (SL/HL), Psychology (SL/HL), HS Global Issues

### MATHEMATICS

**MYP:** Mathematics (Standard, and Extended levels)

**DP:** IB Mathematics Analysis & Approaches (SL/HL), IB Mathematics Applications and Interpretation (SL/HL), HS Essential Mathematics

### SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

**MYP:** Science (Integrated Biology, Chemistry, and Physics lab sciences), Design

**DP:** Biology (SL/HL), Chemistry (SL/HL), Physics (SL/HL), Design Technology (DT) (SL/HL), Environmental Systems & Society (SL), Sports, Exercise & Health Science (SL), HS Integrated Science

### LANGUAGES

**MYP:** Mandarin, Spanish, French Foundation, Standard, Advanced levels

**DP:** Mandarin Ab Initio SL, Chinese Literature A (SL/HL), Chinese Language and Literature A (SL/HL), Chinese B (SL/HL), Spanish Ab Initio SL, Spanish B (SL/HL), IB French B (SL/HL), Self-Taught (SL) (School Supported), HS Conversational Chinese

### THE ARTS

**MYP:** Art, Dance, Drama, Film, Music

**DP:** Visual Arts (SL/HL), Dance (SL/HL), Theatre (SL/HL), Film Studies (SL/HL), Music (SL/HL), HS Art & Design

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

**MYP:** Health and Physical Education

### OTHER

**DP:** Theory of Knowledge (TOK), HS Capstone

### INDEPENDENT LEARNING

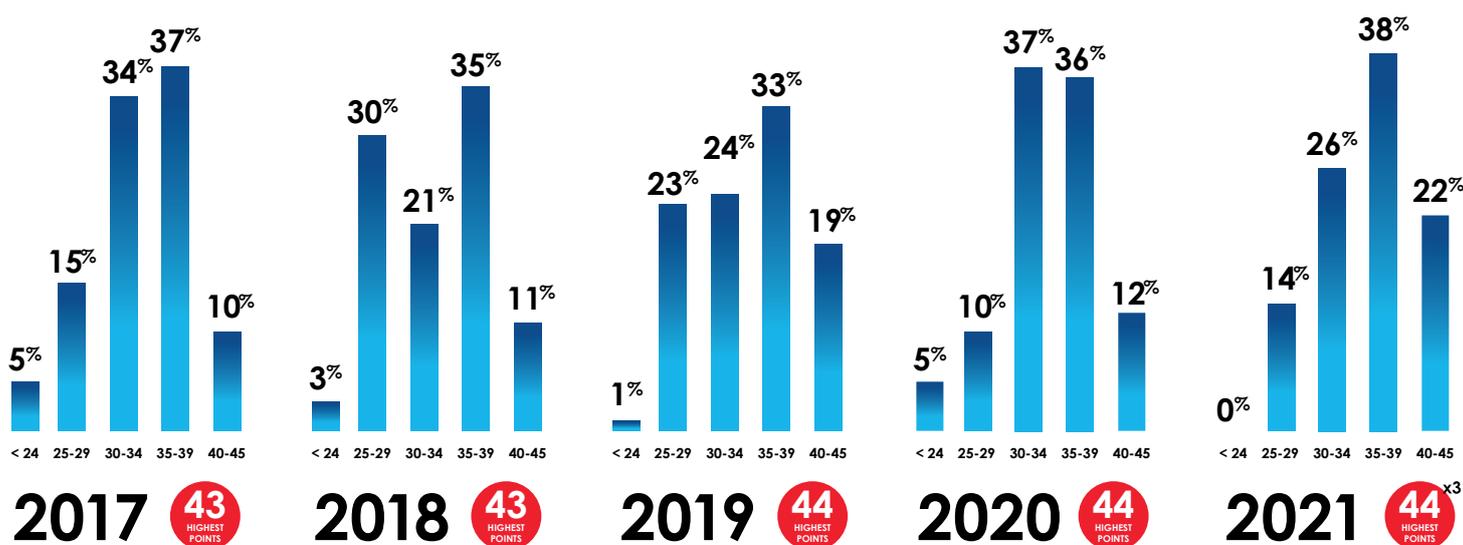
**MYP:** Personal Project

**DP:** Extended Essay

Students who are non-native English language speakers are assessed to determine whether **ELA support** is required.

