



American International School Dhaka HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2024-25

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Mission Statement

AISD creates an academic and social environment based on American educational principles. We challenge students from an international community to achieve their potential, become life-long learners and contribute to a changing global society.

Vision Statement

Preparing students to become stewards of a just and sustainable world.

School & Community

Founded in 1972, AISD, was established by the U.S. State Department to serve the diplomatic communities, the United Nations and other international business communities including many non-government organizations such as the World Health Organization, CARE, UNWomen, Save the Children and at least fifteen others. Thus, AISD strives to meet the needs of children coming to us from around the world from a variety of educational systems.

AISD at a Glance

- Independent, private, day school in an urban setting
- Students from Early Years to Grade 12, ages 3 to 18
- English-Medium Instruction
- American Diploma curriculum
- International Baccalaureate Programs: PYP and IBDP
- EAL classes and Student Support Services program
- Sunday - Thursday work week

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ACCREDITATION

New England Association of
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World School (IBO)



TOTAL
ENROLLMENT
447



NATIONALITIES
REPRESENTED
49



HIGH SCHOOL
ENROLLMENT
121



CLASS OF
2024
29



CLASS OF
2025
30

Academic Programs and Pathways

- AISD Offers the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP) for students in grades 11 and 12.
- Three high school pathways are offered: High School Diploma (HSD); HSD+IBDP Certificates; or the IBDP.
- All students, regardless of their pathway, must meet the requirements for the AISD High School Diploma in order to graduate.
- Semester reporting system; transcripts updated in January and June.
- Credits awarded in .5 increments.
- Creativity, activity, service (CAS) and AISD Service-Learning is compulsory for all graduating students.
- Advisory is held for all secondary students (grades 6 -12). Advisory is held 4xs per week, 30 minutes each session. Advisory is not graded, nor a credit-bearing course.
- 180 teacher-student contact days within two semesters.

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program

The IB Diploma Programme is the basis of study for the final two years at AISD. Students on the IBDP Pathway are required to take 6 courses, 3 at Higher Level and 3 at Standard Level. Additionally IBDP Pathway students must take Theory of Knowledge (ToK) and complete the Extended Essay, as part of the IB Core Requirements.

One subject must be selected from the following groups:

- Group 1 Language A
- Group 2 Language B or Language A*
- Group 3 Individuals and Societies
- Group 4 Experimental Sciences
- Group 5 Mathematics
- Group 6 Arts + Electives
- *Students with 2 Language A subjects receive a Bilingual diploma

IBDP Pathway: A student's examination performance in individual subjects is scored on a scale of 1-7 points with 7 as the highest, and a further 3 points available based on a matrix of performance in Theory of Knowledge (ToK) and the Extended Essay components. Students who meet all assessment requirements and achieve a minimum of 24 points (out of a possible 45) are awarded the IB Diploma.

Grades 11 - 12

Students who choose to take the High School Diploma + IBDP Certificates pathway are able to take up to 6 courses at any level of their choosing: Higher Level, Standard Level, or High School Diploma Level. Students must complete Service Learning as part of their pathway. Students not participating in the IBDP Extended Essay must complete a Senior Project.

Students who choose to take all courses at the High School Diploma Level will attend all courses and complete all coursework at the IB Standard Level. Students on the AISD High School Diploma pathway will not sit for IB exams. Students must complete both Service Learning and a Senior Project.

AISD High School Diploma Requirements

- Successfully achieve 25 credits over 4 years of study
- Minimum passing grade of 3 (1 - 7 scale)
- Satisfy the school attendance policy: less than 16 days absent from school; Grade 12s in the second semester must maintain less than 5 absences in each subject
- Satisfy AISD's HSD core requirement of Service Learning
- Students not participating in the IB Extended Essay must complete a Senior Project

High School Credit Requirements	
English	4
Math	3
Sciences	3
Social Sciences	3
Fine Arts	2
World Languages	2
PE	2
Electives	6

Adapting to Challenges: Continuity in Learning and Support

AISD first moved to Virtual Learning on March 17, 2020 due to Covid-19. For the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, classes were taught asynchronously. The 2020-2021 academic year had a delayed start and proceeded to be taught virtually for the full year. As of August 2021, AISD resumed in-person learning.

