



THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF PORT OF SPAIN

DIFFERENCE MAKERS, FUTURE SHAPERS

About ISPS

Founded in 1994, The International School of Port of Spain (ISPS) is a private, coeducational day school based on a US curriculum model. It offers a college preparatory holistic education, in English, from Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12. ISPS is accredited by AdvancED and graduates earn a US High School Diploma.

The Community

ISPS families are local nationals or members of the expatriate business and diplomatic communities in Trinidad and Tobago.

Today the school has approximately 284 students representing over 24 different nationalities with approximately 41% of the students from Trinidad and Tobago. Our population includes 12% American, 8% from Latin America, and 39% from other countries, including the UK and Canada.

The primary language of instruction at ISPS, in all grades, is English. Approximately 80% of our student population has identified English as either their primary or secondary language, with Spanish as the highest second language spoken.

Our Faculty

Fifteen full-time faculty members teach in the High School. Many of our teachers hold advanced degrees and/or have experience teaching in international schools worldwide.

ISPS teachers have an average of over 20 years of teaching experience. The maximum class size is 22 students. The average class size is 13 students.

ISPS Curriculum

Academics and Service Learning
High schoolers typically have seven academic courses in addition to Service Learning and Guidance within their schedules with educational and experiential trips being an important aspect of the curriculum.

Service-learning is now built into the academic day and all students actively participate in at least one of several service-learning opportunities. Sporting events, cultural programs, student government, drama productions and opportunities to interact with other regional American/International schools, such as CAISSA, Model



High School Profile 2021-2022

AP Subjects Offered in 2021-2022

AP English Lang. & Comp.	AP English Lit. & Comp
AP Human Geog	AP Comparative Govt. & Politics
AP Psychology	AP Spanish Lang & Culture
AP Art & Design	AP Seminar
AP Research	

United Nations, the Global Issues Network, are scheduled throughout the year.

In general, we strive for students to have an active, healthy, challenging, global and balanced lifestyle. Courses in High School are college preparatory courses with Advanced Placement (AP) courses available. Students in grades 9 and 10 complete years 4 and 5 of the IB MYP program, including the Personal Project. Students in 11th and 12th grade engage in the AP Program and other college preparatory courses.

COVID Impact

As of March 17th 2020, due to the closure of all schools in Trinidad and Tobago, ISPS has gone to an online platform of teaching and learning and would continue

Subject Area	Minimum
English	4
Mathematics	3
Social Studies	3
Science	3
Foreign Language (same)	3
Total Core Academic	16
Physical Education	1.5
Electives/Other Academic	8.5
Total	26

to be so until such restrictions have been lifted. At present ISPS Online Learning Plan (OLP) involves a blend of asynchronous as well as synchronous learning. It is hoped that by midyear restrictions will be lifted and we can return to live school. All forms of testing have been cancelled at least until December 2020.

Credit for AP Courses

Most AP subjects are one-credit courses. However, AP Biology, AP Calculus, AP Studio Art and AP Chemistry count for 1.5 credits.

Graduation Requirements

In order to obtain a High School Diploma from ISPS, students must earn a minimum of 26 credits while enrolled in grades 9-12. Of these, 16 must be from the core academic areas of English, Math, Science, Social Science and Modern Languages according to the table below.

In addition to these, students must complete 2 credits in PE and at least 1 in the

Grade	Scale	Points
A	95-100	4.0
A-	90-94	3.7
B+	87-89	3.3
B	84-86	3.0
B-	80-83	2.7
C+	77-79	2.3
C	74-76	2.0
C-	70-73	1.7
D+	67-69	1.3
D	64-66	1.0
D-	60-63	0.7
F	Below 60	0.0

Arts. Electives and/ or additional academic credits make up the required 26.

Students are accepted into AP courses upon recommendation from teachers together with a minimum grade of "B" in prerequisite courses. ISPS offers no Honors courses.

