

SCHOOL PROFILE 2023–2024

CEEB CODE: 706045

IB CODE: 004487

FACULTY

KIS has a total of 63 full-time foreign faculty members. All the teaching staff are internationally certified, and most of them have advanced degrees.

30%

U.S.
citizens

26%

U.K.
citizens

1%

Kazakh
nationals

6%

Other
countries

The class sizes are small, ranging from 15 to 20 students.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAM

Students study six subject groups: Language and Literature, Language Acquisition, Individuals and Societies, Science, Mathematics, and the Arts. Learners choose to study three subjects at a higher level (240 hours) and three at a standard level (150 hours). Students make interdisciplinary links between topics, which the Diploma Core draws together.

The core subjects include three aspects unique to the International Baccalaureate (IB). Theory of Knowledge (TOK) aims to make students aware of the nature of knowledge, including personal biases. The Extended Essay (EE) is a independent, self-directed research culminating in a 4000-word essay.

Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) enables students to enhance their personal and interpersonal development by learning through meaningful experiences outside of the classroom.



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CURRICULUM

Founded in 1998, KIS offers a comprehensive college preparatory curriculum with a modified block schedule of 4 classes per day.

Presently, KIS offers 16 International Baccalaureate courses in total. The diploma years includes Russian/English Language and Literature, Russian, English, and French Language Acquisition and History; Geography, Economics, and Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation; Mathematics: Approaches and Analysis; and Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Environmental Systems and Societies, and Visual Arts.

ATHLETICS AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

KIS offers a wide range of co-curricular opportunities to provide students with a rich experience outside of the classroom. Strong participation is a hallmark of KIS students. Student-athletes participate in competitive sports with other schools in Almaty via The Confederation of Almaty Schools and Headteachers (COASH). Our students participate in Football, Basketball, Volleyball and Debate. KIS is an associate member of The Central Asia Federation of Athletics, Activities, and Arts (CAFA), the association for international competitions in the Central Asian region.

Various clubs provide opportunities for KIS students to extend the classroom experience. Clubs offered this year include MUN, Drama, Debate, Robotics, Eco-Committee, Mathematics, Service Learning, Chess, Film, and the Arts, as well as Kazakhstan-based academic Olympiads.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Kazakhstan International School is a nonprofit international school in Almaty, Kazakhstan. KIS is an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program, Middle Years Program, and Diploma Program authorized school.

KIS is a truly international community, representing students, families, and faculty from over 49 different nationalities. KIS has a current enrollment of approximately 115 High School students. Many KIS students are fluent in English and Russian, while many also speak Kazakh and study additional languages such as French. KIS students come from diverse backgrounds. Parents of KIS students are university-educated and work in professional and executive-level occupations. Enrollment is selective.

Kazakhstan International School's stated mission is to nurture a growth mindset through a holistic education that connects cultures. KIS has a 1:1 laptop program and this helps to provide students with the skills they need in the 21st century's digital workplace. KIS offers a comprehensive university preparatory curriculum.

KIS serves students in grades preK-12, thus fulfilling its promise of graduating its first class of 2022. In March 2023, KIS received accreditation from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation. The Kazakhstan Ministry of Education also accredits the school. Kazakhstan passport holders will receive both a Kazakhstan and a US High School diploma upon meeting graduation requirements and the International Baccalaureate Diploma.



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HONOUR ROLLS

Currently, students can earn High Honor Roll and Honor Roll Status. To qualify for Honor Roll status, students must achieve an average grade between 5.5 and 6.19 in all courses. To be eligible for High Honor Roll status, students must achieve an average grade in all courses above 6.2.

IB DIPLOMA PREREQUISITES AND CRITERIA

1. At the end of grade 10, students need a minimum of 32 out of 56 points in the MYP to be admitted to the DP.
2. All students will work with the IB Coordinator to determine their academic readiness and course selection before entering the IB Diploma Program.
3. By the end of Grade 10, all students will complete a self-assessment of their educational and career goals, and consult their counselors, teachers, and parents to determine the most IB Diploma course to study for the remainder of High School.

