HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

International School of Kenya
Empowering students to create solutions for tomorrow's challenges

2022-2023

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School and Community

The International School of Kenya (ISK) is a non-profit, PreK-12, coeducational, independent day school serving the expatriate and Kenyan communities in Nairobi. The school was started by the United States Embassy and the Canadian High Commission in 1976 and is fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and the Council of International Schools. Approximately 43% of the school's 1,052 students are North Americans, and the remainder represent over 65+ other nationalities.

The High School faculty is composed of 36 full and 5 part time professionals. 44% of the faculty are North Americans, 100% have a bachelor's degree and 96% have advanced degrees. The first semester begins in August and ends in December. The second semester begins in January and ends in June. The High School operates a schedule that includes eight blocks.
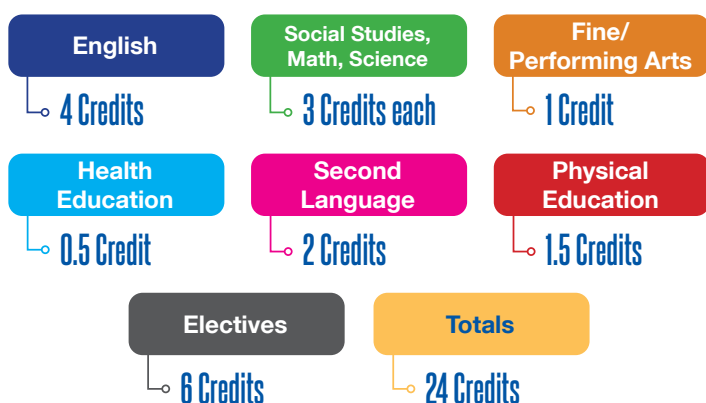
Each block in 9th and 10th grade meets five times in a typical two-week period, with each block being 80 minutes in length. For 11th and 12th graders our student schedules provide the recommended hours for each IB standard and higher level subject and respects concurrency of learning. There are 36 weeks (180 days) in the school year. All ISK students are required to complete an Intercultural trip, a service project and a creative and activity program each year of high school.

Starting in grade 9 in 2021-22, the high school introduced a Life-Centered Education program leading to an alternative high school diploma.

Credits and Graduation Requirements

In grades 9 through 12, one credit is awarded for each one-year ISK course completed with a passing mark of 3 or above. One half credit is earned for one semester. A minimum of 24 credits is required for graduation. Students transferring to ISK from another school may bring in a maximum of 8 credits per year.

Minimum Graduation Requirements

English	**Social Studies, Math, Science**	**Fine/ Performing Arts**
4 Credits	3 Credits each	1 Credit
Health Education	**Second Language**	**Physical Education**
0.5 Credit	2 Credits	1.5 Credits
Electives	**Totals**	
6 Credits	24 Credits	

COVID-19 Disruption

In the 2019-2020 school year, ISK moved to virtual learning from March 23 through the end of the school year. Students continued to receive grades but were largely unable to participate in extracurricular activities. All sports, performances, and other gatherings were prohibited.

For the 2020-2021 school year, the ISK High School started the academic year in virtual learning starting from September 1, 2020. On October 26, 2020, students in grades 11 and 12 returned to campus for in-person learning. In January, students in grades 9 and 10 joined on campus, in-person learning. Grades 11 and 12 returned to virtual learning for a week from March 1 through March 7, 2021. Grades 9 and 10 remained on campus for learning in that time period. On March 22, 2021, ISK went to virtual learning for all grades and returned to campus for in-person learning on May 10, 2021 through the end of the academic year. All sports, performances, and other gatherings were reintroduced following ISK Covid safety measures. Intercultural trips were cancelled.

For the 2021-2022 school year, ISK returned to on campus, in-person learning with extracurricular activities following safety protocols. Intercultural trips were postponed to the second semester.

For the 2022-2023 school year, ISK returned to on campus, in-person learning and Covid 19 restrictions have been lifted. Extracurricular activities returned with minimal restrictions.

STEM/Arts Pathway Courses

ISK's Pathways courses are an independent study aimed at self-motivated, creative thinking, high achieving students passionately interested in the STEM and/or the Arts. These are standards based courses designed to provide students with opportunities for experiential, personalized and integrated learning.

