



International School of Kenya
Empowering students to create solutions for tomorrow's challenges

HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

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School and Community

The International School of Kenya (ISK) is a non-profit, PreK-12, coeducational, independent day school serving the expatriate and Kenyan communities in Nairobi. The school was started by the United States Embassy and the Canadian High Commission in 1976 and is fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and the Council of International Schools. Approximately 36% of the school's 1,098 students are North Americans, and the remainder represent 65+ other nationalities.

The High School faculty is composed of 44 full and 8 part-time professionals. 45% of the faculty are North Americans, 100% have a bachelor's degree, and 97% have advanced degrees. The first semester begins in August and ends in December. The second semester begins in January and ends in June. The High School operates a schedule that includes eight blocks.

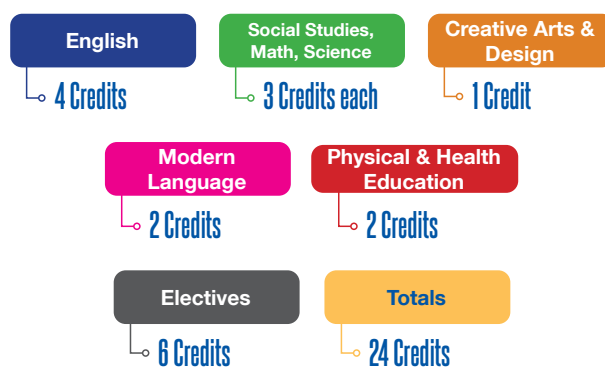
Each block in 9th and 10th grade meets five times in a typical two-week period, with each block being 80 minutes in length. For 11th and 12th graders our student schedules provide the recommended hours for each IB standard and higher level subject and respects concurrency of learning. There are 36 weeks (180 days) in the school year. All ISK students are required to complete an Intercultural trip, a service project and a creative and activity program each year of high school.

Starting in grade 9 in 2021-22, the high school introduced a Life-Centered Education program leading to an alternative high school diploma.

Life Centered Education

The Life Centered Education (LCE) Program is designed to meet the needs of students who have more significant intellectual, learning, or developmental differences. Students accepted into the program receive personalized academic programming with embedded social-emotional learning from special educators. Classes offered meet the needs of the learners where they find success. Students in the LCE program will receive an alternative diploma when they complete their high school requirements. This allows a student the opportunity to learn standards-based content and also provides meaningful participation in his/her educational program.

Minimum Graduation Requirements



Credits and Graduation Requirements

In grades 9 through 12, one credit is awarded for each one-year ISK course completed with a passing mark of 3 or above. One half credit is earned for one semester. A minimum of 24 credits is required for graduation. Students transferring to ISK from another school may bring in a maximum of 8 credits per year.



COVID-19 Disruption

For the 2020-2021 school year, the ISK High School started the academic year in virtual learning starting from September 1, 2020. On October 26, 2020, students in grades 11 and 12 returned to campus for in-person learning. In January, students in grades 9 and 10 joined on campus, in-person learning. Grades 11 and 12 returned to virtual learning for a week from March 1 through March 7, 2021. Grades 9 and 10 remained on campus for learning in that time period. On March 22, 2021, ISK went to virtual learning for all grades and returned to campus for in-person learning on May 10, 2021 through the end of the academic year. All sports, performances, and other gatherings were reintroduced following ISK Covid safety measures. Intercultural trips were cancelled.

For the 2021-2022 school year, ISK returned to on campus, in-person learning with extracurricular activities following safety protocols. Intercultural trips were postponed to the second semester.

For the 2022-2023 school year, ISK returned to on campus, in-person learning and Covid 19 restrictions have been lifted. Extracurricular activities returned with minimal restrictions.

STEM/Arts IMPACT Project

ISK's IMPACT Projects are an independent study aimed at self-motivated, creative thinking, high achieving students passionately interested in the STEM and/or the Arts. These are standards based courses designed to provide students with opportunities for experiential, personalized and integrated learning.

In STEM IMPACT Project, students navigate the messiness of the creative process from inception to completion by prototyping and testing and integrating science, mathematics and technology. The focus is to identify and engineer a solution to solve a real world problem of global significance. The Design Cycle is used as the framework for their process journal / portfolio documentation which is also the major assessment component together with a final presentation at the end of the course.

