



WESTERN ACADEMY OF BEIJING

High School Profile 2023-2024

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School Description

Western Academy of Beijing (WAB) was **established in 1994** as an international, independent, English-language, coeducational day school for foreign children in Beijing that offers a challenging, caring, and community-based educational experience from Early Years through Grade 12. English is the language of instruction. WAB is a school that confidently believes that excellence and inclusiveness can both thrive in the same place.

WAB is proud of its international reputation as a global leader in innovation of learning and teaching. Our High School offers the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP), the IB Diploma Programme (IB DP) and an American accredited High School Diploma. Every graduate earns an accredited Western Academy of Beijing High School Diploma. **The Class of 2024 (80 students) will be the 18th graduating class in the 29-year history of the school.**



388
students

45%
Australia, NZ,
USA, UK, &
Canada,

36%
Asia

17%
Europe
(excluding UK)

2%
Other

WAB HS
DEMOGRAPHICS

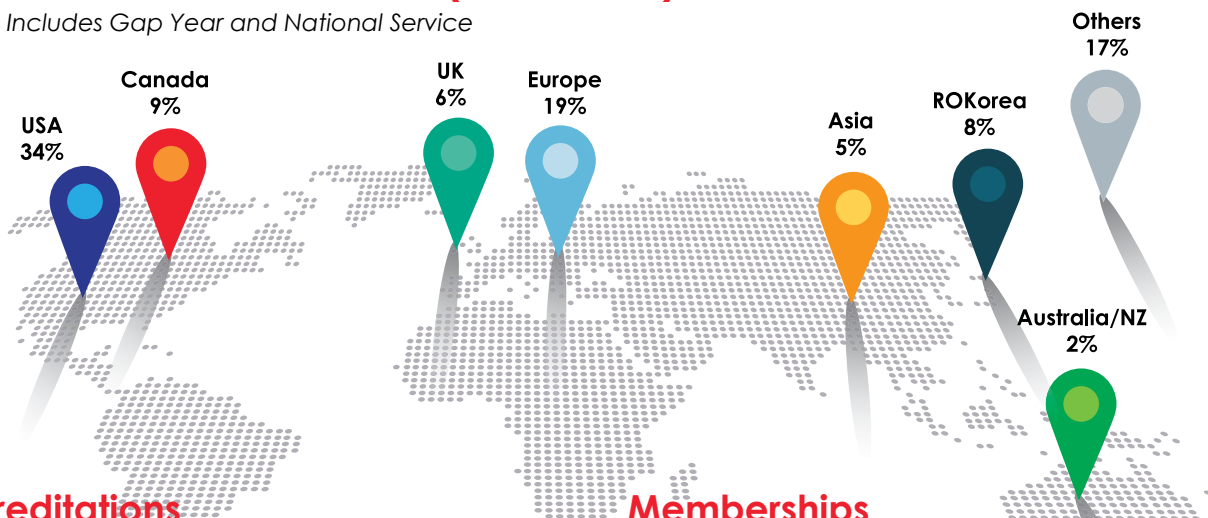
40 Nationalities | 30 Languages

WAB's diversity is reflected with no one nationality exceeding 20% of the student body.

57 Teachers | 15 Nationalities

Destinations for Class of 2023 (86 students)

Others: Includes Gap Year and National Service



Accreditations



Memberships



HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM (IB AND BEYOND)

WAB students are encouraged to take the most challenging courses in which they can be academically successful.

English is the language of instruction. Each course meets for 70 minutes on an alternate rotating day schedule throughout the school year, which runs from August through June. The academic year is divided into two halves, with an interim and a final grade being reported on the transcript.

All Grade 9 and 10 students study eight courses each year. In Grade 9 & 10, students can participate in the Capstone Program. In Grade 10, students complete the MYP Personal Project outside of class time. The project exposes students early on to independent research and critical reflection.

In Grades 11 and 12, students can participate in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, Capstone Program or the Individualized Curricula Program (a selection of IB and high school courses that best meets students' future goals). **The full IB Diploma is open to all WAB students.**

WAB has plans in place to adjust our learning experience to respond to any changes in the health and safety requirements for our community.

Full IB Diploma students choose from six subject groups that include a broad range of courses with three at standard level and three at higher level. In addition, students must take the Theory of Knowledge (TOK) course, complete an Extended Essay, and fulfill Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) commitments outside of class time.

WAB expects full DP students to enroll in no more than three courses at high level and three courses at standard level.

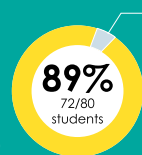
WAB allows 12 applications to universities each academic cycle (only University of California counts as one).

WAB reports student disciplinary infractions that include academic malpractice, as well as suspensions and/or expulsions, to institutions which require this information.



