



# Seoul International School Annual Report 2021-2022



**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.

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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.




## Math

## Reading

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# SAT Results



The SAT is a standardized test widely used for college admissions in the United States. The SAT Test is offered six times a year at SIS. Scores may range from 200 to 800.

SIS Average SAT Scores


	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Evidence-based Reading and Writing	718	720	727	680	698
Math	768	765	765	760	760
Combined	1486	1485	1492	1445	1458

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	2018	2019	2020**	2021	2022
Number of AP courses offered	23	23	23	23	23
Number of students taking at least 1 AP course*	303	301	260	286	256
Number of AP exams written	909	880	674	851	791
Number of exams with a score of 5	350	356	303	329	342
Number of exams with a score of 4	248	217	226	246	204

\* 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**
2022	Number of Scholars	30	47	91	10	12
	Average Score	3.13	4.12	4.3	3.98	4.19
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

\* 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 2021-22



School year activities once again were affected by the pandemic. SIS was forced to curtail or cancel most planned activities, especially ones scheduled for the first semester in the year. In our second semester, some sports and activities were able to be held both on campus and within the city of Seoul and country of Korea.

Activities and events for the first half of the year typically included the following listed below. All events will take place again once the pandemic ends, as indicated by increased activities this year.

- 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 virtually to chat with and intermingle with our youngest students.

# 2022 College & University Enrollment

Boston College	1	Northeastern University	4	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	3
Brandeis University	1	Northwestern University	2	University of Michigan	3
Brown University	1	Occidental College	2	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	1
California Institute of the Arts	1	Parsons School of Design	1	University of Southern California	4
Carnegie Mellon University	8	Princeton University	1	University of Sydney	1
Claremont McKenna College	1	Rhode Island School of Design	1	University of Texas, Austin	1
Cornell University	7	Saint Louis University	1	University of Toronto	2
Dickinson College	1	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	1	University of Vermont	1
Duke University	2	Stanford University	4	University of Washington	1
Emory University	2	Stevens Institute of Technology	1	Vanderbilt University	1
Eugene Lang College	1	Temple University, Japan	1	Vassar College	1
Georgetown University	1	Tufts University	2	Waseda University	1
Harvard University	1	University of California, Berkeley	4	Washington University in St. Louis	2
Johns Hopkins University	1	University of California, Irvine	1	Wesleyan University	1
Leiden University	1	University of California, Los Angeles	1	Wheaton College	1
National University of Singapore	1	University of California, San Diego	1		
New York University	14	University of California, Santa Barbara	2		



## Cumulative College &

Amherst College	1	Dartmouth College	2	Leiden University, Netherlands	1
Art Center College of Design	1	Davidson College	1	London School of Economics & Politics, UK	1
Bard College	1	Dickinson College	1	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	4
Bates College	1	Drew University	1	Michigan State University	1
Bennington College	1	Duke University	7	Middlebury College	1
Berklee College of Music	1	Emerson College	2	Mount Holyoke College	1
Boston College	4	Emory University	12	National Univ. of Singapore	1
Boston University	4	Eugene Lang College	1	New York University	49
Brandeis University	2	Ewha Womans University	2	Northeastern University	13
Brown University	8	George Mason University	1	Northwestern University	12
Bryn Mawr College	1	George Washington University	1	Occidental College	3
California College of the Arts	2	Georgetown University	9	Otis College of Art & Design	1
Carnegie Mellon University	25	Georgia Institute of Technology	1	Parsons School of Design	4
Case Western Reserve University	4	Glion Institute, Switzerland	1	Pennsylvania State University	1
Claremont McKenna College	1	Hardin-Simmons University	2	Pomona College	1
Colgate University	1	Harvard University	5	Pratt Institute	4
Columbia University	7	Hong Kong Univ. of Science & Technology	5	Princeton University	2
Cooper Union	6	Johns Hopkins University	13	Purdue University	2
Cornell University	24	Korea University	1	Queen's University, Canada	1