In Arts IMPACT Project, students have the opportunity to either work across combinations of the 3 disciplines, Music, Theatre & Visual Arts respectively, or to focus more specifically within one or two Arts subjects. Students design an individual Creative Learning Plan outlining their artistic intentions and goals. The course provides the opportunity to extend and deepen their application portfolio work. A final presentation is also required, and assessed, as a culminating activity appropriately designed in accordance to an individual student's artistic intentions and portfolio.

ISK Course Rigor and Honors Courses

ISK courses are designed to prepare students for the rigor of university level academics. IB courses at ISK are recognized as Honors courses. In addition, students who meet the requirements of an IB course but do not complete all components of the IB course (e.g., sitting the final IB exam papers) will have 'Honors' (instead of 'IB') recorded on their transcript for the title of that course. Given that there may be little difference in the academic rigor and assessment expectations of the IB and Honors-only versions of a course, Honors-only students are expected to complete all IB assignments and IA's (in some cases, IA's can be adjusted in consultation with the teacher to meet the standard of an Honors-only as opposed to an IB examination course).

ISK Grade Scale 1-7

USA A-F Grading Scale	Grade	Descriptor	Honor Points
A+	7	Exemplary Achievement	8
A	6	Excellent Achievement	7
B	5	Proficient Achievement	6
C	4	Basic Achievement	5
D	3	Limited Achievement	4
F	2	Very Little Achievement/ No Credit	0
F	1	Minimal Achievement/ No Credit	0
CR		Credit	0

Note: The IB courses at ISK are designated as Honors by an "H" following the numeric grade.

Honor Points are calculated into students' gpa.

Creativity, Activity, Service & Leadership (CASL) Program

The CASL program provides a meaningful framework for co-curricular activities for students to initiate and reflect upon sustainable community projects that are mutually beneficial and cultivate personal and community growth. All students are required to complete annual projects in the areas of creativity, activity, service and leadership followed by self-evaluation and reflection.

2024-2025 High School Course Offerings Summary

All courses listed below may not be offered for this academic year.

One-semester courses are denoted (s).

Courses that can be taken multiple times are denoted (~).

ENGLISH

English 9
English 10
English 11/12
IB SL English A Lang & Lit 1
IB SL English A Lang & Lit 2
IB HL English A Lang & Lit 1
IB HL English A Lang & Lit 2
IB SL English A Lit 1
IB SL English A Lit 2
IB HL English A Lit 1
IB HL English A Lit 2
Creative Writing (s)

MODERN LANGUAGES

French 1
French 2
IB French ab initio SL 1
IB French ab initio SL 2
French 3
French 4
IB French B SL 1
IB French B SL 2
IB French B HL 1
IB French B HL 2
IB French A Lang & Lit SL 1
IB French A Lang & Lit SL 2
IB French A Lang & Lit HL 1
IB French A Lang & Lit HL 2
Spanish 1
Spanish 2
IB Spanish ab initio SL 1
IB Spanish ab initio SL 2
Spanish 3
Spanish 4
IB Spanish B SL 1
IB Spanish B SL 2
IB Spanish B HL 1
IB Spanish B HL 2
IB Spanish A Lang&Lit SL/HL 1
IB Spanish A Lang&Lit SL/HL 2
Kiswahili 1
Kiswahili 2
IB Kiswahili ab initio SL 1
IB Kiswahili ab initio SL 2

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Social Sciences 9
Social Sciences 10
Religious and Philosophical Questions (s)
Psychology (s)
International Relations (s)
A History of the World in 25 Questions (s)
Entrepreneurship & Business Studies (s)
Africa in the World System (s)
IB SL Psychology 1
IB SL Psychology 2
IB HL Psychology 1
IB HL Psychology 2
IB SL History 1
IB SL History 2
IB HL History 1

IB HL History 2
IB SL Economics 1
IB SL Economics 2
IB HL Economics 1
IB HL Economics 2
IB SL Geography 1
IB SL Geography 2
IB HL Geography 1
IB HL Geography 2
IB SL Global Politics 1
IB SL Global Politics 2
IB HL Global Politics 1
IB HL Global Politics 2
IB SL Business Management 1
IB SL Business Management 2
IB HL Business Management 1
IB HL Business Management 2

DESIGN

Graphic Design (s)
Robotics (s)
Game Design (s)
Product Design (s)
Programming & Digital Electronics (s)
Design & Engineering (s)
STEM Impact Project
IB SL/HL Design Technology 1
IB SL/HL Design Technology 2

