



# Marist Brothers International School

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## History

Marist Brothers International School (MBIS, CEEB 680-180) is a private college preparatory school accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, USA. Approximately 320 students from pre-kindergarten to twelfth grade are provided with an international education using an American curriculum based on California standards. All courses but language specialties are taught in English. The student body is composed of a core of native English speakers along with multilingual non-native English speakers from well over 30 nationalities. The MBIS class of 2022 has 11 students.

## Curriculum Grades 9- 12

The academic program is organized on a 180 day school year and a 6 day cycle, with 8 class periods per day of 45 minutes each. Core academic classes and IB HL courses meet 6 periods per cycle while IB SL courses meet slightly less depending upon the subject. A minimum of 22 credits are required for graduation.

## Graduation Requirements

Graduation Requirements include a minimum of 22 credits in the following areas:

**English-4**, World Literature I, World Literature II, IB English Language A SL/HL

**Social Studies-3** World History 9, World History 10, IB History SL/HL, IB Psychology SL/HL, IB Business SL/HL, Geography SL/HL

**Science-3** Biology, Chemistry & Physics (Pre-IB Science 10), IB Biology SL/HL, IB Chemistry SL/HL, IB Physics SL/HL, Environmental Systems and Societies SL

**Mathematics-3** Algebra 1\*, Geometry, Algebra 2, IB Mathematics SL, IB Mathematics HL, Class of 2021 and later- Mathematics Analysis & Approaches SL/HL, Mathematics Applications & Interpretations SL/HL

**Language-3** Japanese, Intermediate Japanese, Advanced Japanese, IB Japanese ab initio SL, IB Japanese Language B SL/HL, IB Japanese Language A SL/HL

**Electives- 6** Symphonic Band (grades 9 &10), Studio Art (grades 9 & 10), Introduction to Computer Science (grade 10), Physical Education (grade 9 & 10), Religious Education (grade 9 & 10), Yearbook and Journalism (grade 9 & 10), IB Visual Arts, and IB Courses from other subject areas beyond subject area requirements listed above.

\*studied in grade 8

## Course Levels

All courses are taught at a college preparatory level. Only Grade 9 and 10 Social Studies and World Composition and Literature offer honors courses (**H**), which provide more challenge to students of higher ability in the subject. MBIS has very high academic standards.

## International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma

Marist Brothers International School awards an IB Diploma and Bilingual IB Diploma in addition to the MBIS Diploma. Students taking three Higher Level courses and three Standard Level courses for grades 11 and 12 qualify for the full International Baccalaureate Diploma. All grade 11 and 12

students are required to enroll in Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS), and Theory of Knowledge (TOK) with a focus on service for non-diploma students. Credit is awarded for the satisfactory completion of TOK. MBIS students are awarded a Bilingual Diploma after successful completion of Japanese Language A and English Language A courses. Language A courses are conducted at native speaking levels

## Class Ranking and Standardized Test Scores

Due to small class sizes, students are not ranked. With the change from a percentage grade to a 1-7 scale from the 2019-2020 school year, MBIS no longer calculates a GPA.

With respect to class size and diversity, it is advised that each school evaluate MBIS students individually in the college acceptance process.

## Assessment

As of the 2019-2020 academic year, students in grades 9-12 are assessed using a 1-7 scale - a passing grade is 3 and above. Prior to the 2019-2020 school year, students were assessed using percentage grades with a passing grade of 60%.

## Equivalency Scale

Percentage Range	MBIS Grade	Descriptor	4.0 Scale	Letter Scale
94-100	7	Excellent	4.0	A
87-93	6	Very Good	3.8	A-
80-86	5	Good	3.0	B
70-79	4	Satisfactory	2.0	C
60-69	3	Limited	1.0	D
Failing 0-59	2/1	Failing	0	F

## Extracurricular Activities

Students are encouraged to become involved at school and beyond through a wide array of activities including competitive sports, symphonic band, service groups, and the yearly musical. Students hold leadership roles in the Marist Brothers Honor Society, Student Council, TEDX, the Marist Athletic Association, Model United Nations, and more.