# Western Academy of Beijing IB Diploma Results

WAB is inclusive with regard to admission to the IB Diploma Programme. Approximately 80% of students choose the full IB Diploma Programme.



Graduating Class	IB DP Candidates	WAB Mean	World Mean	Percentage of WAB DP Candidates Who Earned the Diploma	Number of WAB Students Who Earned a Bilingual Diploma
2021	80	36	33	99%	22
2020	83	34	29.92	96%	22
2019	83	34	29.63	94%	29
2018	97	34	29.76	90%	15
2017	84	34	29.78	95%	19

## WAB Graduation Requirements

### College Preparatory Diploma (minimum 24 credits)

- 4 English
- 3 Science
- 3 Mathematics
- 3 Humanities
- 2 Arts
- 2 Health and Physical Education
- 2 Technology
- 3 Electives
- 2 Other Language

### General Studies Diploma (minimum 14 credits)

- 3 English
- 2 Science
- 2 Mathematics
- 2 Humanities
- 2 Health and Physical Education
- 2 Arts
- 1 Elective

Credit is given at the end of a school year with a grade of 3 or higher. Transfer students will have their previous transcript verified and credit is awarded (not stated on WAB transcript). Students may be waived certain requirements only if transferring mid-way through high school. **WAB does not rank or calculate Grade Point Average (GPA).**

During online learning, WAB adopted an assessment policy that allowed students to earn a P (Pass) for demonstrated learning in a given course.

## Grading System (1-7 Scale)

The WAB assessment system follows the established IB criteria and conversion table, whose descriptors are noted below:

Grade	North American Conversion	Descriptor
7	A+	Excellent
6	A	Very Good
5	B	Good
4	C	Satisfactory
3	D	Mediocre
2	F	Poor
1	F	Very Poor

## Class of 2022 SAT Scores Summary

Total Test Takers

**34**

Mean ERW

**655**

Mean MATH

**707**

## Standardized Tests & External Exams

WAB offers the following external exams on site:

IB MAP ACT PSAT SAT

Due to the global effects of the pandemic, standardized testing options for International students were severely curtailed. Even where testing was available, sudden test cancellations, center closures, and poorly-functioning registration systems adversely affected students' abilities to follow their planned or ideal testing schedules.

# MATRICULATION - UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE: CLASSES OF 2018-2021

## ASIA

Beijing Language & Culture University (CN) (7)  
Central University of Finance & Economics (CN)  
Communication University of China (CN)  
Hokkaido University (JP)  
Hong Kong Baptist University (HK) \*  
Hong Kong University of Science & Technology (5) (HK)  
International Christian University (JP) \*  
Keio University (JP) \*  
Mahidol University (TH)  
Nanjing University (CN)  
Nagoya University (JP)  
New York University Shanghai (CN)  
Sophia University (JP)  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong (HK)  
University of Hong Kong (HK) \*\*  
Waseda University (JP) (4)

## AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Australia National University  
Blue Mountains International Hospitality School  
Monash University  
University of Adelaide  
University of Auckland  
University of Brisbane  
University of Canberra  
University of Melbourne  
University of Queensland (2)  
University of Sydney (2)

## CANADA

Carleton University  
McGill University (2)  
McMaster University  
Memorial University of Newfoundland  
Ryerson University \*  
University of British Columbia (12) \*\*\*  
University of Toronto (14) \*\*\*\*\*  
University of Waterloo (5) \*  
Western University

## EUROPE

Delft University of Technology (NL)  
Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne (CH)  
Erasmus University College  
Erasmus University Rotterdam (NL) (3) \*  
Fontys University of Applied Science (NL)  
Haaga-Helia University (SE)  
Hanzse University of Applied Sciences, Groningen (NL) (2)  
IE University (SP)  
Kedge Business School (FR)  
Les Roches Schools of Hotel Management, (CH) (2)  
Lund University (SE)  
NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University (NL)  
Royal Academy of Art (NL) \*  
Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm (KTH) (SE)  
Sciences Po La Havre (FR) \*  
TH Köln – University of Applied Sciences (DE)  
Tilburg University (NL) \*  
The American University of Paris (FR)  
The Complutense University of Madrid (ES)  
The Hague University of Applied Sciences (NL)  
University of Amsterdam (NL) \*  
University College Maastricht (NL) \*  
University College Twente (NL)

