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GYEONGGI SUWON INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

School Overview

GSIS is a rigorous International Baccalaureate (IB) Christian school that implements a vertically aligned PYP, MYP, and DP curriculum utilizing standards and benchmarks adopted from the best, research-based options from the United States and Canada. The school provides a holistic and balanced college preparatory program with the expectation that students will pursue and thrive in higher education. The school operates at a high-level within an energetic environment where history, culture, and cutting-edge technology are harmoniously combined.

Student Body

The secondary school division is fully comprehensive, enrolling over 310 students from over 20 countries. The class of 2024 includes students from ten different countries.

Curriculum

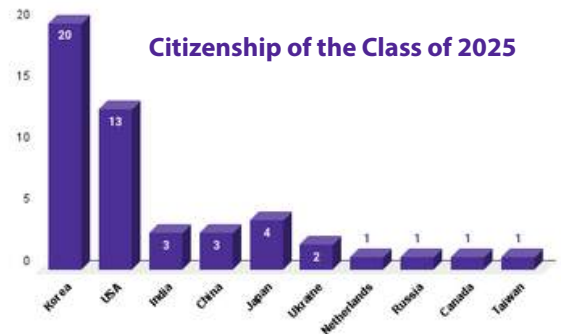
A rigorous, Christian, and IB curriculum creates a holistic and strong college preparatory program with the expectation that all students will pursue higher education where they will continue to grow as life-long learners giving back to the global community. GSIS has been authorized by the IB to deliver the Diploma Program since 2009 and the Middle Years Program since 2012.

Co-Curricular Activities

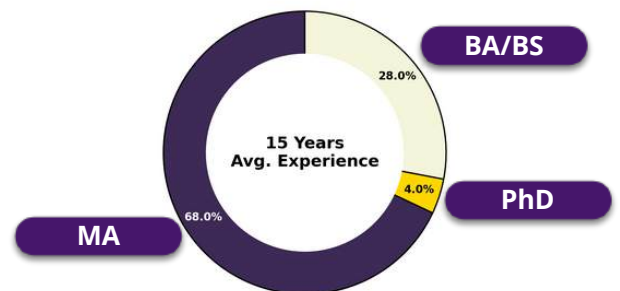
Having a school located near the key research institutes of Samsung Electronics and Hyundai/Kia Motors, the school is able to offer a plethora of club activities related to STEM/STEAM and innovation through technology. Notable clubs include STEM club, MakerSpace Club, and Robotics. The Astronomy Club, Starry Knights, partners with Chief Astronomer, Dr. Jay Cho at the Gwacheon National Science Museum. Student-Athletes compete in badminton, basketball, cheerleading, cross country, tennis, soccer, swimming, and volleyball. There are local and international mission and service trips, Model United Nations, National Honor Society, Praise Team, Student Council Association, and Yearbook. GSIS students have competed and traveled to various countries where they have received awards for their endeavors and service through these programs. A graduation requirement for all juniors and seniors is active participation, logging, and journaling to complete the IB Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) requirement. Students have the opportunity to partner with SAM Hospital for internships and students regularly seek out independent voluntary service opportunities.

Calendar

Semester 1 (82 days)	Semester 2 (98 days)	Total : 180 Days
August 7-December 13	January 6-June 13	Graduation : May 30, 2025



Faculty Experience and Degrees



Authorised : 27 April 2009



Authorised : 18 June 2012



Authorised : 17 March 2011

Reporting System

Achievement levels are recorded on student transcripts at the end of each course. Credits from previous schools attended are included on the transcript. Cumulative GPA, based on a 4.0 scale, is calculated for achievement levels earned only at GSIS. IB DP Higher Level (HL) courses receive an additional 0.5 weighting in the calculation of GPA, and MYP and IB DP Standard Level (SL) courses are weighted 0.25. Students who are taking online courses under a teacher’s supervision at GSIS that is considered a Language Support course, a required online course, a School Supported Self Taught (SSST) in the Diploma Program, Theory of Knowledge (TOK), and transfer students receive a “P (Pass)” or “F (Fail)”. GSIS awards a modified diploma for students who have an IEP where curriculum is modified. Students who utilize a modified curriculum receive an “S (Satisfactory)” or “U (Unsatisfactory)”.