In STEM Pathways, students navigate the messiness of the creative process from inception to completion by prototyping and testing and integrating science, mathematics and technology. The focus is to identify and engineer a solution to solve a real world problem of global significance. The Design Cycle is used as the framework for their process journal / portfolio documentation which is also the major assessment component together with a final presentation at the end of the course.

In Arts Pathways, students have the opportunity to either work across combinations of the 3 disciplines, Music, Theatre & Visual Arts respectively, or to focus more specifically within one or two Arts subjects. Students design an individual Creative Learning Plan outlining their artistic intentions and goals. The course provides the opportunity to extend and deepen their application portfolio work. A final presentation is also required, and assessed, as a culminating activity appropriately designed in accordance to an individual student's artistic intentions and portfolio.

ISK Course Rigor and Honors Courses

ISK courses are designed to prepare students for the rigor of university level academics. IB courses at ISK are recognized as Honors courses. In addition, students who meet the requirements of an IB course but do not complete all components of the IB course (e.g., sitting the final IB exam papers) will have 'Honors' (instead of 'IB') recorded on their transcript for the title of that course. Given that there may be little difference in the academic rigor and assessment expectations of the IB and Honors-only versions of a course, Honors-only students are expected to complete all IB assignments and IA's (in some cases, IA's can be adjusted in consultation with the teacher to meet the standard of an Honors-only as opposed to an IB examination course).

ISK Grade Scale 1-7

USA A-F Grading Scale	Grade	Descriptor	Honor Points
A+	7	Exemplary Achievement	8
A	6	Excellent Achievement	7
B	5	Proficient Achievement	6
C	4	Basic Achievement	5
D	3	Limited Achievement	4
F	2	Very Little Achievement/ No Credit	0
F	1	Minimal Achievement/ No Credit	0
CR		Credit	0

Note: The IB courses at ISK are designated as Honors by an "H" following the numeric grade.
Honor Points are calculated into students' gpa.

Creativity, Activity, Service & Leadership (CASL) Program

The CASL program provides a meaningful framework for co-curricular activities for students to initiate and reflect upon sustainable community projects that are mutually beneficial and cultivate personal and community growth. All students are required to complete annual projects in the areas of creativity, activity, service and leadership followed by self-evaluation and reflection.

2022-2023 High School Course Offerings Summary

All courses listed below may not be offered for this academic year. One-semester courses are denoted (s).

Humanities

ENGLISH
English 9
English 10
English 11/12
IB SL English A Lang & Lit 1
IB SL English A Lang & Li 2
IB HL English A Lang & Lit 1
IB. HL English A Lang & Lit 2
IB SL English A Lit 1
IB SL English A Lit 2
IB HL English A Lit 1
IB HL English A Lit 2
Creative Writing (s)

MODERN LANGUAGES
French 1
French 2
IB French ab initio SL 1
IB French ab initio SL 2
French 3
French 4
IB French B SL 1
IB French B SL 2 / B HL 1
IB French B HL 2
IB French A Lang & Lit SL 1
IB French A Lang & Lit SL 2
Spanish 1
Spanish 2
IB Spanish ab initio SL 1
IB Spanish ab initio SL 2
Spanish 3
Spanish. 4
IB SL Spanish B 1
IB Spanish B SL 2 / B HL 1
IB Spanish B HL 1/ B HL 2
IB Spanish A Lang & Lit SL 1
IB Spanish A Lang & Lit SL 2
Swahili 1
Swahili 2
IB Swahili ab initio SL 1
IB Swahili ab initio SL 2

SOCIAL SCIENCES
Social Sciences 9
Social Sciences 10
Religious and Philosophical Questions (s)
Psychology (s)
International Relations (s)
A History of the World in 25 Questions (s)
Entrepreneurship & Business Studies (s)
Africa in the World System (s)
IB SL Psychology 1
IB SL Psychology 2
IB HL Psychology 1
IB HL Psychology 2
IB SL History 1
IB SL History 2
IB HL History 1
IB HL History 2
IB SL Economics 1
IB SL Economics 2
IB HL Economics 1
IB HL Economics 2
IB SL Geography 1
IB SL Geography 2
IB HL Geography 1

IB HL Geography 2
IB SL Global Politics 1
IB SL Global Politics 2
IB HL Global Politics 1
IB HL Global Politics 2
IB SL Business Management 1
IB HL Business Management 1

