



SPRING BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
WESTCHESTER ACADEMY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

WILDCATS
 901 YORKCHESTER, HOUSTON, TX 77079

Community & School Information

Student Enrollment	2024-2025
Seniors	95
Juniors	121
Sophomores	102
Freshmen	144
Total	462

Westchester Academy for International Studies (WAIS) is a District sponsored charter school. WAIS provides a challenging, advanced level curriculum that helps students develop a global awareness including a focus on international relations and problem solving while delivering an advanced level curriculum. Instructors use a variety of teaching methods and promote a culture of college readiness and success.

WAIS offers an International Baccalaureate World School curriculum with an authorized Middle Years Programme for 6-10th grades, and both a Diploma Programme and Career-Related Programme for 11 and 12th grades. All 9th and 10th graders take English, math, science and social studies at Advanced Academics level (AAC).

Along with a rigorous curriculum, students develop an international perspective through exploring the languages, cultures, business environments, governments, fine arts and technologies of other countries to prepare for the global workforce. Creative thinking, reflection, and problem solving are integral components of all classes.

In addition to the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, students may take Advanced Placement courses.

Grading & Ranking Procedures

	GT/AP/DC/DE Pre-AP/IB	Grade Level
A = 90-100	7	6
B = 80-89	6	5
C = 75-79	5	4
C- = 70-74	4	3
F = Below 70	0	0

Spring Branch ISD reports class rank outside the top 10% only for those students who make a formal request to have it included on their transcript.

Curriculum

Students must complete the State of Texas Foundation High School Graduation Program with an Endorsement that requires a total of 26 credits as follows:

English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	4
Social Studies	3
World Languages	2
Fine Arts	1
Physical Education	1
Elective Credits	7

Students may select their endorsement from the following areas: STEM, Business and Industry, Public Service, Arts and Humanities, and Multidisciplinary Studies. Special permission is required to graduate on the Foundation Plan without an Endorsement that requires a total of 22 credits.

Advanced Placement Courses (AP)

- AP World History
- AP Statistics
- Spanish Language (Spanish IV)
- Spanish Literature (Spanish V)

International Baccalaureate Courses (IB)

- English Language and Literature SL HL
- History of the Americas HL
- Math Analysis and Approaches HL
- Biology SL/HL
- Chemistry SL/HL
- Physics SL/HL
- Computer Science SL
- French SL/HL
- Mandarin SL
- Spanish SL/HL
- Theatre Arts SL
- Visual Arts SL
- Theory of Knowledge
- Personal & Professional Skills

Test Score Information

SAT	Math	Reading	Total
WAIS	520	542	1062
Texas	477	495	971
National	505	519	1024

ACT	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
WAIS	29.0	25.6	29.6	26.4	27.9
Texas	18.4	19.1	20.1	19.6	19.4
National	18.6	19.0	20.1	19.6	19.4

IB Assessments	2024	2025
Exams Taken	399	297
% of Exams Earning Passing Score	66	64

Advanced Placement	2024	2025
Total AP Students	87	74
Number of Exams	101	86
% of AP Students with Scores 3+	74	73

IB Diploma Candidates	2024	2025
IB Diploma Candidates	31	21
IB Career-Related Candidates	54	37
IB Diplomas Earned	20	14
IB Career-Related Certificates Earned	47	30

World languages are encouraged at all grade levels. The District's career and technology center, The Guthrie Center, provides instruction in 12 popular career focus areas.

Although students primarily earn college credit through IB/AP courses, they may also earn college credit through the District's Early College Program by taking courses at Houston Community College.

WAIS provides a Secondary Dual Language Program option for students continuing from SBISD elementary schools' Two-Way Dual Language Programs.

Classes are on a 7 period schedule and each class meets for 49 minutes. Semesters are 18 weeks with 9 week grading periods.

WAIS has earned distinctions from the Texas Education Agency in all four core subjects, post-secondary readiness, and for closing gaps. WAIS is regularly included in recognitions such as Best High Schools in Houston, Children At Risk; America's Best High Schools, U.S. News and World Report; and Best Charter High Schools, Niche.

College Attendance History

WAIS graduates continue their education attending 4-year institutions, out-of-state colleges and the military.

Angelina College	Louisiana State U	Texas Tech U
Angelo State U	Loyola U of Chicago	Trinity U
Arizona State U	McGill U (Canada)	U of Aberdeen (Scotland)
Barnard College	Missouri U of Science & Tech.	U of Alabama
Baylor U	Mount Holyoke College	U of Colorado
Blinn College	New York University	U of Economics in Prague
Boston College	Northern Arizona U	U of Houston-Clear Lake
Boston U	Notre Dame	U of Houston-Downtown
Bournemouth U (England)	Oberlin College	U of Houston-Main
Brandeis U	Ohio State University	U of Mary Hardin Baylor
Brown University	Ohio Wesleyan U	U of North Texas
Bryn Mawr College	Our Lady of the Lake U	U of Oklahoma
Carleton College	Parson's School of Design	U of Pennsylvania
Carnegie Mellon U	Prairie View A&M	U of Rochester
Case Western Reserve U	Regents U (London)	U of St. Thomas (Houston)
Colorado School of Mines	Rice U	U of Texas-Austin
Colorado State U	Sam Houston State U	U of Texas-Dallas
Concordia of Montreal	San Diego State U	U of Texas-San Antonio
Dartmouth College	Santa Fe Community College	U of Virginia
Duke U	Southern Methodist U	U of Warwick (England)
Eckerd College	Southwestern U	Universidad de Catolica de
Emory U	St. Edwards U	Murcia (Spain)
Georgetown U	St. Mary's U	Universidad de Guanajuato
Houston Baptist U	Stanford University	(Mexico)
Houston Community College	Stephen F. Austin State U	Universidad Pompeu Fabra,
Howard U	Swarthmore College	Spain
Indiana University	Syracuse U	Universidad Vascode Quiroga
Johns Hopkins University	Texas A&M U	(Mexico)
Kari-Franzens U (Austria)	Texas A&M U-Campus Christi	University of Greenwich
Kettering U	Texas A&M U-Galveston	Virginia Tech
King's College (London)	Texas A&M U-Kingsville	Washington & Le U
Knox College	Texas Lutheran U	Western Washington U
Lamar U	Texas Southern U	Wheaton College
Lone Star College	Texas State U	Yale University

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