



Seoul International School Annual Report 2022-2023



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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.

Excellence in Global Education
Since 1973

Leadership, Faculty & Students

[SY23-24 Leadership Team]

Founder & Manager : Edward B. Adams

Head of School : James Gerhard

High School Principal : Gray Macklin

Middle School Principal : Michael Gohde

Elementary School Principal : Sarah Hay

HS Assistant Principal : Christopher DelVecchio

ES/MS Assistant Principal : Lindsey Hagen

Director of Admissions : Nirmala Jayaram

Director of Curriculum & Professional Development : David Mannell

Director of Guidance & College Counseling : Kelcey Edwards

The Number of SIS

| Division | Faculty | Student |
|---------------------|------------|------------|
| Elementary School | 30 | 276 |
| Middle School | 22 | 229 |
| High School | 36 | 292 |
| Resource Personnel | 10 | - |
| Leadership Team | 10 | - |
| Total Number | 108 | 797 |

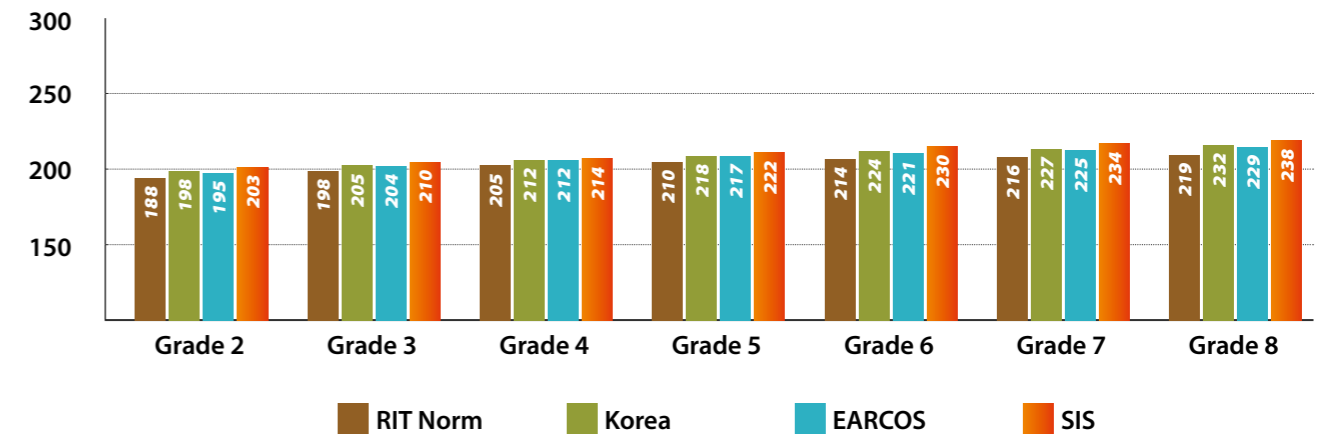


Measure of Academic Progress

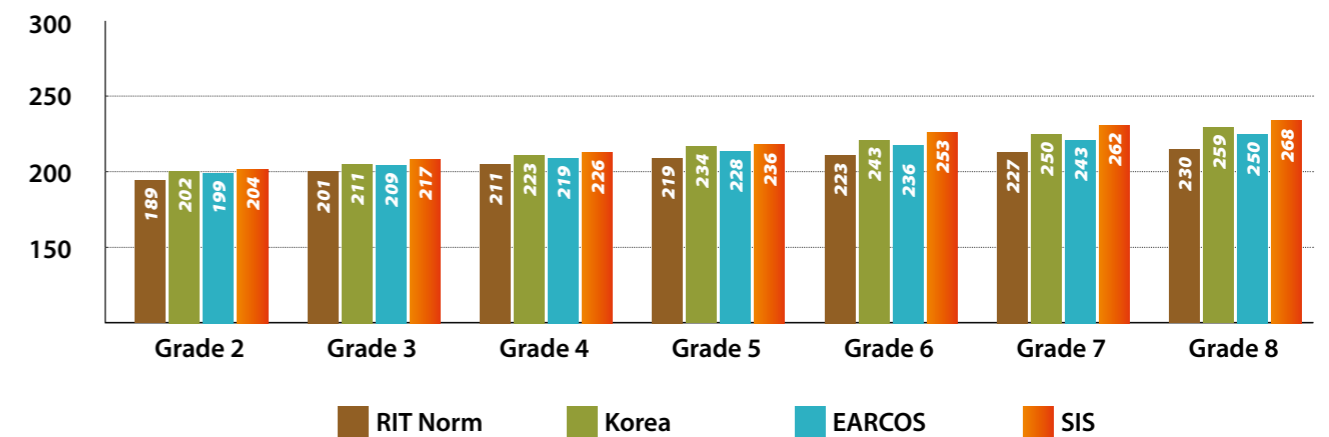
MAP, or the Measure of Academic Progress, is a computerized adaptive test which helps teachers, parents, and administrators improve learning for all students and make informed decisions to promote a child's academic growth.



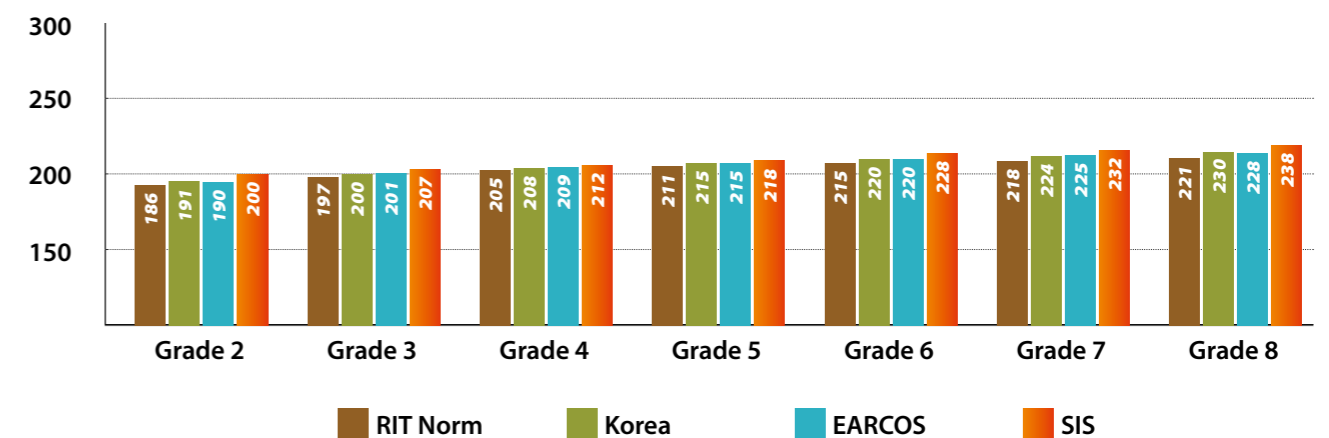
Language



Math



Reading



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

Winter Season

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

Spring Season

| | KAIAC | AISA |
|--------------|--|-----------------------|
| Boys Soccer | 3 rd Place Red Division 7 th Place Cup Tournament | 5 th Place |
| Girls Soccer | 3 rd Place Red Division 7 th Place Cup Tournament | 4 th Place |
| Badminton | 1 st Place | 1 st 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



Trustworthy Students
Independent Learners
Global Citizens
Effective Communicators
Reflective Learners
Socially 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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