STEM
STEM & DESIGN
STEM Digital Design (s)
STEM Robotics (s)
STEM Game Design (s)
STEM Product Design (s)
STEM Internet of Things (s)
IB SL Design Technology 1
IB HL Design Technology 1
IB SL Design Technology 2
IB HL Design Technology 2
STEM Pathways

MATHEMATICS
Math 1
Math 2
Math 3
Math Applications 10
Math 11
Math 12
STEM Statistics
IB Math Analysis HL 1
IB Math Analysis SL 1
IB Math Applications HL 1
IB Math Applications SL 1
IB Math Analysis HL 2
IB Math Analysis SL 2
IB Math Applications HL 2
IB Math Applications SL 2
Math Bridge 1 (s)
Math Bridge 2 (s)

SCIENCE
Introductory Physics 9
Introductory Biochemistry 10
Environmental Science 1,2 (s)
Agricultural Science 1,2 (s)
STEM Engineering (s)
IB SL Biology 1
IB SL Biology 2
IB HL Biology 1
IB HL Biology 2
IB SL Physics 1
IB SL Physics 2
IB HL Physics 1
IB HL Physics 2
IB SL Chemistry 1
IB SL Chemistry 2
IB HL Chemistry 1
IB HL Chemistry 2
IB Env Systems & Societies SL 1
IB Env Systems & Societies SL 2

Arts
Creative Arts
Art 1 (s)
Art 2 (s)
Art 3-D Fabrication (s)
Ceramics Studio (s)
Textiles (s)
Motion Graphics (s)
IB SL Visual Arts 1

IB SL Visual Arts 2
IB HL Visual Arts 1
IB HL Visual Arts 2
Drama Theatre Performance (s)
Drama Playscripts & Directing (s)
Drama Technical Theatre (s)
IB SL Theatre Arts 1
IB SL Theatre Arts 2
IB HL Theatre Arts 1
IB HL Theatre Arts 2
Concert Band 1,2,3,4
Concert Choir 1,2,3,4
Music 1 (s)
Music 2 (s)
Music 3 (s)
IB SL Music 1
IB SL Music 2
IB HL Music 1
IB HL Music 2
Arts Pathways

Wellbeing
PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE) & HEALTH
Integrated PE & Health 9
Integrated PE & Health 10
Advanced Physical Education (s)

INTERDISCIPLINARY / GENERAL ELECTIVES
iMe: Living and Learning for Digital Natives (s)
IB Theory of Knowledge 11
IB Theory of Knowledge 12 (s)
Education for Sustainable Development (s)
Yearbook
Topics in Cinema (s)
Sport Science - the basics (s)
Sport Injuries (s)
Personal Finance - You and Your Money
Leadership Seminar

INDEPENDENT STUDY and ONLINE ACADEMY

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELL) PROGRAM

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES
Learning Support
Study Skills

THE IB PROGRAM AT ISK

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program at ISK provides high school students with a diploma and certificates recognized by universities throughout the world. Students may enrol in the full IB Diploma Program, requiring six externally administered exams, Extended Essay, and Theory of Knowledge course, or they may also take specific individual IB courses for IB certificates. The maximum score possible in each IB course is 7. All IB courses are a two-year sequence. ISK has an inclusive policy in regards to the IB Diploma Program; it is open to all students who satisfactorily complete prerequisite courses.

