



Seoul International School
Annual Report
2020-2021



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



Measure of Academic Progress

MAP, or the Measure of Academic Progress, is a computerized adaptive test which helps teachers, parents, and administrators improve learning for all students and make informed decisions to promote a child's academic growth.



Language

GRADE	RIT NORM	KOREA	EARCOS	SIS
K	-	-	-	-
GRADE 1	-	-	-	-
GRADE 2	188	196	195	200
GRADE 3	198	205	204	206
GRADE 4	205	212	212	216
GRADE 5	210	217	217	222
GRADE 6	214	222	222	227
GRADE 7	216	225	226	231
GRADE 8	219	230	230	238

Math

GRADE	RIT NORM	KOREA	EARCOS	SIS
K	157	169	168	167
GRADE 1	176	191	187	184
GRADE 2	189	200	200	199
GRADE 3	201	211	210	209
GRADE 4	211	225	223	226
GRADE 5	219	235	232	240
GRADE 6	223	242	236	246
GRADE 7	227	249	244	256
GRADE 8	230	258	252	267

Reading

GRADE	RIT NORM	KOREA	EARCOS	SIS
K	153	169	160	160
GRADE 1	171	180	177	177
GRADE 2	186	190	191	194
GRADE 3	197	200	202	197
GRADE 4	205	201	210	208
GRADE 5	211	214	216	220
GRADE 6	215	220	221	226
GRADE 7	218	224	225	227
GRADE 8	222	228	230	234

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 Scores

	2018	2019	2020	2021
Evidence-based Reading and Writing	718	720	727	680
Math	768	765	765	760
Combined	1486	1485	1492	1445

Essay and Subject tests were discontinued by the College Board in December 2020. SIS will no longer publish scores from these discontinued assessments. Published scores are averages of each test administration.



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.



AP Results	2017	2018	2019	2020**	2021
Number of AP courses offered	21	23	23	23	23
Number of students taking at least 1 AP course*	297	303	301	260	286
Number of AP exams written	853	909	880	674	851
Number of exams with a score of 5	373	350	356	303	329
Number of exams with a score of 4	239	248	217	226	246

* Students in grades 10-12 are eligible for AP classes

** AP Exams were optional for all students. Exams were shortened and completed by students electronically at home. In accordance with the College Board's Equity and Access policy, AP courses at SIS are open to all students provided that they have passed the prerequisite(s) for that course.

AP Scholar Recognition

Year	Category	AP Scholar	AP Scholar with Honors	AP Scholar with Distinction	AP International Diploma	AP Capstone Diploma
2021	Number of Scholars	29	50	93	19	19
	Average Score	3.29	4.01	4.31	4.32	4.33
2020*	Number of Scholars	22	39	97	10	13
	Average Score	3.28	4.39	4.41	4.41	4.46
2019	Number of Scholars	43	58	81	16	7
	Average Score	3.01	4.09	4.33	4.19	4.28
2018	Number of Scholars	42	66	90	25	15
	Average Score	3.23	4.2	4.3	4.43	4.09
2017	Number of Scholars	29	65	91	20	-
	Average Score	3.41	4.19	4.33	4.17	-

* AP exams were taken remotely by students due to the pandemic.

** AP Capstone was introduced at SIS in 2017 with the first students eligible for the Capstone Diploma in 2018. All students from this initial group graduated with a Capstone Diploma in 2018. The SIS Capstone program accounts for approximately 4% of all Capstone Diplomas outside of the United States.

School Events 2020-21



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 typically included the following. We hope that all events will take place again once the pandemic ends.

- Family Fun Day which brings 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 visit 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 work 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 collect Christmas gifts for orphaned children and distributed them allowing for personal contacts.
- Students volunteer 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.