THE
IB

WAB Class of 2024



11%

Combination of Capstone Program, WAB HS Program, and Individualized Curricula Program

CAPSTONE PROGRAM

The Capstone program is selective and students must apply.

The Capstone program is an academic self-directed learning program for High School students. Students determine their Capstone core learning areas for study, create an extended project, and are involved with an internship element over two years. Students can earn credits with a final determination of level of achievement made at the end of the one or two-year program.

WABX EXTRACURRICULARS, GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP, AND CHINA ENGAGEMENT

In order for students to receive the WAB High School Diploma, all High School students commit to global citizenship and community engagement projects. These projects are designed to meet clearly defined IB learning objectives.

An annual China Studies field trip for each grade level is a key element in engaging students with our host country while supporting the High School curriculum.

240
ACTIVITIES
16 SPORTS
39 TEAMS

From February 2020 to June 2020, and in school year 2021-2022, & 2022-2023, there were periods of remote learning. WAB students have had limited access to school-based co-curricular activities; many student-led activities had to be canceled or postponed. Students were able to develop independent and individual ways to continue their involvement in sports, service, and the creative arts.

COURSE OFFERINGS 2023-2024 All courses are IB unless specifically denoted as High School (HS) courses.

ENGLISH

MYP: English A Language & Literature, English Language Acquisition

DP: English Literature (SL/HL), English Language & Literature (SL/HL), English B (HL)

HS: English, Academic Reading & Writing Skills

HUMANITIES

MYP: Individuals & Societies, Global Crisis & Sustainability

DP: Economics (SL/HL), Geography (SL/HL), History (SL/HL), Digital Society (SL/HL), Psychology (SL/HL),

HS: Global Issues

MATHEMATICS

MYP: Mathematics (Standard and Extended levels)

DP: Mathematics Analysis & Approaches (SL/HL), Mathematics Applications and Interpretation (SL/HL)

HS: Essential Mathematics

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

MYP: Science (Integrated Biology, Chemistry, and Physics lab sciences), Design, Nature of Science

DP: Biology (SL/HL), Chemistry (SL/HL), Physics (SL/HL), Design Technology (DT) (SL/HL), Environmental Systems & Society (SL), Sports, Exercise & Health Science (SL)

HS: Integrated Science

LANGUAGES

MYP: Mandarin, Spanish, French Foundation, Standard, Advanced levels

DP: Mandarin Ab Initio SL, Chinese Literature A (SL/HL), Chinese Language and Literature A (SL/HL), Chinese B (SL/HL), Spanish Ab Initio SL, Spanish B (SL/HL), IB French B (SL/HL), Self-Taught (SL) (School Supported)

HS: Conversational Chinese

THE ARTS

MYP: Art, Dance, Drama, Film, Music

DP: Visual Arts (SL/HL), Dance (SL/HL), Theatre (SL/HL), Film Studies (SL/HL), Music (SL/HL)