MAY 2022 IB Diploma Statistics

86
Number of candidates registered in the session

62
Number of diploma candidates registered in the session

34
Average points obtained by candidates who passed the diploma

61
Number of candidates who successfully passed the diploma

5.35
Average grade obtained at the school by candidates who passed the diploma

44
Highest diploma points awarded to a candidate

MAY 2022 IB Scores

Subject	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Avg.
ENGLISH A: Lang and Literature HL	3	19	14	5	0	0	0	5.49
ENGLISH A: Lang and Literature SL	1	18	4	4	0	0	0	5.59
ENGLISH A: Literature HL	0	3	1	2	2	0	0	4.63
SWEDISH A: Literature selt taught SL	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7.00
DANISH AB. SL	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7.00
DUTCH B SL	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	6.50
FRENCH AB SL	2	1	6	1	0	0	0	5.40
FRENCH B HL	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6.00
FRENCH B SL	3	6	7	0	0	0	0	5.75
SPANISH AB. SL	4	4	5	2	0	0	0	5.67
SPANISH B HL	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	7.00
SPANISH B SL	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	7.00
SWAHILI AB. SL	1	3	4	7	0	0	0	4.87
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT HL ENGLISH	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	4.75
ECONOMICS HL ENGLISH	2	13	12	1	0	0	0	5.57
ECONOMICS SL ENGLISH	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	5.00
ENV AND SOC SL ENGLISH	2	4	10	8	2	0	0	4.85
GEOGRAPHY HL ENGLISH	2	1	11	2	0	0	0	5.19
GEOGRAPHY SL ENGLISH	0	3	1	2	0	0	0	5.17
GLOBAL POLITICS HL ENGLISH	3	3	8	0	0	0	0	5.64
GLOBAL POLITICS SL ENGLISH	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	5.33
HISTORY AFRICA AND MID EAST HL ENGLISH	17	0	1	0	0	0	0	6.00
HISTORY SL ENGLISH	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5.00
ITGS HL ENGLISH	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4.00
PSYCHOLOGY HL ENGLISH	0	5	9	1	0	0	0	5.27
PSYCHOLOGY SL ENGLISH	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	5.50
BIOLOGY HL ENGLISH	3	4	7	3	0	0	0	5.41
BIOLOGY SL ENGLISH	1	1	6	5	1	0	0	4.71
CHEMISTRY HL ENGLISH	1	2	3	1	2	0	0	4.89
CHEMISTRY SL ENGLISH	1	2	2	4	5	0	0	4.29
DESIGN TECH HL ENGLISH	1	2	4	1	0	0	0	5.38
DESIGN TECH SL ENGLISH	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5.00
PHYSICS HL ENGLISH	1	3	2	5	1	0	0	4.83
PHYSICS SL ENGLISH	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	5.33
MATH.ANALYSIS AND APPRO HL ENGLISH	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	6.71
MATH.ANALYSIS AND APPRO SL ENGLISH	5	9	15	5	1	0	0	5.34
MATH APPLICATIONS AND INTERP HL ENGLISH	0	4	11	0	0	0	0	5.27
MATH APPLICATIONS AND INTERP SL ENGLISH	0	1	6	12	1	0	0	4.35
FILM ARTS SL ENGLISH	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4.00
MUSIC HL ENGLISH	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	4.75
MUSIC SL ENGLISH	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4.00
THEATRE HL ENGLISH	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	6.00
VISUAL ARTS HL ENGLISH	0	0	2	5	3	0	0	3.90
VISUAL ARTS SL ENGLISH	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	5.50

SAT MEAN SCORES FOR THE CLASS OF 2023
Total: 1240 | **EBRW:** 614 | **Math:** 626
31 out of 93 test takers

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION CLASS OF 2022
USA 29% | **Canada** 21% | **UK** 19%
Europe 16% | **Other** 14%

UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS
ISK does not rank our students. ISK reports information related to a student's disciplinary history when asked on applications.

Sample College & University Acceptances Classes 2019-2022

USA
Adelphi University
Allegheny College
Academy of Art University
American University
Arizona State University
Augustana University
Barnard College
Barry University
Bates College
Baylor University
Belmont University
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Binghamton University SUNY
Boston University
Brandeis University
Bridgewater State University
Brigham Young University
Brown University
Bucknell University
Butler University
California Institute of the Arts
California State University-Long Beach Long
California State University-Northridge
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Clark Univeristy
Coastal Carolina University
College of William & Mary
Colorado State University
Concordia College
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
DePaul University
Drexel University
Duke Univeristy
Eckerd College
Emerson College
Florida International University
Florida State University
Fordham University
Full Sail University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia State University
Gonzaga University
Goucher College
Harvard University
Hawaii Pacific University
Hofstra University
Howard University
Hult International Business School
Illinois Institute of Technology
Indiana University
Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis
Jacksonville University
James Madison University
Kenyon College
Lawrence University
Lehigh University
Lesley University
Lewis & Clark College
Longwood University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Lynn University
Macalester College
Maine Maritime Academy
Maryland Institute College of Arts
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
McKendree University

