



杭州国际学校

Hangzhou International School

Grade 8



The HIS Mission is to provide INTERNATIONAL learners with OPPORTUNITIES to pursue academic and personal EXCELLENCE within a CARING community.



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WHAT TO EXPECT



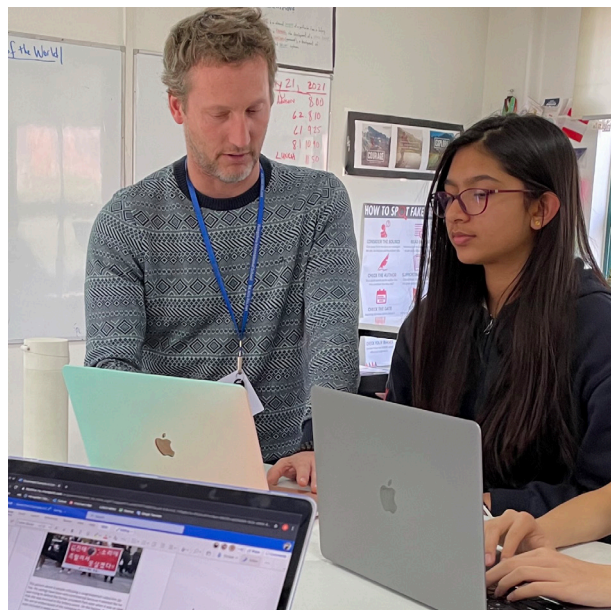
Students in Grade 8 consolidate their learning from previous years of middle school, as they transition into the final stages of the Middle Years Programme. In addition to following a wide range of subjects and extra-curricular provision, they focus on developing varied approaches to learning, including communication, organization, mindfulness, and research.

They apply these skills in new situations, including the cumulative service-based Community Project, which is designed to formalize their interactions within the community and prepare them for more sophisticated collaborative projects.

Students also are expected to join afterschool activities including sports teams, creative experiences, and clubs that enrich their personal and social lives.

The information in this brochure demonstrates the learning experiences available to students.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME



HIS is an accredited WASC and International Baccalaureate World school, which offers the IB Middle Years Programme for students in Grades 6-10. Each student joins classes during the week according to options and hours posted below.

SUBJECT	SUBJECT INFORMATION	HOURS
LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE	Students can take the following Language and Literature courses. Qualifying students can take both LaL courses. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Chinese 	3
LANGUAGE B	Students can take the following language acquisition courses depending on language ability. Each language has available phases 1-6. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chinese English (if required) Spanish 	3
SOCIAL STUDIES	An integrated course combining History, Geography, Government, and Business.	3
SCIENCES	An integrated course combining Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Environmental Systems.	3
MATHEMATICS	An integrated mathematics course focusing on Algebra, Geometry, Number, Probability, Statistics, and Trigonometry.	3
PERFORMING ARTS	Grade 8 students choose between Performing Arts or Instrumental Music to gain skills for creating and performing.	2
DESIGN	A semester class teaching students skills about creative approaches to viewing and solving problems using the design cycle.	3
VISUAL ARTS	A semester class giving students an opportunity to develop artistic skills and techniques for creating and appreciating art.	3
PHYSICAL HEALTH EDUCATION	An integrated class incorporating physical activity to develop healthy lifestyles through movement, nutrition, and learning.	3
PROJECTS & ATLS	A study skills course to support the Grade 8 Community Project program.	1
ADVISORY	A class to support student pastoral development and leadership skills	1



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TECHNOLOGY

Students are expected to bring their own Macbook Air or Pro computers for use at school. Students will have access to wifi internet throughout the campus, printing and scanning resources, and an online learning management system, ManageBac, that allows teachers and students to communicate easily and keep up with tasks and assignments.