MATHEMATICS

Mathematics 9 or 9 Core
Mathematics 10 or 10 Core
Mathematics 11 Core
Mathematics 12 Core
Statistics (s)
IB Mathematics Analysis HL 1
IB Mathematics Analysis SL 1
IB Mathematics Applications HL 1
IB Mathematics Applications HL 2
IB Mathematics Analysis SL 2
IB Mathematics Applications HL 2
IB Mathematics Applications SL 2
Mathematics Bridge 1 (s)
Mathematics Bridge 2 (s)

SCIENCE

Introductory Physics 9
Introductory Biochemistry 10
Environmental Science 1,2 (s)
Agricultural Science 1,2 (s)
IB SL/HL Biology 1
IB SL/HL Biology 2
IB SL/HL Physics 1
IB SL/HL Physics 2
IB SL/HL Chemistry 1
IB SL/HL Chemistry 2
IB SL/HL Env Systems & Societies 1
IB SL/HL Env Systems & Societies 2

VISUAL ARTS

Art 1 Drawing & Painting (s)
Art 2 Conceptual Design (s)
Art 3-D Fabrication (s)
Ceramics Studio (s)
Textiles (s)
Motion Graphics (s)
IB SL/HL Visual Arts 1
IB SL/HL Visual Arts 2
Arts Impact Project ~

PERFORMING ARTS

Drama Theatre Performance (s)
Drama Playscripts & Directing (s)
Drama Technical Theatre (s)
IB SL/HL Theatre Arts 1
IB SL/HL Theatre Arts 2
Concert Band 1,2,3,4
Concert Choir 1,2,3,4
Music 1 (s)
Music 2 (s)
Music 3 (s)
IB SL/HL Music 1
IB SL/HL Music 2
Arts Impact Project ~

PHYSICAL & HEALTH

EDUCATION (PHE)
Integrated PHE 9
Integrated PHE 10
Advanced Physical Education (s)

INTERDISCIPLINARY / GENERAL ELECTIVES

IB Theory of Knowledge 11
IB Theory of Knowledge 12 (s)
Topics in Cinema (s)
Sport Science- the basics (s)
Sport Injuries (s)
Sports Nutrition (s)
Personal Finance-You & Your Money Leadership Seminar
ISK Internship ~

INDEPENDENT STUDY and ONLINE ACADEMY

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELL) PROGRAM

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES
Learning Support
Study Skills
English Language Learners



THE IB PROGRAM AT ISK

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program at ISK provides high school students with a diploma and certificates recognized by universities throughout the world. Students may enrol in the full IB Diploma Program, requiring six externally administered exams, Extended Essay, and Theory of Knowledge course, or they may also take specific individual IB courses for IB certificates. The maximum score possible in each IB course is 7. All IB courses are a two-year sequence. ISK has an inclusive policy in regards to the IB Diploma Program; it is open to all students who satisfactorily complete prerequisite courses.