HS: Art & Design

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

MYP: Health and Physical Education

OTHER

DP: Theory of Knowledge (TOK), HS Capstone, HS Professional Skills

INDEPENDENT LEARNING

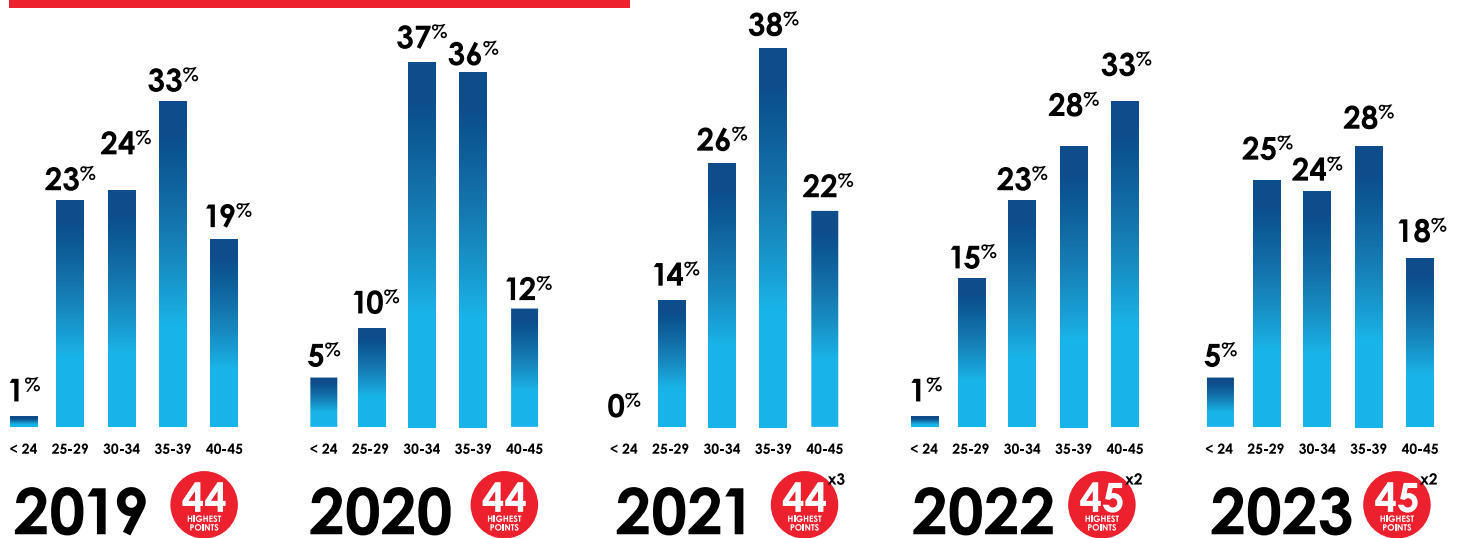
MYP: Personal Project

DP: Extended Essay
Global Online Academy

Students who are non-native English language speakers are assessed to determine whether **ELA support** is required.

Western Academy of Beijing IB Diploma Results

WAB is inclusive with regard to admission to the IB Diploma Programme. Approximately 90% of students choose the full IB Diploma Programme.



Graduating Class	IB DP Candidates	WAB Mean	World Mean	Percentage of WAB DP Candidates Who Earned the Diploma	Number of WAB Students Who Earned a Bilingual Diploma
2023	74	34	30	93%	18
2022	82	37	31.98	96%	24
2021	80	36	33	99%	22
2020	83	34	29.92	96%	22
2019	83	34	29.63	94%	29

WAB Graduation Requirements

College Preparatory Diploma (minimum 24 credits)

- 4 English
- 3 Science
- 3 Mathematics
- 3 Humanities
- 2 Arts
- 2 Health and Physical Education
- 2 Technology
- 3 Electives
- 2 Other Language

General Studies Diploma (minimum 14 credits)

- 3 English
- 2 Science
- 2 Mathematics
- 2 Humanities
- 2 Health and Physical Education
- 2 Arts
- 1 Elective

Credit is given at the end of a school year with a grade of 3 or higher. Transfer students will have their previous transcript verified and credit is awarded (not stated on WAB transcript). Students may be waived certain requirements only if transferring mid-way through high school. **WAB does not rank or calculate Grade Point Average (GPA).**

During remote learning, WAB adopted an assessment policy that allowed students to earn a P (Pass) for demonstrated learning in a given course when there were insufficient data to calculate a numeric grade.

Grading System (1-7 Scale)

The WAB assessment system follows the established IB criteria and conversion table, whose descriptors are noted below:

Grade	North American Conversion	Descriptor
7	A+	Excellent
6	A	Very Good
5	B	Good
4	C	Satisfactory
3	D	Mediocre
2	F	Poor
1	F	Very Poor

Class of 2024 SAT Scores Summary



Standardized Tests & External Exams

WAB offers the following external exams on site:

- IB MAP ACT PSAT SAT HSK**

Predicted IB DP Application Grades

Predicted IB Application Grades are confidential for our students.

Predicted IB DP Application Grades are developed using the following factors:

- Grade 11 final grade.
- Student's best sustained performance for their course to this point in Year 2 (Formative or Summative).
- Teacher's professional understanding of the IB grade descriptors for the course and the course requirements and their judgement of the student's ability to achieve these standards.
- Extended Essay progress so far (engagement with supervisor, a draft of the EE).
- TOK engagement in class, work completed at the end of Grade 11.

MATRICULATION - UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE: CLASSES OF 2020-2023

ASIA

Beijing Institute of Technology (CN) (2)*
Beijing Language & Culture University (CN) (8)
Central University of Finance & Economics (CN)
Hokkaido University (JP)
Hong Kong Baptist University (HK)
International Christian University (JP)
Kanda University of International Studies (JP)*
Keio University (JP)
Nagoya University (JP)
National University of Singapore (SG) (2)
New York University Shanghai (CN)
Peking University (CN)
Sophia University (JP) (2)
Shoolini University (IN)
The Chinese University of Hong Kong (HK)
The University of Hong Kong (HK) (4)
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HK) (4)
Waseda University (JP) (2)

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Australia National University
Deakin University*
Monash University
University of Auckland (2)
University of Brisbane
University of Canberra
University of Melbourne
University of Queensland (3)
University of Sydney

