

# WESTERN ACADEMY OF BEIJING

## High School Profile 2024-2025

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## School Description

Western Academy of Beijing (WAB) was established in 1994 as an international, independent, English-language, coeducational day school for foreign children in Beijing that offers a challenging, caring, and community-based educational experience from Early Years through Grade 12. English is the language of instruction. WAB is a school that confidently believes that excellence and inclusiveness can both thrive in the same place.

WAB is proud of its international reputation as a global leader in innovation of learning and teaching. Our High School offers the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP), the IB Diploma Programme (IB DP) and an American accredited High School Diploma. The Class of 2025 (84 students) will be the 18<sup>th</sup> graduating class in the 30-year history of the school.



**396**  
students

**44%**  
Australia, NZ,  
USA, UK, &  
Canada

**36%**  
Asia

**18%**  
Europe  
(excluding UK)

**2%**  
Other

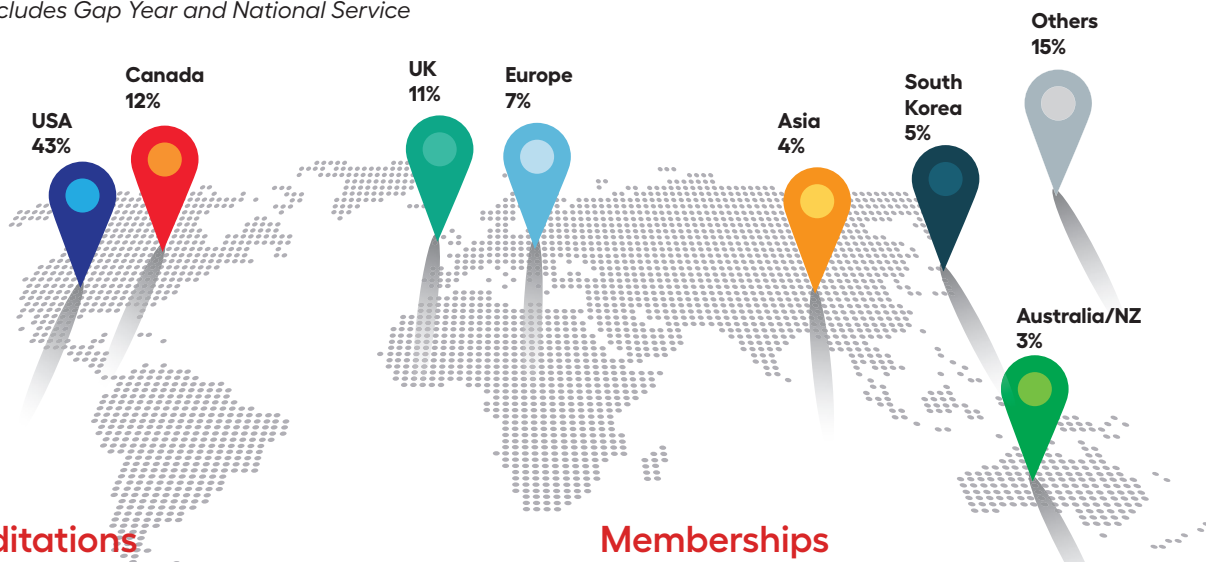
**WAB HS**  
DEMOGRAPHICS

**41 Nationalities | 30 Languages**  
WAB's diversity is reflected with no one nationality exceeding 20% of the student body.

# 58 Teachers | 17 Nationalities

## Destinations for Class of 2024 (79 students)

Others: Includes Gap Year and National Service



## Accreditations



## Memberships



## HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM (IB AND BEYOND)

WAB students are encouraged to take the most challenging courses in which they can be academically successful. English is the language of instruction. Each course meets for 70 minutes on an alternate rotating day schedule throughout the school year, which runs from August through June. The academic year is divided into two halves, with an interim and a final grade being reported on the transcript.

All Grade 9 and 10 students study eight courses each year. In Grade 9 and 10, students can participate in the Capstone Program. In Grade 10, students complete the MYP Personal Project outside of class time. The Project exposes students early on to independent research and critical reflection.