MAY 2024 IB Scores

Subject	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Avg.
ENGLISH A: Lang and Literature HL	1	19	22	3	0	0	0	5.40
ENGLISH A: Lang and Literature SL	1	8	13	8	0	0	0	5.07
ENGLISH A: Literature HL	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	5.00
ENGLISH A: Literature SL	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	4.50
SWEDISH A: Literature self taught SL	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6.00
SWEDISH B HL	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6.00
SWEDISH B SL	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5.00
DANISH B HL	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6.00
DUTCH B HL	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	6.50
DUTCH AB. SL	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6.00
DUTCH B SL	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7.00
DUTCH A: Lang and Literature SL	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5.00
FRENCH AB SL	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	4.83
FRENCH B HL	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	6.00
FRENCH B SL	3	9	4	1	0	0	0	5.82
KISWAHILI AB. SL	1	2	4	5	1	0	0	4.77
KISWAHILI B SL	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5.00
NORWEGIAN B SL	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6.00
SPANISH AB. SL	2	4	3	0	0	0	0	5.89
SPANISH B HL	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7.00
SPANISH B SL	3	6	6	0	0	0	0	5.80
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT HL ENGLISH	1	7	11	0	0	0	0	5.47
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT SL ENGLISH	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	5.50
ECONOMICS HL ENGLISH	2	4	15	3	0	0	0	5.21
ECONOMICS SL ENGLISH	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	5.00
ENV AND SOC SL ENGLISH	0	3	3	3	1	0	0	4.80
GEOGRAPHY HL ENGLISH	1	8	7	3	1	0	0	5.25
GEOGRAPHY SL ENGLISH	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	5.40
GLOBAL POLITICS HL ENGLISH	1	6	6	3	0	0	0	5.31
GLOBAL POLITICS SL ENGLISH	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	5.25
HISTORY AFRICA AND MID EAST HL ENGLISH	1	3	2	1	0	0	0	5.57
HISTORY SL ENGLISH	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	6.00
PSYCHOLOGY HL ENGLISH	2	7	4	3	0	0	0	5.50
PSYCHOLOGY SL ENGLISH	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6.00
BIOLOGY HL ENGLISH	2	6	6	6	0	0	0	5.20
BIOLOGY SL ENGLISH	0	4	8	7	5	0	0	4.46
CHEMISTRY HL ENGLISH	0	4	4	0	1	0	0	5.22
CHEMISTRY SL ENGLISH	1	5	4	7	1	0	0	4.89
DESIGN TECH HL ENGLISH	0	4	1	1	0	0	0	5.50
DESIGN TECH SL ENGLISH	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	5.00
PHYSICS HL ENGLISH	2	4	7	4	0	0	0	5.24
PHYSICS SL ENGLISH	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5.00
MATH ANALYSIS AND APPRO HL ENGLISH	1	2	5	0	0	0	0	5.50
MATH ANALYSIS AND APPRO SL ENGLISH	6	18	10	5	1	0	0	5.58
MATH APPLICATIONS AND INTERP HL ENGLISH	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	5.75
MATH APPLICATIONS AND INTERP SL ENGLISH	0	5	13	9	1	0	0	4.79
MUSIC HL ENGLISH	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	4.50
MUSIC SL ENGLISH	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5.00
THEATRE HL ENGLISH	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6.00
VISUAL ARTS HL ENGLISH	0	0	4	4	2	0	0	4.20
VISUAL ARTS SL ENGLISH	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	4.33

MAY 2024 IB Diploma Statistics



COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION CLASS OF 2024

USA 24% | Canada 22% | UK 20%
Europe 22% | Oceania 2% | Gap 9%

SAT Scores
2022-2024 (84 test takers)
Avg Total 1,267
EBRW 634
Math 633

UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

ISK does not rank our students. ISK reports information related to a student's disciplinary history when asked on applications.

Sample College & University Acceptances Classes 2019-2024



USA

Academy of Art University
Adephi University
Alfred University
Allegheny College
American University
Arizona State University
Augustana University
Barnard College
Barry University
Bates College
Baylor University
Belmont University
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Binghamton University SUNY
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Bridgewater State University
Brigham Young University
Brown University
Bucknell University
Butler University
California Institute of the Arts
California State University, Chico
California State University, Long Beach
California State University, Northridge
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Catholic University of America
Clark University
Coastal Carolina University
College of William and Mary
Colorado State University
Concordia College
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
DePaul University
Drexel University
Duke University
Eckerd College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College
Fairfield University
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Florida International University
Florida State University
Florida Tech
Fordham University
Full Sail University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia State University
Gonzaga University
Goucher College
Harvard University
Hawaii Pacific University
Hofstra University
Hope College
Howard University
Hult International Business School
Illinois Institute of Technology
Indiana University
Indiana University-Purdue University
Iowa State University
Jacksonville University
James Madison University
Kenyon College
Lawrence University
Lehigh University
Lesley University
Lewis & Clark College
Longwood University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Lynn University
Macalester College
Maine Maritime Academy
Maryland Institute College of Arts
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
McKendree University
Mercer University

Miami University
Michigan State University
Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design
Morehouse College
New York Institute of Technology
New York University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Occidental University
Ohio State University
Ohio University
Old Dominion University
Oregon State University
Otis College of Arts and Design
Pace University
Parsons School of Design
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Pratt Institute
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rollins College
Rutgers University
Rutgers University-Newark
Saint Louis University
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University
San Jose State University
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Seattle University
Seton Hall University
Simmons University
Skidmore College
Smith College
St. Lawrence University
St. Mary's College of CA
St. Olaf College
Stony Brook University
SUNY Albany
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
SUNY Maritime College
SUNY Plattsburgh
SUNY Purchase College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas A&M University
Texas State University
Texas Tech University
The New School
Trinity College
Trinity University
Tufts University
Tulane University
Union College
United States Naval Academy
University of Virginia
University of Arizona
University of Bridgeport
University of California Davis
University of California Irvine
University of California Riverside
University of California San Diego
University of California Santa Barbara
University of California Santa Cruz
University of California, Irvine
University of Central Florida
University of Central Missouri
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Hawaii-Manoa
University of Illinois Chicago
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
University of Iowa
University of La Verne
University of Maryland College Park
University of Massachusetts Amherst

