

MISSION,  
PHILOSOPHY + POLICIES

The College Counseling Offices at Shanghai American School empower each student by providing comprehensive and individualized university counseling to support varied and flexible pathways. We partner with school counselors, faculty and parents to create a visible framework for success and healthy transition into life after SAS.

Our program is built on the premise that a process of informed decision making grounded in personal values, self-reflection, and autonomous expression is an essential capstone of the senior year. Therefore, SAS limits each student to colleges/universities to which they may apply.

AP/IB classes and the IB diploma are open to all students.

SAS advises students to take a maximum of 3 HL or 3 AP courses in grades 11 and 12, though you may see some students with more, as they sought permission to add additional rigor to their course load.

SAS reports disciplinary action in the case of suspensions or separations from school.

2022-23 PROFILE FOR  
COLLEGES

ACCREDITATION + MEMBERSHIPS



HIGH SCHOOL AT SAS

Founded in 1912, Shanghai American School (SAS) is the oldest international school in China. It is a private, not-for-profit, coeducational, nondenominational school offering a comprehensive college preparatory experience to a wide international population. Today, our mission-driven school brings innovative pedagogy to distinct campuses in Pudong and Puxi, enrolling over 2800 students PK-12.

CURRICULUM

Nearly all students who attend SAS hold foreign passports, and come from a wide variety of previous school environments. To accommodate and prepare a broad range of students, we offer core college preparatory curriculum through both the Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate programs. Students can choose to pursue the IB Diploma or the AP Capstone Diploma Program.

STATEMENT ON COVID-19

All external exams that SAS students might use as credentials for their university applications were canceled for all students in Shanghai, China, in spring 2022. Shanghai American School went to distance learning from March 12, 2022, through June 2022, as the city of Shanghai was locked down, and IB, AP, SAT (March onward), and ACT exams were canceled. Make-up testing was not possible given the scale and uncertainty of the situation in China, although IB offered an alternative option.

Many of our seniors in the Class of 2023 are taking the SAT and ACT for the first time in August 2022, as spring 2022 administrations were canceled. A small handful of students who were able to leave China before the AP exams were able to sit those exams elsewhere in the world if they could secure a seat at another school, but the majority of our students in the Class of 2023 do not and will not have spring 2022 AP to submit with their applications to university. During this time it was very difficult to leave Shanghai due to travel restrictions. It also wasn't clear how easily students could return or if they'd be able to return at all. We hope that university admission officers are understanding of the circumstances that were completely out of the control of our School and students, and that you will look to their previous grades and current grade 12 progress as evidence of their readiness for university studies.

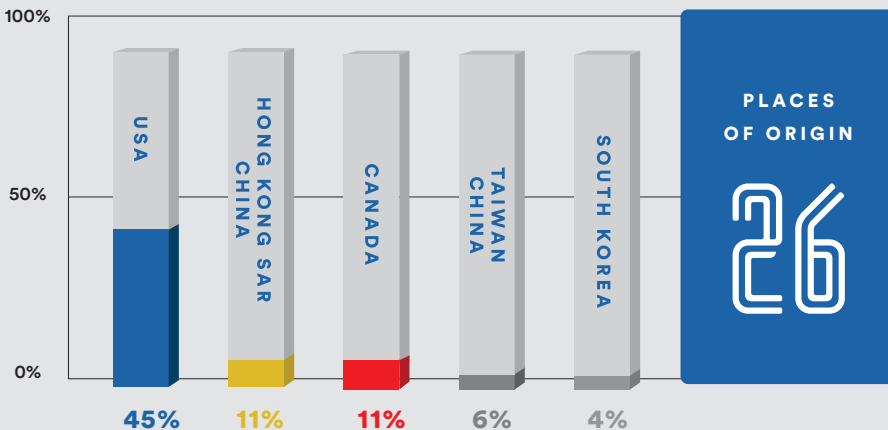
TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS CLASS OF 2023

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HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FACULTY NATIONS OF ORIGIN