In Grades 11 and 12, students can participate in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, Capstone Program or the Individualized Curricula Program (a selection of IB and high school courses that best meets students' future goals). **The full IB Diploma is open to all WAB students.**

*Upon successful completion of WAB's graduation requirements, students will graduate with a WAB High School Diploma.*

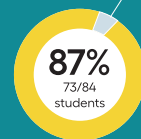
Full IB Diploma students choose from six subject groups that include a broad range of courses with three at standard level and three at higher level. In addition, students must take the Theory of Knowledge (TOK) course, complete an Extended Essay, and fulfill Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) commitments outside of class time. Students must fulfill CAS requirements for WAB graduation.

**WAB expects full DP students to enroll in no more than three courses at higher level and three courses at standard level.**



FULL  
IB

WAB Class of 2025



13%

Combination of Capstone Program, HS Program, and Individualized Curricula Program

WAB supports 12 applications to universities each academic cycle (only University of California Schools count as one application).

WAB reports student disciplinary infractions that include academic integrity concerns or violations, as well as out-of-school suspensions and/or expulsions, to institutions which require this information.

## CAPSTONE PROGRAM

The Capstone program is selective and students must apply. The Capstone program is an academic self-directed learning program for High School students. Students determine their Capstone core learning areas for study, create an extended project, and are involved with an internship element. Students can earn credits with a final determination of level of achievement made at the end of the one or two-year program.

## WABX EXTRACURRICULARS, GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP, AND CHINA ENGAGEMENT

In order for students to receive the WAB High School Diploma, all High School students commit to global citizenship and community engagement projects. These projects are designed to meet clearly defined IB learning objectives.

An annual China Studies field trip for each grade level is a key element in engaging students with our host country while supporting the High School curriculum.

240  
ACTIVITIES  
16 SPORTS  
39 TEAMS

## COURSE OFFERINGS 2024-2025

All courses are IB unless specifically denoted as High School (HS) courses.

### ENGLISH

**MYP:** English A Language & Literature, English Language Acquisition

**DP:** English Literature (SL/HL), English Language & Literature (SL/HL), English B (HL)

**HS:** English, Academic Reading & Writing Skills

### HUMANITIES

**MYP:** Individuals & Societies, Global Crisis & Sustainability

**DP:** Economics (SL/HL), Geography (SL/HL), Global Politics (SL/HL), History (SL/HL), Digital Society (SL/HL), Psychology (SL/HL)

**HS:** Global Issues

### MATHEMATICS

**MYP:** Mathematics (Standard and Extended levels)

**DP:** Mathematics Analysis & Approaches (SL/HL), Mathematics Applications and Interpretation (SL/HL)

**HS:** Essential Mathematics

### SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

**MYP:** Science (Integrated Biology, Chemistry, and Physics lab sciences), Design, Nature of Science (lab science)

**DP:** Biology (SL/HL), Chemistry (SL/HL), Physics (SL/HL), Design Technology (DT) (SL/HL), Environmental Systems & Society (SL/HL), Sports, Exercise & Health Science (SL)

**HS:** Integrated Science

### LANGUAGES

**MYP:** Mandarin, Spanish, French Foundation, Standard, Advanced levels

**DP:** Mandarin Ab Initio SL, Chinese Literature A (SL/HL), Chinese Language and Literature A (SL/HL), Chinese B (SL/HL), Spanish Ab Initio SL, Spanish B (SL/HL), IB French B (SL/HL), Self-Taught (SL) (School Supported)