GPA Equivalency Scale Based on the IB 1-7 Grading Scale

1-7 Level	GRADE	IB MYP/DP SL Scale	IB DP HL Scale
7.0	4.0	4.25	4.5
6.0	3.75	4.0	4.25
5.0	3.25	3.5	3.75
4.0	2.75	3.0	3.25
3.0	2.25	2.5	2.75
2.0	1.25	1.5	1.75
1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

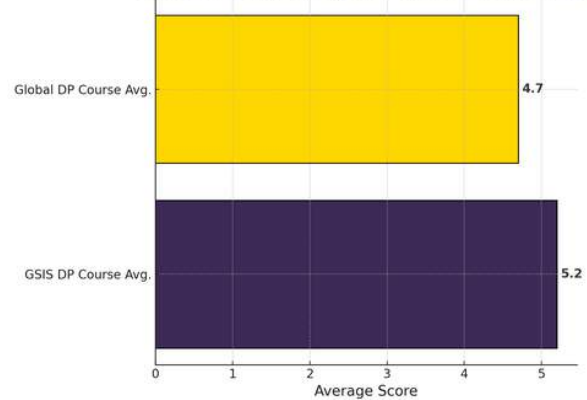
Notable Student Achievement Data

Most Recent Submitted SAT Scores for Class of 2025

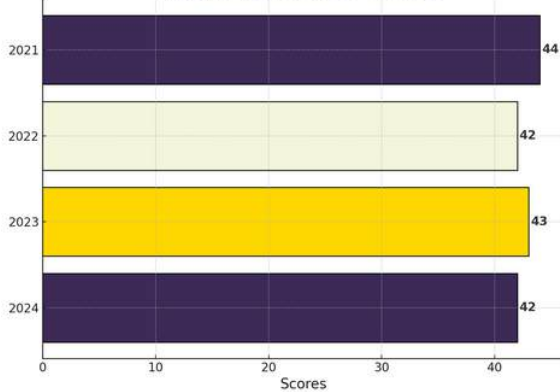


Class of 2025 Avg. SAT: 1509

GSIS DP Course Avg. vs. Global Course Avg.



Highest Overall DP Scores



10%
of the GSIS Class of 2024 scored a 40 or above in the Diploma Program.



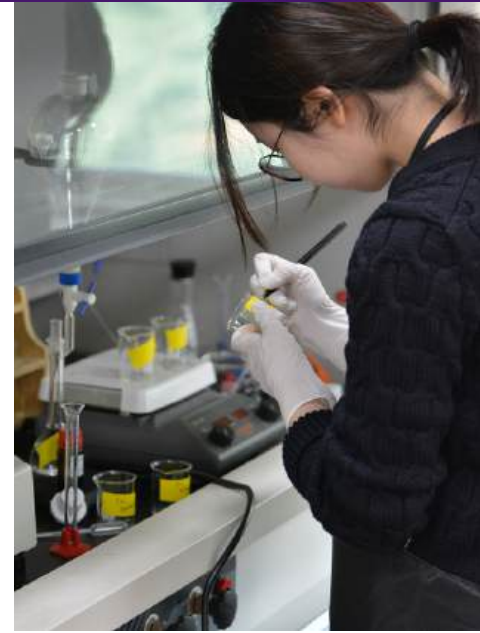
University Research Experience

Every student in the Diploma Program engages in student-led academic research culminating in the Extended Essay or Internal Assessment. Through these projects students experience the excitement of intellectual discovery. The following are example research topics from the Class of 2025:

English Language Arts - An exploration of fractured identity in the Asian-American population through the literary works, *The Joy Luck Club* and *Crazy Rich Asians*. The student examined the internal and external conflicts that arise in the characters as a result of assimilation into a new culture and the tension caused by the clashing of traditional and modern cultural values.