Due to unexpected events in Bangladesh in August 2024, the start of the AISD 2024-2025 academic year was delayed by one week, moving from 11 August to 18 August. AISD implemented a flexible learning model throughout August and September, offering in-person, synchronous, and asynchronous options to accommodate students' needs. By October, nearly all students had returned to in-person learning. The AISD Secondary School Counseling Department underwent staffing changes, leading to the addition of Ms. Skyler Bentley Hall as a private consultant to support Grade 12 students with their university applications for the 2024-2025 school year.

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NON
U.S.

Faculty

AISD's faculty and administration include **74** members from **11** nationalities, offering diverse perspectives and teaching methods. **81%** hold a Master's degree or higher, reflecting the school's commitment to highly qualified educators.

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CITIZENS

Enrollment

AISD is comprised of a diverse student population that numbers **447** students total and **121** in grades 9-12. There are **49** nationalities represented in the entire school with **28** of those nationalities present in the high school.

121

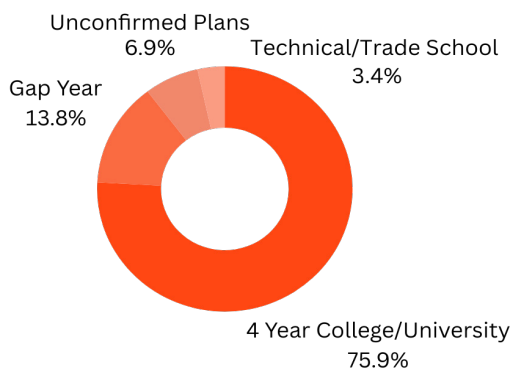
9-12TH GRADE
STUDENTS

326

PREK-8TH GRADE
STUDENTS

POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANS - TYPE

CLASS OF 2024



SUMMARY OF IB DIPLOMA RESULTS

	Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Total grade 12 students	31	26	29
Total grade 12 DP	25	17	25
Average AISD score	35	35	34
Average world score	32	30.24	30.3
Average AISD subject score	5.53	5.51	5.3
Students scoring 40+	12.9%	3.8%	6.9%

AISD carefully reviews predicted and actual IB scores annually to further develop its own teaching and learning practices and to be as accurate as possible when reporting data to external institutions.

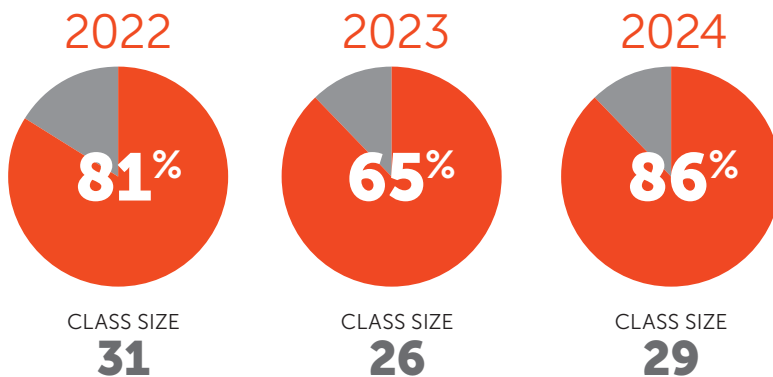
SUMMARY OF SAT RESULTS CLASS OF 2024

	No. of Testers	CR	Math	Total
Spring 2023	14	596	627	1224
Fall 2023	16	572	618	1190

Class size: **29**

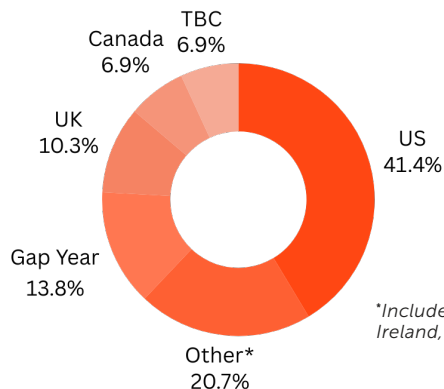
FULL IB DIPLOMA PARTICIPATION

PERCENTAGE BY CLASS



POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANS - LOCATION

CLASS OF 2024



*Includes The Netherlands, India, Ireland, France, and Germany.