University of Massachusetts Boston
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Michigan-Dearborn
University of Minnesota Twin Cities
University of Minnesota, Duluth
University of Montana
University of New Hampshire
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Florida
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Portland
University of Puget Sound
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of South Dakota
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
University of Tampa
University of Texas at Dallas
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin Madison
University of Wisconsin River Falls
Utah State University
Valparaiso University
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest University
Washington State University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wellesley College
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Wesleyan University
Wheaton College
Wheaton College Massachusetts
Whitman College
Willamette University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University



United Kingdom

Aberystwyth University
Anglia Ruskin University
Bangor University
Bath Spa University
Birmingham City College
Bournemouth University
Brighton and Sussex Medical School
Bristol, University of the West of England
Brunel University London
Cardiff Metropolitan University
Cardiff University
City University of London
Coventry University
Durham University
Goldsmiths, University of London
Greenwich University
Heriot-Watt University
Imperial College London
Istituto Marangoni London
Keele University
King's College London
Kingston University
Lancaster University
Leeds Arts University
London School of Economics and Political Science
London South Bank University
Loughborough University
Manchester Metropolitan University
Middlesex University London
Newcastle University
Northumbria University
Nottingham Trent University
Oxford Brookes University

Queen Mary University of London
Richmond University
Royal Holloway University of London
SOAS University of London
Solent University (Southampton)
St. Andrews University
St. George's University
Staffordshire University
Sussex University
University College London
University of Aberdeen
University of Bath
University of Bedfordshire
University of Birmingham
University of Brighton
University of Bristol
University of Cambridge
University of Chester
University of Dundee
University of East Anglia
University of East London
University of Edinburgh
University of Essex
University of Exeter
University of Glasgow
University of Greenwich
University of Hertfordshire
University of Hull
University of Kent
University of Leeds
University of Leicester
University of Lincoln
University of Liverpool
University of London
University of Manchester
University of Northampton
University of Northumbria
University of Nottingham
University of Oxford
University of Plymouth
University of Portsmouth
University of Reading
University of Sheffield
University of Southampton
University of St. Andrews
University of Stirling
University of Surrey
University of Sussex
University of the Arts London
University of the Creative Arts
University of the West of England
Bristol
University of Warwick
University of West London
University of Westminster, London
University of Winchester
University of York



Canada

Brock University
Capilano University
Carleton University
Columbia College Vancouver
Concordia University
Dalhousie University
Emily Carr University of Art and Design
Huron University College
King's University College
Lakehead University
McGill University
McMaster University
Mount Allison University
Ontario College of Art & Design
Ontario Tech University
Queen's University
Simon Fraser University
Toronto Metropolitan University
Trent University
University of Alberta
University of British Columbia
University of Calgary
University of Guelph
University of New Brunswick
University of Northern British Columbia
University of Ottawa
University of Toronto

University of Victoria
University of Waterloo
University of Windsor
University of Toronto
Vancouver Island University
Western University
Wilfrid Laurier University
York University



Europe

American University of Paris
Amsterdam University College
Bocconi University
D'interieur Et Design
Delft University of Technology
Deltion College of International Motorsports
Ecole Bleue
Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne
Eindhoven University of Technology
Erasmus University
ESCP Business School
EU Business school
Fontys University of Applied Sciences
GBSB Global Business School
Gothenburg University
Hanze University of Applied Sciences
Jacobs University
John Cabot University
Leiden University
Leiden University College
Les Roches
Maastricht University
Maastricht University College
ROC Midden Nederland-Automotive College
Saint Louis University- Madrid
School Camondo- Architecture
The Hague University of Applied Sciences
Tilburg University
Trinity College Dublin
University College Dublin
University College Groningen
University College Utrecht
University of Amsterdam
University of Groningen
University of Limerick
University of Nicosia Medical School
University of Twente
Utrecht University
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam



Other

African Leadership Academy Mauritius
American University of Dubai
Balderstone Sports Institute
Binus University, Indonesia
Carnegie Mellon University - Qatar
Duke Kunshan University
Emirates Aviation University
International Medical University
Macquarie University
Nanyang Technological University
National University of Singapore
New York University Shanghai
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
Seoul National University
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
United States International University, Africa
University of Hong Kong
University of Technology Sydney
University of Western Australia
Waseda University
Western Sydney University
Yale- NUS College