Science - Evaluation of the degree of bacteria inhibition in different types of mouthwash using *E. coli* as a substrate.

Economics - Evaluation of an economic policy adopted in the last five years using primary and secondary data. The student studied how local currency stimulated small businesses and traditional markets in Korea.



Classes of 2022-2024 Matriculation

United States

Boston University
 Case Western Reserve University
 Cornell University
 Curry College
 Denison University
 Embry Riddle University
 Emory University
 Franklin and Marshall College
 George Mason University
 Georgetown University
 Georgia Inst. of Technology
 Irvine Valley College
 MCPHS
 Michigan State University
 New York University
 Northeastern University
 Penn State University
 Pratt Institute
 Purdue University
 Rhode Island School of Design
 Ringling College of Art and Design
 Rutgers University
 Saint Louis University
 San Diego State University
 School of the Art Institute of Chicago
 School of Visual Arts
 SUNY College Geneseo
 SUNY Korea
 Syracuse University
 The New School - Parsons
 UC Berkeley
 UC Davis
 UC Irvine

United States

UCLA
 UC San Diego
 University of Florida
 University of Hawaii, Manoa
 University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
 University of Maryland
 University of Massachusetts, Amherst
 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
 University of Rochester
 University of Southern California
 University of Texas, Austin
 University of Washington
 University of Wisconsin, Madison
 Washington University
 Wheaton College

Australia

University of Canberra
 University of Sidney

Canada

Pacific Institute of Culinary Arts
 University of Toronto
 Western University
 York University

Hong Kong

The Chinese University Hong Kong
 Hong Kong Polytechnic University
 University of Hong Kong

India

Indian Institute of Technology
 Vellore Institute of Technology

Japan

Waseda University

Korea

Chung Ang University
 Daegu Gyeongbuk Inst. of Science & Technology
 Hanyang University
 Korea Advanced Inst. of Science & Technology
 Korea University
 University of Utah, Korea
 Yonsei University

Netherlands

Hague University of Applied Sciences

Philippines

De La Salle Lipa

Singapore

Essec Asia Pacific
 Nanyang Technological University
 National University of Singapore

