



# Seoul International School Annual Report 2022-2023



**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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Division	Faculty	Student
Elementary School	30	276
Middle School	22	229
High School	36	292
Resource Personnel	10	-
Leadership Team	10	-
<b>Total Number</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>797</b>



A bar chart comparing scores for four groups (RIT Norm, Korea, EARCOS, and SIS) across seven grade levels (Grade 2 to Grade 8). The Y-axis represents scores from 150 to 300. The X-axis lists the grade levels. For each grade, there are four bars representing the different groups. The scores generally increase with grade level for all groups.

Grade	RIT Norm	Korea	EARCOS	SIS
Grade 2	188	198	195	203
Grade 3	198	205	204	210
Grade 4	205	212	212	214
Grade 5	210	218	217	222
Grade 6	214	224	221	230
Grade 7	216	227	225	234
Grade 8	219	232	229	238

Grade	RIT Norm	Korea	EARCOS	SIS
Grade 2	189	202	199	204
Grade 3	201	211	209	217
Grade 4	211	223	219	226
Grade 5	219	234	228	236
Grade 6	223	243	236	253
Grade 7	227	250	243	262
Grade 8	230	259	250	268

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Grade	RIT Norm	Korea	EARCOS	SIS
Grade 2	186	191	190	200
Grade 3	197	200	201	207
Grade 4	205	208	209	212
Grade 5	211	215	215	218
Grade 6	215	220	220	228
Grade 7	218	224	225	232
Grade 8	221	230	228	238

# 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

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Evidence-based Reading and Writing	720	727	680	698	703
Math	765	765	760	760	749
Combined	1485	1492	1445	1458	1452

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.



Perfect scores on the Advanced Placement exams in 2022, Jinwook Shin (‘23) in Physics & Clare Hyunsuh Kim (‘23) in Drawing. Jinwook is one of only 2 students in the world, and Clare is among 343 out of over 18,000 test takers who achieved a perfect score in their respective subjects.

# 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	2019	2020**	2021	2022	2023
Number of AP courses offered	23	23	23	23	23
Number of students taking at least 1 AP course*	301	260	286	256	225
Number of AP exams written	880	674	851	791	692
Number of exams with a score of 5	356	303	329	342	295
Number of exams with a score of 4	217	226	246	204	186

\* 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**
2023	Number of Scholars	17	46	91	11	23
	Average Score	3.37	4.41	4.24	4.33	4.13
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

\* 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 2022-23



Due to the last months of the COVID outbreak, some first semester activities were curtailed. 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 UYSC 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.

# 2023 College & University Enrollment

Adelphi University	1	Emory University	2	U.C. Davis	1
Barnard College	1	Georgetown University	3	U.C. Irvine	2
Berklee College of Music	1	Georgia Institute of Technology	2	U.C. Los Angeles	6
Boston University	1	Harvard University	1	University of Chicago	2
Brown University	2	Johns Hopkins University	1	University of Hong Kong	1
California Institute of the Arts	1	London School of Economics	1	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	3
Carnegie Mellon University	2	New York University	11	University of Michigan	2
Case Western Reserve University	3	Northwestern University	1	University of Notre Dame	1
Claremont McKenna College	1	Oxford College of Emory University	2	University of Southern California	4
Columbia Sciences Po	1	Parsons School of Design	3	University of Texas, Austin	2
Columbia University	2	Rhode Island School of Design	1	University of Toronto	2
Cornell University	2	Rice University	1	University of Washington	1
Dartmouth College	3	Syracuse University	1	Washington University in St. Louis	3
Duke University	1	Tufts University	1	Wesleyan University	1
Durham University	1	U.C. Berkeley	4	Yale University	1



# Cumulative College &

Adelphi University	1	Columbia University	6	Middlebury College	1
Amherst College	1	Cooper Union	5	Mount Holyoke College	1
Art Center College of Design	1	Cornell University	22	New York University	52
Bard College	1	Dartmouth College	4	Northeastern University	12
Barnard College	1	Dickinson College	1	Northwestern University	12
Bennington College	1	Drew University	1	Occidental College	2
Berklee College of Music	2	Duke University	8	Otis College of Art and Design	1
Boston College	3	Emerson College	2	Oxford College of Emory Design	2
Boston University	3	Emory University	8	Parsons School of Design	6
Brandeis University	2	Eugene Lang College	1	Pratt Institute	3
Brown University	6	George Washington University	1	Princeton University	2
California College of the Arts	2	Georgetown University	10	Purdue University	2
California Institute of the Arts	1	Georgia Institute of Technology	3	Rhode Island School of Design	10
Carnegie Mellon University	24	Hardin-Simmons University	2	Rice University	4
Case Western Reserve University	6	Harvard University	5	Saint Louis University	1
Claremont McKenna College	2	Johns Hopkins University	11	School of the Arts Inst. of Chicago	2
Colgate University	1	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	2	Smith College	1
Columbia Sciences Po	1	Michigan State University	1	Stanford University	10