Grading System

- 3 is the minimum passing grade.
- When converting the 1-7 grading scale, AISD uses a 4.0 conversion scale.
- 4.0 represents a score of 6 in non-weighted and SL courses.
- No courses are weighted in Grades 9 or 10, the exception being extraordinary cases where students receive a 7/A+, which is weighted at 4.5.
- IBDP HL Courses are weighted up to 4.7 on a 4.0 scale.
- IBDP SL Courses are weighted up to 4.5 on a 4.0 scale .
- Grade 11 and 12 non-IB courses are weighted up to 4.5 on a 4.0 scale as High School Diploma courses and IB SL courses are not differentiated except for final exams.
- Only AISD coursework is included on the AISD Transcript and in the GPA calculations.
- AISD does not rank students.
- Transcripts are updated twice a year: January and June.
- Credits are awarded on a .5 system over 2 semesters.

Prior to 2022-2023	
Grade	Grade Point Value
A	4
A-	3.7
B+	3.35
B	3
B-	2.7
C+	2.35
C	2
C-	1.7
D+	1.35
D	1
NY	0

Current Academic Year					
AISD Grade/Grade Point Average					
G 9-12 SL & Non-IBDP Courses		G 11-12 HL Courses		U.S. Equivalency	
7	4.5	7	4.7	7	A+
6	4	6	4.2	6	A
5	3.5	5	3.7	5	B
4	3	4	3.2	4	C
3	2	3	2.2	3	D
2	1	2	1.2	2	D-
1	0	1	0	1	F

COURSE OFFERINGS FOR 2024-25

ENGLISH

English 9
English 10
IBDP English Language & Literature HL/SL

MATH

Math 9
Math 10
IBDP Math Analysis & Approaches HL/SL
IBDP Math Applications & Interpretations HL/SL

SCIENCES

Physics 9
Biology 10
Chemistry 10
IBDP Biology HL/SL
IBDP Chemistry HL/SL
IBDP Physics HL/SL
IBDP Design Technology HL/SL

WORLD LANGUAGES

French/Spanish Intermediate Low
French/Spanish Intermediate Mid 1
French/Spanish Intermediate Mid 2
French/Spanish Novice High
Bangla 8 - 10
IBDP Spanish B HL/SL
IBDP Spanish Ab Initio
IBDP French B HL/SL
IBDP French Ab Initio
Self-Taught World Languages

SOCIAL STUDIES

Geography 9
Sociology 9
Modern World History 10
IBDP Economics HL/SL
IBDP Psychology HL/SL
IBDP Business Management HL/SL
IBDP Global Politics HL/SL

PE

Physical Education 9
Physical Education 10

FINE ARTS/ELECTIVES

Visual Arts
Drama
Design Technology
Music
Photography
Writers Workshop
Theater Tech
Digital Art
Guitar
Math Workshop
IBDP Visual Arts HL/SL
IBDP Theater Arts HL/SL

OTHER

Learning Enhancement
Theory of Knowledge
Study Hall

GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Class of 2024	29 Students	Class of 2025	30 Students
Above 4.0	2	Above 4.0	5
3.7 - 4.0	12	3.7 - 4.0	11
3.4 - 3.69	10	3.4 - 3.69	8
3.1 - 3.39	5	3.1 - 3.39	6
2.7 - 3.09	0	2.7 - 3.09	0
2.3 - 2.69	0	2.3 - 2.69	0
2.0 - 2.29	0	2.0 - 2.29	0

Prior to the 2022-23 school year, AISD used a letter grading scale of A - NY. These letter grades were converted to an unweighted 4-point scale to obtain an overall GPA.

During the 2022-23 school year, AISD moved to a standards-based grading scale, following the IB grading scale of 1-7 for students in grades 6 - 12.

AISD reports academic, conduct and integrity issues/ concerns of a serious nature, to colleges and universities.