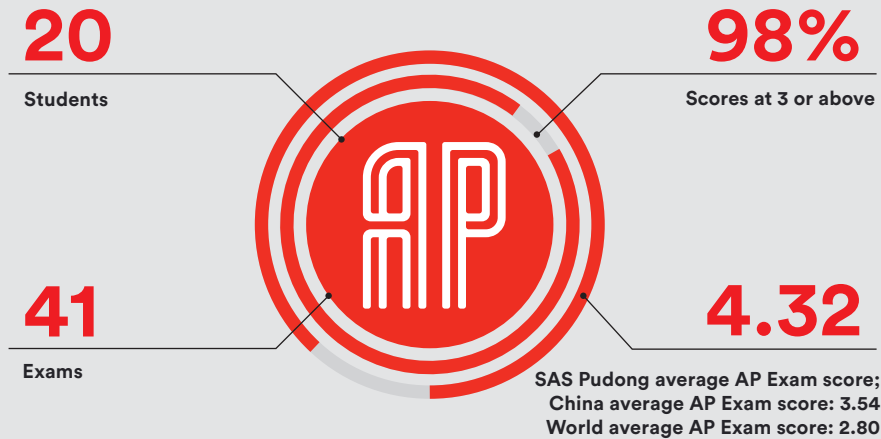
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PLACES OF ORIGIN MOST REPRESENTED IN OUR STUDENT BODY

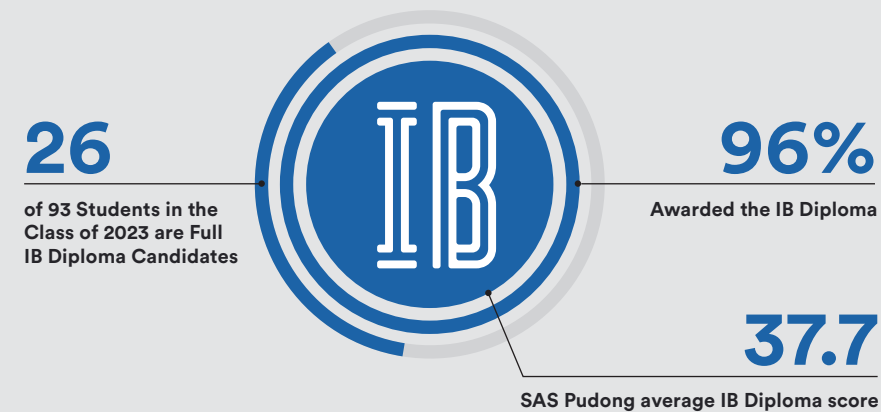


# Testing + Grades

## 2022 EXAM RESULTS



Note about Spring 2022 AP Exams: When May 2022 AP exams were canceled for students in Shanghai, students were not given a chance for a re-test date. While we are not encouraging it, some students in the Class of 2023 may choose to sit the AP exams they were scheduled to sit in May 2022 alongside the AP exams for their current senior year AP courses (in many cases doubling the number of tests in the testing window). We encourage this only for students applying to university systems that require a specific number of AP credentials for entry, as sitting their intended May 2022 AP exams in May 2023 is not ideal and would require substantial preparation and review more than a year later.



IB exams were canceled for all students in Shanghai in Spring 2022, therefore all results for students in that graduating class were based on Internal Assessments and predicted marks. 96% of our students were awarded the IB diploma, with an average diploma score of 37.7.

## CLASS OF 2023

SAS began reporting middle 50% data for current seniors as of 2022-2023

**GPA** MID-50% RANGES FOR CLASS OF 2023

**3.41 - 3.89**

Letter-based 4.0 grading scale is outlined on our transcript. We do not weight grades or rank students. Reported GPA only reflects courses taken at SAS; previous school or semester away transcripts will be provided.