**HS:** Conversational Chinese

### THE ARTS

**MYP:** Art, Dance, Film, Music, Theatre

**DP:** Visual Arts (SL/HL), Dance (SL/HL), Theatre (SL/HL), Film Studies (SL/HL), Music (SL/HL)

**HS:** Art & Design

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

**MYP:** Health and Physical Education

### OTHER

**DP:** Theory of Knowledge (TOK),

**HS:** Capstone, HS Professional Skills, Internship

### INDEPENDENT LEARNING

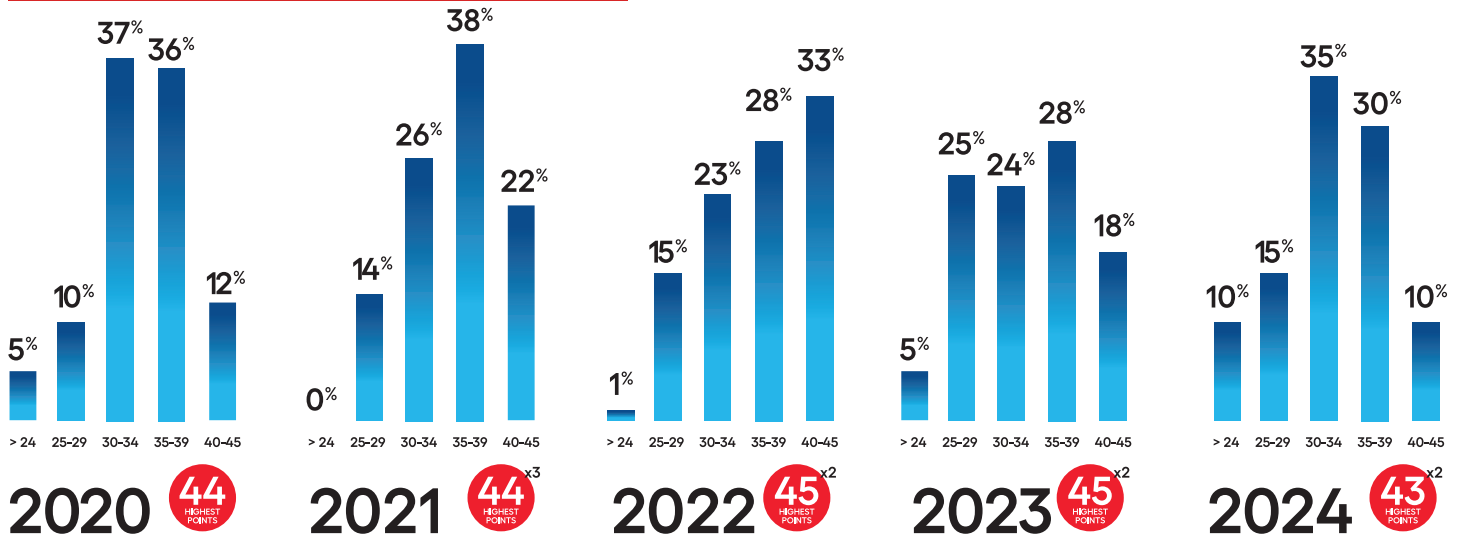
**MYP:** Personal Project

**DP:** Extended Essay  
Global Online Academy

Students who are non-native English language speakers are assessed to determine whether ELA support is required.

# Western Academy of Beijing IB Diploma Results

WAB is inclusive with regard to admission to the IB Diploma Programme. Approximately 90% of students choose the full IB Diploma Programme.



Graduating Class	IB DP Candidates	WAB Mean	World Mean	Percentage of WAB DP Candidates Who Earned the Diploma	Number of WAB Students Who Earned a Bilingual Diploma
2024	69	33	30.3	93%	21
2023	74	34	30	93%	18
2022	82	37	31.98	96%	24
2021	80	36	33	99%	22
2020	83	34	29.92	96%	22

## WAB Graduation Requirements

### College Preparatory Diploma (minimum 24 credits)

- 4 English
- 3 Science
- 3 Mathematics
- 3 Humanities
- 2 Arts
- 2 Health and Physical Education
- 2 Technology
- 3 Electives
- 2 Other Language

### General Studies Diploma (minimum 14 credits)

- 3 English
- 2 Science
- 2 Mathematics
- 2 Humanities
- 2 Health and Physical Education
- 2 Arts
- 1 Elective