2021 College & University Enrollment

Art Center College of Design	1	Hong Kong Univ. of Science and Technology	1	University of California, Santa Barbara	2
Brown University	2	Johns Hopkins University	3	University of Chicago	2
Carnegie Mellon University	3	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	2	University of Detroit Mercy (BS/DDS)	1
Case Western Reserve University	2	Mount Holyoke College	1	University of Hong Kong	1
Columbia University	1	New York University	8	University of Notre Dame	1
Cooper Union	3	Northeastern University	4	University of Pennsylvania	1
Cornell University	2	Northwestern University	2	University of Rochester	2
Dartmouth College	1	Otis College of Art and Design	1	University of Southern California	5
Duke University	1	Pratt Institute	1	University of Toronto	1
Emerson College	1	Rhode Island School of Design	1	University of Virginia	1
Emory University	1	Rice University	2	Vanderbilt University	1
George Mason University - Seoul	1	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	1	Washington University in St. Louis	2
George Washington University	1	Stanford University	4	Wellesley College	1
Georgetown University	3	Tufts University	2	Wesleyan University	1
Georgia Institute of Technology	1	University of California, Berkeley	6	Wheaton College	1
Hardin-Simmons University	1	University of California, Irvine	4		
Harvard University	2	University of California, Los Angeles	3		



Cumulative College &

American University	1	Columbia/Sciences Po	1	Howard Payne University	1
Amherst College	2	Cooper Union	9	Johns Hopkins University	15
Art Center College of Design	1	Cornell University	21	Korea University	1
Bard College	1	Dartmouth College	4	London School of Economics & Politics, UK	1
Bates College	1	Davidson College	1	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	4
Bennington College	1	Drew University	1	McGill University	1
Berklee College of Music	1	Duke University	6	Michigan State University	1
Boston College	4	Emerson College	2	Middlebury College	1
Boston University	6	Emory University	12	Mount Holyoke College	1
Brandeis University	2	Ewha Womans University	3	Muhlenberg College	1
Brown University	8	Fashion Institute of Technology	1	New York University	44
Bryn Mawr College	1	George Mason University	1	Northeastern University	9
California College of the Arts	1	George Washington University	1	Northwestern University	11
Carnegie Mellon University	29	Georgetown University	9	Occidental College	1
Case Western Reserve University	4	Georgia Institute of Technology	1	Otis College of Art & Design	1
Claremont McKenna College	1	Glion Institute, Switzerland	1	Parsons The New School for Design	3
Colgate University	1	Hardin-Simmons University	2	Pennsylvania State University	1
College of Williams & Mary	1	Harvard University	4	Pomona College	1
Columbia University	11	Hong Kong Univ. of Science & Technology	5	Pratt Institute	4

University Enrollment 2017-2021

Princeton University	2	University of California: Los Angeles	6	University of Toronto, Canada	4
Purdue University	3	University of California: San Diego	4	University of Virginia	2
Queen's University, Canada	1	University of California: Santa Barbara	7	University of Washington	4
Reed College	1	University of Chicago	7	University of Western Ontario, Canada	1
Rhode Island School of Design	10	University of Detroit Mercy (Dental Program)	1	University of Wisconsin-Madison	2
Rice University	5	University of Hong Kong	4	University in USA	1
Rutgers, The Univ. of New Jersey	1	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	9	Vanderbilt University	4
School of the Art Inst. of Chicago	1	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	1	Virginia Tech	1
Smith College	1	University of Michigan	2	Wake Forest University	1
Stanford University	8	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	1	Waseda University, Japan	4
Swarthmore College	3	University of Nevada: Las Vegas	1	Washington University in St. Louis	15
Syracuse University	1	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	1	Wellesley College	7
Tufts University	6	University of Notre Dame	3	Wesleyan University	4
University in Japan	1	University of Oxford, UK	5	Wheaton College (Massachusetts)	1
University in Korea	2	University of Pennsylvania	6	Yale University	1
University of British Columbia, Canada	1	University of Rochester	3	Yale-NUS College	1
University of California: Berkeley	49	University of Southern California	23	Yonsei University	3
University of California: Davis	1	University of Sydney, Australia	1		
University of California: Irvine	7	University of the Pacific	1		

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 4 th and Tournament Champions	Canceled (COVID)
Girls Tennis	Conference 2 nd and Tournament Champions	Canceled (COVID)
Girls Volleyball	Conference 7 th and Tournament 5 th	Canceled (COVID)
Boys Volleyball	Conference 4 th and Tournament 4 th	Canceled (COVID)
Cross Country	Conference 3 rd and Tournament 3 rd	Canceled (COVID)



Winter Season

	KAIAC	AISA
Boys Basketball	Canceled (COVID)	Canceled (COVID)
Girls Basketball	Canceled (COVID)	Canceled (COVID)



Spring Season

	KAIAC	AISA
Boys Swimming	3 rd Place	Canceled (COVID)
Girls Swimming	5 th Place	Canceled (COVID)
Boys Soccer	Canceled (COVID)	5 th Place at Korea Cup
Girls Soccer	Canceled (COVID)	3 rd Place at Korea Cup
Badminton	Canceled (COVID)	2 nd Place at Non-KAIAC Tournament Invitational



Activities

Despite another challenging year impacted by the onset of COVID-19, the SIS activities and athletics program managed to complete nearly two seasons as well as engage in meaningful events. Despite the lack of international trips over the course of the 2020-2021 school year, SIS students remained engaged in a variety of activities, fundraisers, and sports throughout the year.