**SAT** MID-50% RANGES FOR CLASS OF 2023

## READING + WRITING

**690-760**

## MATH

**740-800**

## COMPOSITE

**1420-1540**

**ACT** MID-50% RANGES FOR CLASS OF 2023

## READING

**30-34**

## SCIENCE

**30-34**

## MATH

**29-35**

## COMPOSITE

**31-35**

## ENGLISH

**31-36**

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# Most advanced courses in each discipline

## MOST ADVANCED COURSES: ENGLISH

IB English A: Literature SL Y1-Y2  
IB English A: Literature HL Y1-Y2  
IB English A: Language & Literature SL Y1-Y2  
IB English A: Language & Literature HL Y1-Y2  
AP English Language & Composition  
AP English Literature & Composition

## MOST ADVANCED COURSES: SOCIAL STUDIES

IB Economics SL Y1-Y2  
IB Economics HL Y1-Y2  
IB Environmental Systems & Societies SL Y1-Y2  
IB Global Politics SL Y1-Y2  
IB Global Politics HL Y1-Y2  
IB Psychology SL Y1-Y2  
AP US History  
AP Psychology  
AP Economics  
AP Human Geography  
AP World History  
AP Seminar  
IB Business Management HL/SL  
AP Research

## MOST ADVANCED COURSES: GLOBAL LANGUAGES

IB Mandarin B SL Y1-Y2  
IB Mandarin A HL Y1-Y2  
IB Chinese A: Language & Literature SL Y1-Y2  
IB Chinese A: Language & Literature HL Y1-Y2  
IB Chinese A: Literature SL Y1-Y2  
IB Chinese A: Literature HL Y1-Y2  
IB Mandarin ab initio Y1-Y2  
IB Self Taught Language A1 SL Y1-Y2  
IB French B SL Y1-Y2  
IB French B HL Y1-Y2  
IB French ab initio SL Y1-Y2  
IB Spanish B SL Y1-Y2  
IB Spanish HL Y1-Y2

## MOST ADVANCED COURSES: VISUAL + PERFORMING ARTS

IB Visual Arts SL Y1-Y2  
IB Visual Arts Y1-Y2  
IB Film HL Y1 – Y2  
IB Film SL Y1 – Y2  
IB Dance SL/HL Y1-Y2  
IB Theatre Arts SL Y1-Y2  
IB Theatre Arts HL Y1-Y2  
AP 2-D Studio Design: Photography

## MOST ADVANCED COURSES: SCIENCE

IB Biology SL Y1-Y2  
IB Biology HL Y1-Y2  
IB Chemistry SL Y1-Y2  
IB Chemistry HL Y1-Y2  
IB Environmental Systems & Societies SL Y1-Y2  
IB Physics SL Y1-Y2  
IB Physics HL Y1-Y2  
AP Biology  
AP Chemistry  
AP Environmental Science  
AP Physics C  
AP Physics 1

## MOST ADVANCED COURSES: MATH

IB Math Studies Y2  
IB Math SL Y2  
IB Math HL Y2  
IB Computer Science SL/HL  
IB Mathematics: Application and Interpretation SL Y1-Y2 / HL Y1-Y2  
IB Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches SL Y1-Y2 / HL Y1-Y2  
AP Calculus AB  
AP Calculus BC  
AP Statistics  
AP Computer Science  
AP Computer Science Principles

## OUR MISSION

**Shanghai American School inspires in all students:  
A lifelong passion for learning  
A commitment to act with integrity and compassion  
The courage to live their dreams**

## VISUAL + PERFORMING ARTS, ATHLETICS + CO-CURRICULARS

SAS Pudong presents students with outstanding facilities and invested mentorship outside the classroom. SAS students oversee nearly 100 different clubs, organizations, and leadership committees. SAS is a founding member of the Asia Pacific Athletic Conference (APAC), fielding strong athletic, dance, forensics, theater, and instrumental ensembles. Additionally, our students host and travel to perform as part of the Association of Music in International Schools (AMIS) as well as the International Schools Theatre Association (ISTA).

## VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL

Students in grades 11 and 12 may request to take an online course through the Virtual High School Global Online Consortium, Global Online Academy, or IBO-authorized IB Pamoja courses for SAS credit. Courses are marked with an asterisk on the student's transcript.

## FACILITIES

We support our rigorous academic program with state-of-the-art facilities that include maker spaces, robotics and digital design centers, science labs, dance studios, recording studios, music and art rooms, playing fields, an outdoor track, a performing arts center, black box theaters, and an aquatic center. Our combined libraries contain the largest English-language collection of books in China.

## GLOBAL ONLINE ACADEMY

Shanghai American School's Pudong campus is a member of Global Online Academy (GOA), a consortium of leading independent schools from around the world that fosters new, modern ways for students to learn and teachers to teach. GOA teachers and students share their voice on a global stage, enhancing learning and enabling the pursuit of individual passions. Courses are marked with an asterisk on the student's transcript.

## STUDENT INVOLVEMENT AFFECTED BY COVID-19

Due to local COVID-19 restrictions, the number of performances, events, and athletic competitions were restricted substantially, but our students demonstrated resilience and participated in activities locally, as well as in many international competitions and events hosted online. Additionally, SAS Pudong students modeled adaptability by supporting each other and the local community with many new initiatives, learning opportunities, and student activities.

# University Matriculation 2020-2022

## ASIA/PACIFIC

City University of Hong Kong  
Korea University  
Nanyang Technological University  
Seoul National University  
Sophia University  
The University of Sydney  
Tsinghua University  
University of Hong Kong  
Yonsei University

## EUROPE

Sciences Po La Havre Campus  
Technical University of Denmark  
University of Groningen  
University of Navarra

## U.K.

Arts University Bournemouth  
Canterbury Christ Church University  
King's College London  
University College London  
University of Bath  
University of Exeter  
University of Leeds  
University of Manchester  
University of Oxford  
University of Warwick  
University of Westminster, London

## CANADA

Queen's University  
University of British Columbia - Okanagan  
University of British Columbia - Vancouver  
University of Toronto  
University of Waterloo

## U.S.A.

Arizona State University  
Barnard College  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Brandeis University  
Brigham Young University - Provo  
Brigham Young University-Idaho  
Brown University  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Case Western Reserve University  
Claremont McKenna College  
Columbia College Chicago  
Columbia University  
Cooper Union  
Cornell University  
Dartmouth College  
Drexel University

## U.S.A.

Duke University  
Duquesne University  
Emerson College  
Emory University  
Florida Atlantic University  
George Washington University  
Georgetown University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Grand Valley State University  
Guilford College  
Hamilton College  
Hampton University  
Harvard University  
Indiana University  
James Madison University  
Johns Hopkins University  
Juniata College  
Kennesaw State University  
Lehigh University  
Loyola Marymount University  
Loyola University Chicago  
Macalester College  
Manhattan School of Music  
Marquette University  
Michigan State University  
New York University  
North Carolina Central University  
North Carolina State  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern University  
Occidental College  
Oregon State University  
Pennsylvania State University - University Park  
Pitzer College  
Pomona College  
Pratt Institute  
Purdue University  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Rutgers University - New Brunswick

Saint Olaf College  
San Diego State University  
Santa Clara University  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
School of Visual Arts  
Southern Utah University  
State University of New York - Buffalo  
State University of New York - Stony Brook  
Suffolk University  
Swarthmore College  
Syracuse University  
The New School  
University of California - Berkeley  
University of California - Davis  
University of California - Irvine  
University of California - Los Angeles  
University of California - Riverside  
University of California - San Diego  
University of California - Santa Barbara  
University of Colorado - Boulder  
University of Illinois - Urbana Champaign  
University of Miami  
University of Michigan - Ann Arbor  
University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Oregon  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Portland  
University of Rochester  
University of San Francisco  
University of Southern California  
University of Texas - Austin  
University of Washington  
Vassar College  
Villanova University  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Wellesley College  
Williams College  
Yale University

## POST-GRADUATE DESTINATIONS 2020-2022