ASSESSMENT POLICY

All IB diploma students will be regularly assessed according to the IB assessment criteria within each subject and will be informed on an ongoing basis of their progress in each subject. Regular and consistent assessment is necessary to support students' learning and improvement to achieve the required learning objectives. Students are involved in the evaluation of their work. This is done through continual oral and/or written feedback on completed work and while producing significant pieces of work.

IB DIPLOMA RESULTS - 2022-23

Students at KIS earned an average IB Diploma score of 29 out of 45 possible points during the academic year of 2022-23, compared to the worldwide average of 30 points. KIS students demonstrated a 93% pass rate and, on average, earned significantly higher per-course scores (e.g., 5.4 vs. 5.1).



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To graduate from KIS, students must obtain at least 25 Academic Credits and fulfill the IB core requirements. The Middle State Association accredits the KIS Diploma. In grades 9 and 10, students are required to take eight subjects, while in grades 11 and 12, they must take six. Students must take an English course throughout grades 9 to 12. For each semester of a course completed with a passing grade of 3 or higher (the maximum grade is 7), a half-credit (0.5) is awarded to students in Grades 9 through 12. For more information about KIS's policies and procedures, please visit the school's website at <https://www.kisnet.org/policies>.

English	4 credits
Mathematics	3 credits
Individuals and Societies	3 credits
Science	3 credits
Physical and Health Education	1 credits
Language other than English	3 credits
Design	1 credit
Multimedia & Technology	1 credit
The Arts	1 credit
Additional credits	6 credits
TOTAL	KIS Diploma = 25 credits



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UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

United States of America (USA)

- Cornell University
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Massachusetts Amherst
- Drexel University
- University of Delaware
- Colorado State University
- University of Connecticut
- Ithaca College
- Michigan State University
- Iowa State University
- University of Nebraska
- Binghamton University, SUNY
- The University of Buffalo SUNY
- The University of Albany SUNY
- Purchase University SUNY
- Saint Mary's College of California
- Ottawa University, Kansas
- University of Rochester
- St. Andrews University, North Carolina
- Merrimack College
- Lake Forest College
- University of Jamestown

United Kingdom (UK)

- University of Aberdeen
- The University of Edinburgh
- King's College London
- University of Manchester
- The University of Warwick
- Goldsmith University of London
- Brunel University London
- Royal Holloway, University of London
- St George's, University of London
- London Metropolitan University
- University of Surrey
- University of Westminster
- SRUC - Scotland's Rural College - Edinburgh Campus
- De Montfort University
- The Arts University of Bournemouth
- The University for the Creative Arts, Farnham University
- The Norwich University of the Arts
- University of Northampton
- University of Roehampton
- University of Hertfordshire
- University of Bedfordshire
- University of Hertfordshire
- Northampton University

European Union (EU)

- Italy:
 - University of Padua
 - Bocconi University
 - LUISS Uni in Rome
 - NABA university
 - Politecnico do Torino
- The Netherlands:
 - Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
 - The University of Amsterdam
 - The University of Groningen
- Germany:
 - The University of Europe for Applied Sciences
 - University of Potsdam
- Belgium:
 - Howest University of Applied Sciences
- Ireland
 - University College Dublin

Asia

- Kazakhstan
 - De Montfort University
- Singapore
 - Singapore University of Technology and Design
 - S P Jain School of Global Management
- Hong Kong
 - The University of Hong Kong
 - Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- Australia
 - The University of Western Australia
 - La Trobe University
- India
 - Institute of Technology, Nirma University
- China
 - NYU Shanghai

Canada (CAN)

- McGill University
- University of British Columbia
- University of Manitoba
- University of Saskatchewan

The United Arab Emirates (UAE)

- American University in Dubai
- UAE University
- University of Birmingham Dubai
- Middlesex University - Dubai Campus