

# QSI International School of Belize

## 2023-2024

### SCHOOL PROFILE

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QSI International School of Belize 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 35+ schools in 30+ countries, with headquarters in Malta.

QSI International School of Belize embraces the mastery learning educational philosophy, leading to appropriately challenging instruction within a positive and enjoyable learning environment.

## History & Academics

- Founded in 2011
- Fully accredited through Middle States Association (MSA)
- Affiliated with the U.S. Department of State Office of Overseas Schools (AOS)
- American college preparatory curriculum
- Private, nonprofit international school
- Language of instruction: English



## Enrollment

- 40+ students Pre- Kindergarten through Secondary IV (K through 12)
- Students represent 8 nationalities

## Faculty

- 5 full-time teachers and 2 paraprofessionals
- 80% of faculty members hold post-graduate degrees

## GPA and Rank in Class

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

## SAT Scores

The SAT was administered to 18 students from 2016-2022. The student population is too small to share the mean score.

## Advance Placement Program

QSI International School of Belize offers online AP courses as needed. We do not have a set limit on the number of AP classes that students can take. Secondary students may earn AP Capstone through QVS online.



QSI International School of Belize  
Location: Belmopan City, Belize  
Belmopan, has a population of 16,500 (2021)





## Grading

Mastery of each essential unit is evaluated with an A or B (Mastery grades). A designation of "B" denotes mastery of learning outcomes at a high level of understanding. A designation of "A" denotes mastery where the student demonstrates higher order thinking skills. Mediocre or poor work, resulting in a "D:" deficient in effort, 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, within that current school year, to change the evaluation to an "A" Assessment is continuous and student performance is assessed on learning outcomes and units of study.

## Credits/Units

Year-long courses are divided into 10 units, with 10 units equal to one Carnegie Unit; students receive credit only for units mastered at a B or A level. Secondary transcripts show the number of units completed for each course per school year and the average grade for the units completed in each course.

## Graduation Requirements

The school offers three diplomas.

### 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 IB certificates or Advanced Placement (AP) courses. A total of 240 credits are required for this diploma.

*English (70), Science (30), Technology (10), Mathematics (30), Fine Arts (10), Personal Health (20), Foreign Language (20), Cultural Studies (40), Electives (10)*

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### 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

*English (40), Science (20), Technology (10), Mathematics (20), Fine Arts (10), Personal Health (20), Foreign Language (20), Cultural Studies (30), Electives (50)*



## Course Offerings, Electives, and Extracurricular Activities 2022-2023

### English:

Literature I & II  
Writing I & II  
American Literature  
British Literature  
Research Project  
Technology  
AP Language and Composition QVS

### Mathematics:

Algebra I & II  
Geometry  
Pre-Calculus  
Calculus QVS

### Science:

Biology  
Chemistry  
Physics  
Physical Science  
AP Biology QVS  
AP Chemistry QVS

### Cultural Studies

World Geography  
World History  
U.S. History  
World Governments  
Economics

### Languages on Campus:

Spanish

### Fine Arts:

Art  
Music  
Drama

### Extracurricular:

Volleyball  
Basketball  
Model United Nations  
Math Counts  
Secondary End of Year Trip

### Personal Health:

Wellness  
Team Sports  
Lifetime Sports  
In-Depth Sports  
Advanced Fitness