Credit is given at the end of a school year with a grade of 3 or higher. Transfer students will have their previous transcript verified and credit is awarded (not stated on WAB transcript). Students may be waived certain requirements only if transferring mid-way through high school. Students must fulfill CAS requirements for WAB graduation. **WAB does not rank or calculate Grade Point Average (GPA).**

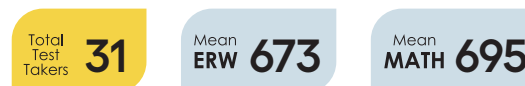
*During remote learning, WAB adopted an assessment policy that allowed students to earn a P (Pass) for demonstrated learning in a given course when there were insufficient data to calculate a numeric grade.*

## Grading System (1-7 Scale)

The WAB assessment system follows the established IB criteria and conversion table, whose descriptors are noted below:

Grade	North American Conversion	Descriptor
7	A+	Excellent
6	A	Very Good
5	B	Good
4	C	Satisfactory
3	D	Mediocre
2	F	Poor
1	F	Very Poor

## Class of 2025 SAT Scores Summary



## Standardized Tests & External Exams

WAB offers the following external exams on site:

- IB
- MAP
- ACT
- PSAT
- SAT
- HSK

## University Application Grades (UAG)

University Application Grades are shared with our students and parents.

University Application Grades are developed using the following factors:

1. Grade 11 final grade.
2. Student's best sustained performance for their course to this point in Year 2 (Formative or Summative).
3. Teacher's professional understanding of the IB grade descriptors for the course and the course requirements and their judgement of the student's ability to achieve these standards.
4. Extended Essay progress so far (engagement with supervisor, a draft of the EE).
5. TOK engagement in class, work completed at the end of Grade 11.

# MATRICULATION - UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE: CLASSES OF 2021-2024

## ASIA



Beijing Institute of Technology (CN) (2)  
Beijing Language & Culture University (CN) (5)  
Hokkaido University (JP)  
Hong Kong Baptist University (HK)  
International Christian University (JP)  
Kanda University of International Studies (JP)  
Keio University (JP)  
Nagoya University (JP)  
National University of Singapore (SG) (2)  
New York University Shanghai (CN)  
Peking University (CN)  
Peking University (CN) Language Program\*  
Sophia University (JP) (2)  
Shoolini University (IN)  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong (HK)  
The University of Hong Kong (HK) (4)  
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HK) (4)  
University of International Business and Economics (CN)\*

## AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND



Australian Catholic University\*  
Australia National University  
Deakin University  
Monash University  
University of Auckland (2)  
University of Brisbane  
University of Canberra  
University of Melbourne (2)\*  
University of Queensland (2)  
University of Sydney (2)\*

## CANADA



Algonquin College  
Carleton University  
McGill University  
McMaster University  
Ryerson University (2)  
Simon Fraser University (2)  
Trent University  
University of British Columbia (11)\*\*\*\*\*  
University of Calgary  
University of Toronto (17)\*\*\*  
University of Victoria\*  
University of Waterloo (2)\*

## EUROPE



Copenhagen Business School (DK)  
Ecole de l'Image Les Gobelins (FR)\*  
Erasmus University Rotterdam (NL) (2)  
ESCP Business School (FR, IT, ES)  
Gerrit Rietveld Academy (NL)  
Haaga-Helia University (SE)  
Hanzse University of Applied Sciences, Groningen (NL)  
IMC University of Applied Sciences of Krems (AT)  
Lahti University of Applied Sciences (FI)\*  
Leiden University (NL) (2)  
Leiden University College The Hague (NL)  
Lund University (SE)  
Maastricht University (NL)  
Munich Business School (DE)  
Oulu University of Applied Sciences (NL)  
Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University (NL)  
Royal Academy of Art (NL)  
Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm (KTH) (SE)  
Sciences Po La Havre (FR)  
TH Köln - University of Applied Sciences (DE)  
Tilburg University (NL) (2)  
University College Maastricht (NL)