AP Results, 2017-2021

Subject	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Global Average (2021)
Biology	3.25	4.077	3.5	3.29	3.5	2.83
Calculus AB	2.864	3.273	3.21	3.67	3.38	2.77
Calculus BC			4	None	2.75	3.62
Chemistry	3.154	3.059	2	2.33	3.25	2.66
Economics Macro	2.538	2.963	2.65	3	2.57	2.74
Economics Micro	3.091	3.375	3.27	2.8	3.07	2.97
English Lang.	3.286	3.133	3.05	3.11	3.15	2.86
English Lit.	4.333	2	4	2	2.8	2.47
French	4.25	None	3	None	None	
Comparative Gov				4	3.38	3.16
Human Geography	4.615	4.286	4.47	4	4.36	2.69
Physics 1	2.5	2.467	2	4	2.17	2.41
Physics 2	3.5	2.6	5	None	None	
Psychology	3.577	3.056	2.7	3.53	2.82	2.71
Research				4	3.33	3.3
Seminar				2.77	3.33	3.22
Spanish Lang.	4.286	4.125	4.67	3.91	4.56	3.41
Statistics	2.4	1.714	None	None		
Studio Art 2-D Design	4	3.333	3.75	4.25	3.33	3.42
World History		3.529		None		
History of Art				None	3	2.84
European History	3.045		3.31			
Overall Average	3.19	3.195	3.24	3.37		

Total No. of Exams	218	200	196	153		
Total Students	90	81	81	63		
No. of Subjects Offered	17	15				

Colleges

College Guidance at ISPS focuses on matching students with prospective colleges and universities. Following is a select list of colleges that our graduates have been accepted to in the last five years.

- American University, USA
- Bentley University, USA
- Boston University, USA
- Emory University, USA
- Fordham University, USA
- George Washington University, USA
- Georgia Institute of Technology, USA
- Hofstra University, USA
- King's College London, UK
- King's University College, Western University Canada
- Loyola Marymount University, USA
- Lynn University, USA
- Manchester Metropolitan Univ., UK
- McGill University, Canada
- Northeastern University, USA
- Penn State University, USA
- Royal Coll. of Surgeons in Ireland,
- Royal Veterinary College, UK
- Ryerson University Canada
- Santa Clara University, USA
- Savannah College of Art and Design, USA
- Seneca College, Canada
- Sheridan College, Canada
- St. John's Univ. - Queens Campus, USA
- Stanford University, USA
- Syracuse University, USA
- The George Washington University, USA
- The New School USA
- UC Berkeley, UK
- Universidad Marista de Merida, Mexico
- University of Aberdeen, UK
- University of Alberta, Canada
- University of Bristol, UK
- University of British Columbia, Canada
- University of Edinburgh, UK
- University of Exeter, UK
- University of Florida, USA
- University of Guelph, Canada
- University of Lancaster, UK
- University of Leeds, UK
- University of Miami, USA
- University of Pennsylvania, USA
- University of Reading, UK
- University of South Florida, Tampa, USA
- University of Surrey, UK
- University of Tampa, USA
- University of the West Indies, Trinidad
- University of Toronto, Canada
- University of Waterloo, Canada
- Virginia Tech, USA
- Western University, Canada

Grading System for 11&12 & Grade Point Averages

The school year consists of 183 instructional days divided into semesters and quarters. Formal grade reports are issued at the end of each quarter. Exams are given at the end of each semester and count toward the semester grade.

Only final grades are entered on students' cumulative transcripts. GPA's are computed using the following scale for all ISPS courses. AP courses are weighted.

Standardized Testing

In High School, the following standardized tests are typically available: SAT, SAT Subject Tests, ACT and AP Exams. Students in Grades 9-10 take the MAP test twice annually. Students in grades 9-11 are required to do the PSATs. It is recommended that juniors do the SAT at least once before their Senior year. Students are encouraged to do SAT Subject Tests as they complete their respective AP courses. AP exams are administered in May of every year in accordance with the College Board's policies and procedures.

The Grading System for 9&10

Progress in all MYP subjects can be monitored through PowerSchool Unified Classroom. Formal reports are issued at the end of each quarter and semester. The MYP assessment criteria offer a rigorous evaluation of a students' academic achievement, while ISPS also reports on student's overall approach to learning skills.

SAT 1 Score Range

Class of	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
2017	631	628	N/A
2018	614	620	N/A
2019	605	597	N/A
2020	607	594	N/A
2021	626	640	N/A

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