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## International Baccalaureate Grades Class of 2021

2021 is the third graduating class in the IB DP Program. Though all faculty teaching IB courses have received and passed appropriate official IB training, they have limited experience comparing their predicted scores with actual student performance on IB exams. Subject specific data is limited to the class of 2021 only.

Subject	# of Students	MBIS Mean	World IB Mean
IB Chem HL	4	6.50	5.38
IB Chem SL	3	5.00	4.99
IB Phys HL	3	6.33	5.34
IB Phys SL	2	5.00	4.90
IB Bio HL	7	4.71	5.04
IB Bio SL	11	4.09	4.68
IB Business HL	10	5.80	5.53
IB Business SL	3	5.00	5.62
IB Psych HL	9	5.22	5.29
IB Psych SL	7	5.29	5.00
Visual Arts HL	2	6.00	4.56
Visual Arts SL	1	4.00	4.24
IB History HL	4	5.75	5.56
IB History SL	3	6.00	5.00
IB Math AA HL	5	6.00	4.77
IB Math AA SL	2	6.00	4.25

Subject	# of Students	MBIS Mean	World IB Mean
IB Math AI HL	7	4.00	5.44
IB Math AI SL	9	4.38	5.18
Jap L&L: A HL	7	5.57	5.83
Jap L&L: A SL	3	5.33	5.60
Jap L&L: B HL	1	7.00	6.23
Jap L&L: B SL	8	6.13	5.42
Jap AB INITIO SL	2	5.50	5.56
Eng L&L: A HL	8	4.86	5.11
Eng L&L: A SL	15	5.33	5.43
German SSST SL	1	6	5.37
Danish SSST SL	1	7	5.95

2021 MBIS Diploma AVG* Grade	5.44	2021 World IB AVG Grade	5.33
2021 MBIS Diploma AVG* Score	35	2021 World Diploma AVG Score	33
2020 MBIS Diploma AVG* Grade	5.31	2020 World IB AVG Grade	5.08
2020 MBIS Diploma AVG* Score	33.43	2020 World Diploma AVG Score	31.34
2019 MBIS Diploma AVG* Grade	4.94	2019 World IB AVG Grade	4.76
2019 MBIS Diploma AVG* Score	31.35	2019 World IB AVG Score	29.63

\*Average based on awarded IB Diplomas

## University Matriculation 2017-2021

Marist Brothers International School has an excellent acceptance record; 95 - 98% of our graduates proceed to higher education. Graduates of recent years matriculated at the following institutions of higher learning.

### Japan

Asian Pacific University (Ritsumeikan)  
 Doshisha University  
 International Christian University  
 Keio University  
 Kobe University  
 Kwansai Gakuin University  
 Lakeland College – Tokyo  
 Okayama University  
 Osaka University  
 Ritsumeikan University  
 Sophia University  
 University of Hyogo  
 Waseda University  
 Temple University (Tokyo)

### Australia & Asia

Loyola College - India

Monash University  
 Murdoch University- Australia  
 National Taiwan University  
 University of Melbourne

### UK & Europe

Grenoble École de Management- France  
 King's College London - UK  
 Sussex University – UK  
 University of the Arts London- UK

### United States of America & Canada

Agnes Scott College- GA  
 Asbury University- KY  
 California State University: Long Beach  
 California State Polytechnic University: Pomona  
 Arizona State University  
 Barnard College- NY  
 Bellarmine University- KY

Boston University- MA  
 Chaminade University – HA  
 Hofstra University- NY  
 Moody Bible Institute- IL  
 Mount Allison University- Canada  
 Orange Coast College- CA  
 Penn State University- PA  
 Portland State University- OR  
 San Diego State University- CA  
 Savannah College of Art and Design- GA  
 University of British Columbia- Canada  
 University of Colorado Boulder  
 University of Michigan  
 University of Prince Edward Island- Canada  
 University of San Diego- CA  
 University of Toronto- Canada  
 University of Utah  
 Wilfrid Laurier University- Canada