University of Amsterdam (NL) (5)  
University of Groningen (NL)  
University of Navarra (ES)  
University of New York in Prague, S.r.o (CZ)  
University of Szeged (HU)  
Vrije University Amsterdam (4) \*

## KOREA

Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)  
Korean National University of Arts  
Korea University (1)  
Seoul National University (3)  
Sogang University (2)  
Yonsei University (5)

## UNITED KINGDOM

Arts University Bournemouth (1)  
Birkbeck University of London  
Imperial College, London (2)  
King's College of London (2)  
Lancaster University \*  
Loughborough University (2)  
Newcastle University  
Nottingham Trent University  
Royal Holloway, University of London  
Sussex University  
University College London (5)\*  
University of the Arts London  
University of Bath (2) \*  
University of Bristol  
University of Edinburgh (2)  
University of Glasgow (2)  
University of Leeds  
University of London  
University of Manchester (4)\*\*\*  
University of Oxford (2)\*  
University of Sheffield  
University of Warwick

## UNITED STATES

Arizona State University  
Austin College  
Barnard College (3) \*  
Berklee College of Music (4) \*  
Boston College (3)  
Boston Conservatory  
Boston University (5) \*  
Brandeis University (3) \*  
Brown University (4)  
Brigham Young University  
Bryn Mawr University \*  
California College of the Arts  
Carleton College  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Chapman University  
College of Charleston \*  
College of William and Mary \*  
Colorado State University – Fort Collins  
Columbia University \*  
Concordia College at Moorhead  
Cornell University (3) \*  
Duke University \*  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Daytona Beach \*  
Emory University (4) \*\*  
Emory University, Oxford College (2)  
Florida Gulf Coast University \*\*  
Fordham University  
Full Sail University  
George Mason University \*  
George Washington University  
Georgetown University  
Grand Canyon University  
Hamilton College \*\*

Illinois Institute of Technology  
Indiana University – Bloomington \*  
James Madison University  
Loyola Marymount University (2) \*  
Lynn University  
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences University  
Michigan State University  
New York University (10) \*\*  
New York University Abu Dhabi (2)  
NYU Tisch School of the Arts  
Northampton Community College  
Northeastern University (2)  
Northwestern University  
Ohio State University  
Otis College of Art and Design  
Parsons School of Design - The New School (6)  
Pennsylvania State University  
Pennsylvania State University - Erie \*  
Pennsylvania State University - World Campus \*  
Pitzer College  
Pomona College \*  
Pratt Institute – Main  
Princeton University  
Purchase College, SUNY  
Rhode Island School of Design (3)\*\*  
Rice University \*  
Ringling College of Art and Design  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
San Francisco State University  
Savannah College of Art and Design (3)  
School of Visual Arts (6) \*  
Stanford University (2)  
St. Edward's University  
Swarthmore College  
Syracuse University  
Trinity College (2)  
Tufts University (2)  
University of California, Berkeley(2) \*  
University of California, Davis  
University of California, Irvine (2)\*  
University of California, Los Angeles (4)\*  
University of California, San Diego (2)  
University of California, Santa Cruz  
University of Chicago  
University of Colorado - Colorado Springs  
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (4) \*\*  
University of Hawaii at Manoa  
University of La Verne (2)  
University of Maryland, College Park  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
University of North Carolina, Charlotte  
University of Oregon \*  
University of Rochester  
University of Southern California (7)  
University of Texas, Austin  
University of Washington  
University of Wisconsin, Madison  
Vanderbilt University (3) \*\*  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Wellesley College (2) \*  
Wesleyan University  
Westminster College  
Yale University

**\* Denotes Class of 2021 (one \* per matriculation)**

*Australian, European, and Korean matriculation numbers are still being processed - offers continue to arrive, and student disclosure contributes to a tracking challenge.*