SAMPLE GRADE 8 SCHEDULE

Period	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
8:10AM - 9:20AM	Design Andrew Brown A305	Social Studies Chaddwick Plotz B202	English Language and Literature Danielle Bowers B001	Health Nora May B201	Design Andrew Brown A305
9:35AM - 10:35AM	Physical and Health Education Matthew Cushman GYM	Language B Yoyo Zhang B004	Design Andrew Brown A305	Music Kyle Kresge B005	Social Studies Chaddwick Plotz B202
10:40AM - 11:50AM	English Language and Literature Danielle Bowers B001	Music Kyle Kresge B005	Physical and Health Education Matthew Cushman GYM	English Language and Literature Danielle Bowers B001	Mathematics Alex May B101
12:35PM - 1:45PM	Science Aaron Foster A315	Mathematics Alex May B101	Social Studies Chaddwick Plotz B202	Language B Yoyo Zhang B004	Language B Yoyo Zhang B004
1:50PM - 3:00PM	Mathematics Alex May B101	Advisory Chaddwick Plotz B202	Science Aaron Foster A315	Science Aaron Foster A315	Projects and ATL's Nora May

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Students in Grade 8 focus on developing their learning skills as they extend their abilities to think and communicate their understanding in different ways. Students are assessed on the Year 3 rubrics from MYP criteria, increasing the complexity demanded. The tables below demonstrate the ways that students learn and demonstrate their learning of content and skills.






Approaches to Learning

What skills will I gain?

 INTERACTION  LANGUAGE	COMMUNICATION SKILLS
 COLLABORATION	SOCIAL SKILLS
 INFORMATION LITERACY  MEDIA LITERACY	RESEARCH SKILLS
 ORGANIZATION SKILLS  REFLECTION	SELF-MANAGEMENT SKILLS
 CRITICAL THINKING  TRANSFER	THINKING SKILLS

Assessment

What will I do?

CONTENT SKILLS	
FORMATIVE ASSESSMENTS	
SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENTS	
CRITERIA A - D 1 - 7	
REPORTING GRADES	



COMMUNITY PROJECT

Students take part in the MYP Community Project during Grade 8. They plan in groups to identify a community need and how best to meet the need through a Service as Action project. Students complete a planning cycle designed to help them gain insight into the global and social issues of their surrounding community. They write a reflective essay to demonstrate what they accomplish over the course of the project timeline. This project is assessed through the MYP Project criteria and submitted to the IB.



CHINA TRIP

During the school year, the class participates in a China Trip to facilitate learning and understanding of the cultural elements of life in China. The Grade 8 trip is a five-day cultural and physical experience where students support environmental projects and visit a local school. They challenge themselves physically and mentally, learning about different elements of Chinese culture and environmental issues.



UNIVERSITY PLANNING

Grade 8 students extend their thinking about the future and are exposed to planning and preparing through discussions with the counselor and their advisors. Parent sessions to highlight early university planning and preparation are an important part of the community programming in place. Students are tasked with setting goals, reflecting on their progress, and learning from the challenges. Scan the QR code for university admissions information.



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CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAM



Students are encouraged to develop their own areas of interest in creative, active, or service-oriented activities.

Above and beyond the curricular program of study, these activities, programs, clubs, and events challenge the students to

collaborate with classmates and deepen their interests outside of the classroom.



MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS

Middle School students are able to join MS sports teams for Touch Rugby, Soccer, Floor Hockey, Table Tennis, Badminton, Volleyball, Basketball, and Swimming. HIS teams are part of the HISAC conferences and end the seasons with tournaments against other area schools. Practices typically run one to two times a week after school during the sport season. Students are introduced to new sports, develop new skills, and learn how to work as part of a team throughout these activities.



SERVICE AS ACTION

Middle School students are expected to join service activities that are organized through classes and community project groups. Students gain experience giving back to the neighborhood and develop an understanding of the needs and benefits of supporting a service project. Students are encouraged to look outside the school events for their service, but not required in Grade 8.



CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

With creative opportunities including Model United Nations, art club, baking club, musical ensembles, programming, and performances, students can develop their interests and allow them to experiment within a safe and engaging environment. We support student leadership opportunities if a particular activity is not available and a student would like to lead a session. Students can join service activities to connect with the local community as well.



STUDENT LIFE

Students can enjoy events including school dances, winter chill evenings, intramural sports, movie nights, and spirit day events organized by the HIS Student Council. Also available are regular school events including the Welcome Barbecue, International Day, Winter Fair, and the HIS 5k Dragon Run to encourage students to join the community at HIS.



Scan the QR code for access to the HIS website with links to our Athletics and co-curricular programs.