# University Enrollment 2019-2023

Stevens Institute of Technology	1	University of Southern California	18	Hong Kong University of Science & Technology	3
Syracuse University	1	University of Texas, Austin	3	University of Hong Kong	3
Tufts University	7	University of the Pacific	1	Temple University	1
U.C. Berkeley	41	University of Vermont	1	Waseda University	2
U.C. Davis	1	University of Virginia	1	Ewha Womans University	2
U.C. Irvine	9	University of Washington	2	George Mason University	1
U.C. Los Angeles	11	University of Wisconsin-Madison	1	Leiden University	1
U.C. San Diego	4	Vanderbilt University	4	National University of Singapore	1
U.C. Santa Barbara	6	Vassar College	1	Glion Institute	1
University of Chicago	6	Washington University in St. Louis	12	Durham University	1
University of Detroit Mercy (Dental Program)	1	Wellesley College	3	London School of Economics & Politics	2
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	14	Wesleyan University	6	University of Oxford	2
University of Michigan	6	Wheaton College (Massachusetts)	2		
University of Nevada: Las Vegas	1	Yale University	2		
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2	University of Sydney	2		
University of Notre Dame	3	University of British Columbia	1		
University of Pennsylvania	4	University of Toronto	7		
University of Rochester	3	University of Western Ontario	1		

# High School Sports & Activities

Students participate in two leagues that emphasize opportunities in sports, forensics, MUN, music, art, quiz, robotics, and math. 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). Our school continues to thrive in both these leagues. In addition, SIS has students frequently selected to music honors events with the Association for Music in International Schools (AMIS) and the Korea International Music Educators Association (KIMEA).

## Fall Season

	KAIAC	AISA
Boys Tennis	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	N/A
Girls Tennis	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	N/A
Girls Volleyball	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Red Division 7 <sup>th</sup> Place Cup Tournament	Canceled (COVID)
Boys Volleyball	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Red Division 4 <sup>th</sup> Place Cup Tournament	Canceled (COVID)
Cross Country	Boys - 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Girls - 4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Canceled (COVID)

## Winter Season

	KAIAC	AISA
Boys Basketball	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Blue Division 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Cup Tournament	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Girls Basketball	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Blue Division 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Cup Tournament	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Cheer	No Placement	N/A
Boys Swimming	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Girls Swimming	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Place

## Spring Season

	KAIAC	AISA
Boys Soccer	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Red Division 7 <sup>th</sup> Place Cup Tournament	5 <sup>th</sup> Place
Girls Soccer	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Red Division 7 <sup>th</sup> Place Cup Tournament	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
Badminton	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Place



## Activities

SIS activities and athletics program returned to many tournaments this year that had been put on hold during the Covid pandemic. With seasons returning closer to normal, students managed to complete all seasons as well as engage in meaningful events. SIS students remained active in a variety of activities, Service Learning trips, and sports throughout the year.

KAIAC Conference Championships were claimed by our Boys Volleyball and Badminton teams, and our Boys Basketball, Badminton, and Boys and Girls Swim teams all captured AISA league titles. Our Winter and Spring season sports participated in their first AISA trips since the pandemic, and all seasons of sports set to resume normal schedules in the 2023-2024 school year.

The Model United Nations (MUN) members participated in four conferences as both delegates and officers. SEOMUN took place online in the fall, while THIMUN in the Netherlands and UNISMUN in Hanoi represented our students' first in-person conferences last winter. Some students elected to participate in SKYMUN towards the end of the year, while we also had a dedicated group of students form our SEOMUN Secretariat, to begin a year long process of planning the first in-person SEOMUN conference to be held at COEX in November of 2023.

Our Math teams continue to excel on the global stage, capturing 1st Place honors in the AISA Math Mania Tournament. We also fielded several teams for the annual World Mathematics Championships regional tournament, held in Jeju this year, and performed strongly; 13 of the 18 gold medals awarded in various categories were earned by SIS students. In addition, a large number of students participate in the University of Waterloo's mail-in competitions every year. As usual, virtually all of the participating students earned scores that put them within the top quartile of about 60,000 participants worldwide.

Our HS club's program continues to thrive and provide students with excellent leadership opportunities despite the challenges, demonstrated with increased events as more international opportunities became available with the lifting of pandemic measures. Highlights range from the Global Issues Network's (GIN) Halloween Carnival, a well organized SIS Staff vs Student flag football match, sponsored by Korea Service for Foreigners club. Habitat for Humanity remained active with their fundraisers and donations to HFH, as well as the National Arts Honor Society's Memory Project Fundraisers, and students participated in service learning trips with United Youth Service Club (UYSC) and Moonlight Nepal.

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 Robotics team continues to excel in their second year of existence.

Finally, our Music programs continue to be a beacon of success, having several students accepted into regional and international honors events with KAIAC, KIMEA, and AMIS organizations. SIS hosted the KAIAC Large Ensemble Band Festival, KIMEA MS Choir Festival, and had several students recognized for outstanding performances in solo and ensemble festivals.

## Fine and Performing Arts



There are two great successes in school play productions. “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” from the High School production presented, and the Middle School’s production of Disney’s “Aladdin Jr.” achieved tremendous success, signaling the revival of vibrant school events. Every year in April, The Atrium of the Main Building is full of talented artwork from fresh young artists at AP Art Show. More exciting events scheduled for the upcoming academic year, SY23-24.

## Service Learning



**T**rustworthy Students  
**I**ndependent Learners  
**G**lobal Citizens  
**E**ffective Communicators  
**R**eflective Learners  
**S**ocially Responsible Individuals

SIS promotes 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.

### UYSC

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.

### TRI-M Visite to Gabriel House

The TRI-M club went to visit Gabriel’s House for the first time in three years. Our students were amazing and interacted beautifully with the kids. The kids absolutely loved listening to the music and were grinning the whole way through their performance.



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