Mercer University
Michigan State University
Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design
Morehouse College
New York Institute of Technology
New York University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Ohio State University
Ohio University
Old Dominion University
Oregon State University
Otis College of Arts and Design
Pace University
Parsons School of Design
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Pratt Institute
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rollins College
Rutgers University
Saint Louis University
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University
San Jose State University
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Seattle University
Seton Hall University
Simmons University
Skidmore College
Smith College
St. Lawrence University
St. Louis University
St. Mary's College of CA
St. Olaf College
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
SUNY Maritime College
SUNY Plattsburgh
SUNY Purchase College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas A&M University
Texas State University
Texas Tech University
The New School
Trinity College
Trinity University
Tufts University
Tulane University
University of Arizona
University of Bridgeport
University of California Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California Riverside
University of California San Diego
University of California Santa Barbara
University of California Santa Cruz
University of Central Florida
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Hawai-Manoa
University of Illinois Chicago
University of Illinois Urbana Champaign

University of Iowa
University of La Verne
University of Maryland College Park
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of Massachusetts Boston
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota, Duluth
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of Montana
University of New Hampshire
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Florida
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Portland
University of Puget Sound
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of San Francisco
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
University of Tampa
University of Texas at Dallas
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin Madison
Utah State University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Polytechnic
Wake Forest University
Washington State University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Wesleyan University
Wheaton College Massachusetts
Whitman College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University

United Kingdom
Aberystwyth University
Anglia Ruskin University
Bangor University
Bath Spa University
Bournemouth University
Brighton and Sussex Medical School
Brunel University London
Cardiff Metropolitan University
Cardiff University
City University of London
Durham University
Greenwich University
Heriot-Watt University
Imperial College London
Istituto Marangoni London
Keele University
King's College London
Kingston University
Lancaster University
Leeds Arts University
Leeds University
London School of Economics and Political Science
London South Bank University
Loughborough University
Manchester Metropolitan University
Manchester University
Middlesex University London
Newcastle University

Northumbria University
Nottingham Trent University
Oxford Brookes University
Queen Mary University of London
Richmond University
Royal Holloway University
SOAS University of London
St. Andrews University
St. George's University
Sussex University
University College London
University of Aberdeen
University of Bath
University of Birmingham
University of Brighton
University of Bristol
University of Cambridge
University of Chester
University of Dundee
University of East Anglia
University of East London
University of Edinburgh
University of Exeter
University of Glasgow
University of Greenwich
University of Hull
University of Kent
University of Leeds
University of Leicester
University of Liverpool
University of London
University of Manchester
University of Northumbria
University of Nottingham
University of Oxford
University of Plymouth
University of Portsmouth
University of Reading
University of Southampton
University of Sussex
University of St. Andrews
University of Stirling
University of Surrey
Univrsity of the Arts London
University of the Creative Arts
University of the West of England Bristol
University of Warwick
University of West London
University of Westminister
University of Winchester
University of York

Canada
Brock University
Capilano University
Carleton University
Columbia College Vancouver
Concordia University
Dalhousie University
Emily Carr University of Art and Design
Huron University College
Kings' College
Lakehead University
McGill University
McMaster University
Mount Allison University
Ontario College of Art & Design University
Ontario Tech University
Queen's University
Ryerson University
Simon Fraser University
Trent University
University of Alberta
University of British Columbia
University of Calgary

University of Guelph
University of New Brunswick
University of Northern British Columbia
University of Ottawa
University of Toronto
University of Victoria
University of Waterloo
University of Windsor
Vancouver Island University
Western University
Wilfrid Laurier University
York University

Europe
American University of Paris
Bocconi University
Delft University of Technology
Ecole Bleue
Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne
Erasmus University
EU Business school
Fontys University of Applied Sciences
GBSB Global Business School
Gothenburg University
Hanze University of Applied Sciences
Jacobs University
John Cabot University
Leiden University
Leiden University College
Maastricht University
Saint Louis University- Madrid
School Camondo- Architecture D'interieur Et Design
The Hague University of Applied Sciences
Tilburg University
University College Groningen
University College Utrecht
University of Amsterdam
University of Groningen
University of Nicosia Medical School
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Other
African Leadership Academy - Mauritius
American University of Dubai
Balderstone Sports Institute
Carnegie Mellon University - Qatar
Duke Kunshan University
Emirates Aviation University
International Medical University
Macquarie University
Nanyang Technological University
National University of Singapore
New York University Shanghai
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacic University
Seoul National University
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
United States International University, Africa
University of Hong Kong
University of Technology Sydney
Waseda University
Western Sydney University
Yale- NUS College