The tennis teams demonstrated excellence, each winning the KAIAC Tournament Championship, with the boys achieving the success for the first time since 2015, and the girls finishing champions for the second year in a row. Our Cross Country team also demonstrated exceptional growth with each team finishing a respectable third place in the KAIAC tournament.

The Model United Nations (MUN) delegations successfully participated and hosted the SEOMUN conference online in Seoul, welcoming schools from over seven nations and 500+ delegates. In addition, they participated in online conferences such as Beijing Model United Nations (BEIMUN) and local online ones in Korea such as GSISMUN and SKYMUN. The club continues to demonstrate excellence in their field of public speaking and diplomacy as they pick up accolades from each conference they attend.

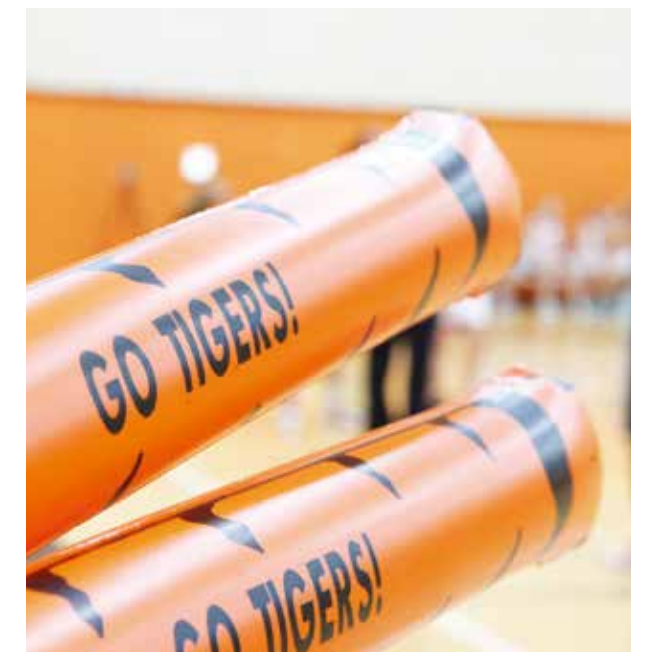
Our Math teams continue to excel on the global stage, performing virtually in the World Math Championships. SIS continuously produces excellent mathematicians who compete at an impressive level.

Our HS club's program continues to thrive and provide students with excellent leadership opportunities despite the challenges of maintaining club activities in a virtual environment. Highlights range from the the Student Council's participation in a virtual leadership retreat, and the the High School Collaborative Clubs Charity Project that donated more than five million won to local charities. Habitat Humanity remained active with their teacher raffle to raise money for HFH, as well as the National Arts Honor Society's Memory Project Fundraisers which raised money for Moonlight School in Nepal. Finally, UYSC's joint effort with the Community Service Club and their virtual talent show.

Our AQT quiz team has been growing steadily, becoming a KAIAC sponsored activity recently, and excelling against fellow KAIAC schools SFS and KIS, along with a growing number of schools choosing to take on this well versed activity. In the coming years, AQT plans to transport their domestic success internationally with the advent of an international trip for the activity. In addition, Forensics continued to show excellence, consistently finishing 2nd place at the KAIAC tournament.

Finally, in their first official Varsity season, our badminton team excelled finishing 2nd place in their end of season tournament. Look out for this team at SIS in the future as their numbers grow every year.

Despite having their trips canceled for another year, our AMIS orchestra and choir students were awarded in record numbers, an impressive accomplishment, demonstrating excellence in both of these programs.



Fine and Performing Arts



Despite the limitations thrown into the school year by the COVID-19 pandemic, our students continued to make and perform great art. Musical concerts, art exhibits and plays were presented virtually throughout the year. We are very proud of the fine and performance art by our students and teachers who made our world just a little bit richer.

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.

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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