University College Utrecht (NL) (2)  
University of Amsterdam (NL) (5)  
University of Groningen (NL)  
University of New York in Prague, S.r.o (CZ)  
University of Szeged (HU)  
University of Veterinary Medicine, Budapest (HU)  
Vrije University Amsterdam (NL)

## KOREA



Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) (2)  
Korean National University of Arts  
Korea University (2)  
Seoul National University (7)  
Sogang University (2)  
Yonsei University (3)

## UNITED KINGDOM



Arts University Bournemouth (1)  
Bournemouth University  
Bristol, University of the West of England  
Hartpury University\*  
Imperial College, London (3)  
King's College of London (4)  
Lancaster University  
Leeds Arts University  
Loughborough University  
Newcastle University  
Northeastern University (London Campus)\*  
Nottingham Trent University  
Royal College of Music  
Royal Holloway, University of London  
Teesside University, Middlesbrough  
The University of Edinburgh  
University of the Arts London  
University of Bath  
University of Bradford  
University of Cambridge\*  
University College London (2)  
University of East London\*  
University of Edinburgh\*  
University of Glasgow  
University of Leeds  
University of London  
University of Manchester (4)  
University of Sunderland\*  
University of Oxford  
University of the Arts London (3)\*  
University of Warwick\*  
University of Surrey\*

## UNITED STATES



Appalachian State University  
Austin College  
Barnard College (3)  
Berklee College of Music (2)\*  
Binghamton University  
Biola University  
Boston College  
Boston Conservatory  
Boston University (2)  
Brandeis University (4)\*  
Brown University (2)  
Bryn Mawr University  
California Institute of the Arts  
Carnegie Mellon University (2)  
Chapman University  
College of Charleston  
College of William and Mary  
Columbia University In the City of New York (3)\*  
Cornell University  
Duke University  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Daytona Beach  
Emory University  
Emory University, Oxford College

Fashion Institute of Technology\*  
Florida Gulf Coast University  
Fordham University  
Fort Lewis College\*  
George Mason University (2)  
George Washington University  
Hamilton College  
Hollywood Musicians Institute  
Indiana University - Bloomington (2)  
James Madison University  
John Cabot University  
Loyola Marymount University  
Michigan State University  
Mount Holyoke College (4)\*\*\*  
Nebraska Wesleyan University\*  
New York University (7)\*  
NYU Tisch School of the Arts (8)  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern University  
Occidental College\*  
Old Dominion University\*  
Oregon State University  
Parsons School of Design - The New School (7)  
Pennsylvania State University - Erie  
Pennsylvania State University - World Campus  
Pomona College  
Pratt Institute-Main\*  
Purdue University-Main Campus (2)\*\*  
Purdue University Northwest  
Randolph Macon Academy\*  
Rhode Island School of Design (4)  
Rice University  
Ringling College of Art and Design  
Savannah College of Art and Design (3)\*\*  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
School of Visual Arts (3)  
Swarthmore College (2)  
The New School (3)\*  
The University of Texas At Austin  
Trinity College  
Tufts University (4)\*  
University of California, Berkeley (5)  
University of California, Davis  
University of California, Irvine  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of California, San Diego (3)\*  
University of Chicago (2)\*  
University of Cincinnati - Main Campus  
University of Colorado - Colorado Springs  
University of Evansville  
University of Florida  
University of Hawaii at Manoa  
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (3)\*\*  
University of La Verne  
University of Maryland - College Park  
University of North Carolina, Charlotte  
University of Oregon  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Richmond  
University of Rochester  
University of Southern California (3)\*\*  
University of Virginia - Main Campus (4)\*  
University of Washington - Seattle (4)\*\*\*  
Vanderbilt University (2)  
Weber State University\*  
Wellesley College (2)\*  
Wesleyan University  
Whitman College  
Yale University

**\* Denotes Class of 2024 (one \* per matriculation)**

*Australian, European, and Korean matriculation numbers are still being processed - offers continue to arrive, and student disclosure contributes to a tracking challenge.*