## University Enrollment 2018-2022

Reed College	1	University of Detroit Mercy (Dental Program)	1	University of Western Ontario, Canada	1
Rhode Island School of Design	10	University of Hong Kong	4	University of Wisconsin-Madison	2
Rice University	3	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	12	Vanderbilt University	4
Saint Louis University	1	University of Michigan	4	Vassar College	1
School of the Art Inst. of Chicago	2	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	1	Virginia Tech	1
Smith College	1	University of Nevada: Las Vegas	1	Wake Forest University	1
Stanford University	12	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2	Waseda University, Japan	5
Stevens Institute of Technology	1	University of Notre Dame	3	Washington University in St. Louis	14
Swarthmore College	2	University of Oxford, UK	5	Wellesley College	6
Syracuse University	1	University of Pennsylvania	5	Wesleyan University	5
Temple University, Japan	1	University of Rochester	3	Wheaton College (Massachusetts)	2
Tufts University	7	University of Southern California	21	Yale University	1
University of British Columbia, Canada	1	University of Sydney, Australia	2	Yonsei University	3
University of California: Berkeley	47	University of Texas, Austin	1	Wheaton College (Massachusetts)	1
University of California: Irvine	8	University of the Pacific	1	Yale University	1
University of California: Los Angeles	7	University of Toronto, Canada	6	Yale-NUS College	1
University of California: San Diego	5	University of Vermont	1	Yonsei University	3
University of California: Santa Barbara	8	University of Virginia	1		
University of Chicago	5	University of Washington	3		



# 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	Canceled (COVID)	Canceled (COVID)
Girls Tennis	Canceled (COVID)	Canceled (COVID)
Girls Volleyball	Canceled (COVID)	Canceled (COVID)
Boys Volleyball	Canceled (COVID)	Canceled (COVID)
Cross Country	Canceled (COVID)	Canceled (COVID)

## Winter Season

	KAIAC	AISA
Boys Basketball	Conference Championship and Tournament 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Canceled (COVID)
Girls Basketball	Conference Championship and Tournament 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Canceled (COVID)
Cheer	Tournament 2 <sup>nd</sup>	NA
Boys Swimming	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Canceled (COVID)
Girls Swimming	5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Canceled (COVID)

## Spring Season

	KAIAC	AISA
Boys Soccer	Conference 4 <sup>th</sup> and Tournament 5 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>th</sup> place at Jeju Invite
Girls Soccer	Conference 5 <sup>th</sup> and Tournament 4 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> place at Jeju Invite
Badminton	Conference 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Tournament 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Canceled (COVID)



## Activities

Despite another challenging year impacted by the onset of COVID-19, the SIS activities and athletics program managed to complete all seasons as well as engage in meaningful events. Despite the lack of international trips over the course of the 2021-2022 school year, SIS students remained active in a variety of activities, fundraisers, and sports throughout the year.

The basketball teams demonstrated continued excellence, each winning the KAIAC Conference Championship, in the KAIAC top blue division. Our volleyball, tennis, and cross country teams demonstrated amazing resilience, practicing four days a week, despite having no real games to play due to COVID policies. In addition, we managed to take our first sports trip in over two years in the Spring of 2022, with the soccer teams heading to KIS Jeju to play valiantly in the Jeju Invitational.

The Model United Nations (MUN) delegations successfully participated in the SEOMUN and GECMUN conference online, debating schools from over ten nations and 500+ delegates. In addition, they participated in other conferences such as GSISMUN. 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 online at the World Math Championships. SIS continuously produces excellent mathematicians who compete at an impressive level. They look forward to returning to in person competitions next year.

Our HS club's program continues to thrive and provide students with excellent leadership opportunities despite the challenges, demonstrated with increased events as we returned completely to face to face learning. Highlights range from the Global Issues Network's (GIN) Halloween Carnival, Student Council's return of an in person Snowball event, and an well organized inaugural SIS vs SFS flag football match, sponsored by Korea Service for Foreigners club. Habitat Humanity remained active with their fundraisers and donations to HFH, as well as the National Arts Honor Society's Memory Project Fundraisers.

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 addition, Forensics continued to demonstrate excellence, finishing 2nd place at the KAIAC tournament. Finally, our inaugural KAIAC Robotics team got off to a great start performing well at the KAIAC Championships.

Finally, with a return to in person music events, the KAIAC MS Honor Band Festival hosted at SIS combined talented musicians from other KAIAC schools for a wonderful night of music on the field on a beautiful Spring evening. Despite the High School performing virtually most of the year, the HS AMIS orchestra and choir students were awarded in great 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. 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 is an indoor soup kitchen that provides warm meals for the needy and the homeless. Every Tuesday, a group of High School students and teachers volunteer their time to help feed people in times of their greatest need.

### 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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