

# 2022-2023 SCHOOL PROFILE

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## THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

QSI International School of Bishkek (QSIB) is a private, nonprofit Preschool-Secondary IV (Grade 12) coeducational, American curriculum, college preparatory institution with a total of 65 students enrolled this year.

QSIB was founded in 1994 by Quality Schools International (QSI) in order to provide a quality education for expatriates living in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Parents of our students are primarily employed by corporations, governments, and NGOs; Local Kyrgyz citizens are also admitted. Students at QSIB represent many different nationalities.

This year there are 28 students in the Secondary program and 4 students in the 2021 graduating class.

## QUALITY SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL

QSI International School of Bishkek is a member of Quality Schools International (QSI), a consortium of nonprofit college-preparatory schools following an American-style, international curriculum. Quality Schools International has 37 schools in 36 countries, with headquarters in Malta. QSIB embraces the mastery learning educational philosophy, leading to appropriately challenging instruction within a positive and enjoyable learning environment.

## CLASS RANK AND GPA

Due to the nature of our school and the small class sizes, QSIB does not rank students. The cumulative GPA on the student's transcript only reflects courses taken at QSI and is on a 4.0 scale. Grades from previous schools are not included in the GPA but they are listed on student transcripts.

## COVID-19 UPDATES

QSIB transitioned to virtual learning from March-June 2020. In Fall 2020, students returned to campus. Due to the availability of testing dates and the closure of testing sites during the COVID-19 pandemic, students were not regularly able to access SAT testing during Spring and Fall 2020.

## ACCREDITATION

QSIB is fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA). It is a member of the Central and Eastern European Schools Association (CEESA) and is affiliated with the Department of State Office of Overseas Schools (AOS).



## MASTERY LEARNING AND GRADING

Mastery of each essential unit is evaluated with an A or B (mastery grades). B denotes mastery of learning outcomes at a high level of understanding. A represents mastery where the student demonstrates higher order thinking skills. Mediocre or poor work, resulting in Cs and Ds, is not acceptable, and students will re-engage until they demonstrate mastery. Students who master a unit with a B evaluation may attempt to demonstrate a higher level of mastery at a later time, within that current school year, to change the evaluation to an A. Time periods (quarters, semesters, and terms) are not evaluated. Assessment is continuous and student performance is assessed on learning outcomes and units of study.

## THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

QSIB offers a robust Advanced Placement (AP) program with several courses offered through the QSI Virtual School or other online programs.

Students may also enroll in the AP Capstone Diploma program.

### 2021-2022 COURSE OFFERINGS

**English:** *Literature I & II, Writing I & II, Research Project and British Literature*

**Mathematics:** *Algebra, Geometry, Adv Mathematics I, Adv Mathematics II*

**Science & Technology:** *Physical Science, Environmental Science, Physics and Technology*

**Cultural Studies:** *Modern World History, U.S. History*

**Languages:** *French, Kyrgyz, Russian*

**Fine Arts:** *Art, Photography*

**Health & PE:** *Physical Education, Wellness*

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

### Academic Diploma - 24 Carnegie Units/240 QSI Unit Credits:

English (70), Science (30), Technology (10), Mathematics (30), Fine Arts (10), Physical Education & Wellness (20), Foreign Language (20), Cultural Studies (40), Electives (10)

### Academic Diploma with Honors - 24 Carnegie Units/240 QSI Unit Credits:

Requirements are the same as The Academic Diploma with the added condition that accumulated credits include at least two Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

### General Diploma - 22 Carnegie Units/220 QSI Unit Credits

Available to students who experience English language difficulties, time restraints, or other challenges that make it impractical to pursue an academic diploma.

## EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Students enjoy after-school sports (Soccer, Basketball, Cross-Country Running, Swimming, Volleyball), and various club activities (Technology, Model United Nations, Community Service, Student Council NHS). We offer international travel opportunities through CEESA as well as competing in a local school competitions.



## UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Almost all graduates of QSIB attend university upon completion of their studies. Previous graduates have been very successful in obtaining admittance to the colleges and universities of their choice. The following is a list of some of the schools where the graduating students from recent years have attended university:

### UNITED STATES & Canada

James Madison University  
California State University  
Long Beach  
University of British Columbia  
Virginia Tech  
Berkley College of Music  
Valparasio University  
University of New Brunswick  
Dawson College

### EUROPE

Saxion University of Applied  
Sciences  
King's College London  
Franklin University of Switzerland  
Prague Medical College  
Warsaw University of Technology  
Anglo-American University-Prague  
The Hague University of Applied  
Science  
University of Manchester

### ASIA

Sharda University / St. Joseph's  
college  
Delhi College of Arts and  
Commerce  
Kookmin University, South  
Korea-Seoul  
Indraprastha College in Delhi  
University