United Kingdom

King's College London
 Ravensbourne University London

2024-2025 High School Course List

DEPARTMENT	GSIS COURSES		DP COURSES	
English (4 credits required)	IB MYP English 3A HS IB MYP English 4A HS IB MYP English Lang & Lit 4 IB MYP English Lang & Lit 5		IB DP English B HL IB DP English B HL.2 IB DP English B SL IB DP English B SL.2	IB DP English LangLit HL IB DP English LangLit HL.2 IB DP English LangLit SL IB DP English LangLit SL.2
Math (3 credits required)	IB MYP 3 Math IB MYP 3 Math Extended IB MYP 4 Math IB MYP 4 Math Extended	IB MYP 5 Math IB MYP 5 Math Extended	IB DP Math Analysis HL IB DP Math Analysis HL.2 IB DP Math Analysis SL IB DP Math Analysis SL.2	IB DP Math Interpretations SL IB DP Math Interpretations SL.2
Science (3 credits required)	IB MYP Science 4 IB MYP Science 5 - Biology IB MYP Science 5 - Chemistry IB MYP Science 5 - Physics		IB DP Biology HL IB DP Biology HL.2 IB DP Biology SL IB DP Biology SL.2 IB DP Chemistry HL IB DP Chemistry HL.2 IB DP Chemistry SL IB DP Chemistry SL.2 IB DP Computer Science HL IB DP Computer Science HL.2 IB DP Computer Science SL	IB DP Computer Science SL.2 IB DP Design Technology HL IB DP Design Technology HL.2 IB DP Design Technology SL IB DP Design Technology SL.2 IB DP Env Sys and Soc SL IB DP Env Sys and Soc SL.2 IB DP Physics HL IB DP Physics HL.2 IB DP Physics SL IB DP Physics SL.2
Social Studies (3 credits required)	IB MYP I&S - History 4 IB MYP I&S - History 5		IB DP Bus & Management HL IB DP Bus & Management HL.2 IB DP Bus & Management SL IB DP Bus & Management SL.2 IB DP Env Sys and Soc SL IB DP Env Sys and Soc SL.2 IB DP Economics HL IB DP Economics HL.2 IB DP Economics SL	IB DP Economics SL.2 IB DP Psychology HL IB DP Psychology HL.2 IB DP Psychology SL IB DP Psychology SL.2 IB DP World History HL IB DP World History HL.2 IB DP World History SL IB DP World History SL.2
World Language (2 credits required)	IB MYP Japanese Lang & Lit 4 IB MYP Japanese Lang & Lit 5 IB MYP Korean 3A IB MYP Korean 3B IB MYP Korean 4A IB MYP Korean 4B IB MYP Korean 5 IB MYP Korean Lang & Lit 4 IB MYP Korean Lang & Lit 5 IB MYP Mandarin 1 HS IB MYP Mandarin 2 HS IB MYP Mandarin 3A	IB MYP Mandarin 3B IB MYP Mandarin 4A IB MYP Mandarin 4B IB MYP Mandarin 5 IB MYP Spanish 1 HS IB MYP Spanish 2 HS IB MYP Spanish 3A IB MYP Spanish 3B IB MYP Spanish 4A IB MYP Spanish 4B Language Studies	IB DP Japanese Lit HL IB DP Japanese Lit HL.2 IB DP Japanese Lit SL IB DP Japanese Lit SL.2 IB DP Korean B HL IB DP Korean B HL.2 IB DP Korean B SL IB DP Korean B SL.2 IB DP Korean LangLit HL IB DP Korean LangLit HL.2 IB DP Korean LangLit SL IB DP Korean LangLit SL.2	IB DP Mandarin Ab initio IB DP Mandarin Ab initio 2 IB DP Mandarin B HL IB DP Mandarin B HL.2 IB DP Mandarin B SL IB DP Mandarin B SL.2 IB DP Spanish Ab initio IB DP Spanish Ab initio 2 IB DP Spanish B HL IB DP Spanish B HL.2 IB DP Spanish B SL IB DP Spanish B SL.2
Religious Studies (3 credits required)	Bible 9 Bible 10 Bible 11 Bible 12		IB DP Theory of Knowledge 1 IB DP Theory of Knowledge 2	
Fine Arts (1 credit required)	IB MYP Arts 4 - Drama IB MYP Arts 5 - Drama IB MYP Arts 4 - Music IB MYP Arts 5 - Music IB MYP Arts 4 - Visual Arts IB MYP Arts 5 - Visual Arts	Choir Concert Band Drawing and Painting Strings Publications	IB DP Music HL IB DP Music HL.2 IB DP Music SL IB DP Music SL.2	IB DP Visual Arts HL IB DP Visual Arts HL.2 IB DP Visual Arts SL IB DP Visual Arts SL.2
PE/Health (1 credit required)	IB MYP Physical & Health Education 4 IB MYP Physical & Health Education 5			
Tech (0 credits required)	IB MYP Design 4 IB MYP Design 5			

Graduation Requirements:

- Complete 27 credits during his/her 9th to 12th grade career
- Meet the attendance requirements for obtaining credit
- Meet the code of conduct and behavior expectations
- Complete the IB Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) Program
- Attend the school for at least the entire final semester of his/her 12th grade year
- Resolve all financial obligations to the school

Subject Area and Graduation Requirements for GSIS

Subject Area	Credit
English	4
Math	3
Science	3
Social Studies	3
World Language	2
Religious Studies	3
Fine Arts	1
PE/Health	1
Electives	7
Total	27

Transferred-in Students

Students who enter GSIS and have an average of fewer than 7 high school courses per year are subject to the following requirements:

Subject Area	Credit
English	4
Math	3
Science	3
Social Studies	3
World Language	2
Religious Studies	0
Fine Arts	1
PE/Health	1
Electives	10
Total	27

* Bible or IB DP Theory of Knowledge is required as part of elective credits.