CANADA

Algonquin College
Carleton University
McGill University (2)
McMaster University
Memorial University of Newfoundland
Ryerson University (2)
Simon Fraser University (2)
Trent University*
University of British Columbia (11)**
University of Calgary*
University of Toronto (15)***
University of Waterloo (3)
Western University

EUROPE

Copenhagen Business School (DK)
Delft University of Technology (NL)
Erasmus University College (NL)
Erasmus University Rotterdam (NL) (3)
ESCP Business School (FR, IT, ES)*
Fontys University of Applied Science (NL)
Gerrit Rietveld Academy (NL)*
Haaga-Helia University (SE)
Hanzse University of Applied Sciences, Groningen (NL) (2)
IMC University of Applied Sciences of Krems (AT)
Les Roches Schools of Hotel Management (CH)
Leiden University (NL) (2)*
Leiden University College The Hague (NL)*
Lund University (SE)
Maastricht University (NL)*
Munich Business School (DE)
NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences (NL)
Oulu University of Applied Sciences (NL)*
Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University (NL)
Royal Academy of Art (NL)
Royal Insititute of Technology in Stockhom (KTH) (SE)
Sciences Po La Havre (FR)
TH Köln - University of Applied Sciences (DE)
Tilburg University (NL) (2)*

University of Amsterdam (NL)
University College Maastricht (NL)
University College Utrecht (NL) (2)**
University of Amsterdam (NL) (5)
University of Groningen (NL) (2)*
University of New York in Prague, S.r.o (CZ)
University of Szeged (HU)
University of Veterinary Medicine, Budapest (HU)*
Vrije University Amsterdam (NL) (3)

KOREA

Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) (2)
Korean National University of Arts
Korea University (2)*
Seoul National University (7)*
Sogang University (2)
Yonsei University (5)

UNITED KINGDOM

Arts University Bournemouth (1)
Bournemouth University*
Bristol, University of the West of England
Imperial College, London (4)
King's College of London (4)*
Lancaster University
Leeds Arts University*
Loughborough University
Newcastle University
Nottingham Trent University
Royal College of Music
Royal Holloway, University of London*
Sussex University
Teesside University, Middlesbrough
The University of Edinburgh (2)
University of the Arts London*
University of Bath
University of Bradford
University College London (2)
University of Glasgow (2)
University of Leeds*
University of London
University of Manchester (4)
University of Oxford
University of Sheffield
University of the Arts London (2)

UNITED STATES

Appalachian State University
Austin College
Barnard College (3)
Berklee College of Music (2)
Binghamton University
Biola University*
Boston College
Boston Conservatory
Boston University (3)
Brandeis University (4)*
Brown University (2)
Bryn Mawr University
California College of the Arts
California Institute of the Arts
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University (3)*
Chapman University
College of Charleston
College of William and Mary
Colorado State University - Fort Collins
Columbia University In the City of New York (2)
Concordia College at Moorhead
Cornell University
Duke University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Daytona Beach
Emory University (3)
Emory University, Oxford College
Florida Gulf Coast University

Fordham University
George Mason University (2)
Grand Canyon University
George Washington University*
Hamilton College
Hollywood Musicians Institute
Indiana University - Bloomington (2)*
James Madison University (2)*
John Cabot University*
Loyola Marymount University (2)
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences University
Michigan State University
Mount Holyoke College*
New York University (9)**
New York University Abu Dhabi
NYU Tisch School of the Arts (8)*
Northeastern University (2)*
Northwestern University
Parsons School of Design - The New School (9)***
Pennsylvania State University - Erie
Pennsylvania State University - World Campus
Pomona College
Pratt Institute - Main
Princeton University
Purdue University Northwest*
Rhode Island School of Design (5)*
Rice University
Ringling College of Art and Design
Rochester Institute of Technology
Savannah College of Art and Design (2)
School of the Art Institute of Chicago*
School of Visual Arts (4)
Swarthmore College (2)
Syracuse University
The New School (2)
The University of Texas At Austin
Trinity College (2)
Tufts University (3)*
University of California, Berkeley (5)****
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles (2)
University of California, San Diego (2)*
University of Chicago (2)
University of Cincinnati - Main Campus
University of Colorado - Colorado Springs
University of Evansville
University of Florida*
University of Hawaii at Manoa (2)**
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
University of La Verne (2)
University of Maryland - College Park
University of North Carolina, Charlotte
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Richmond*
University of Rochester
University of Southern California (2)
University of Virginia - Main Campus (3)
University of Washington - Seattle
Vanderbilt University (2)
Virginia Commonwealth University
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
Whitman College*
Yale University *

*** Denotes Class of 2023 (one * per matriculation)**

Australian, European, and Korean matriculation numbers are still being processed - offers continue to arrive, and student disclosure contributes to a tracking challenge.