

# Profile 2025/26 for Colleges and Universities

## ZIS Upper School at a Glance

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**1283**  
Students on two campuses

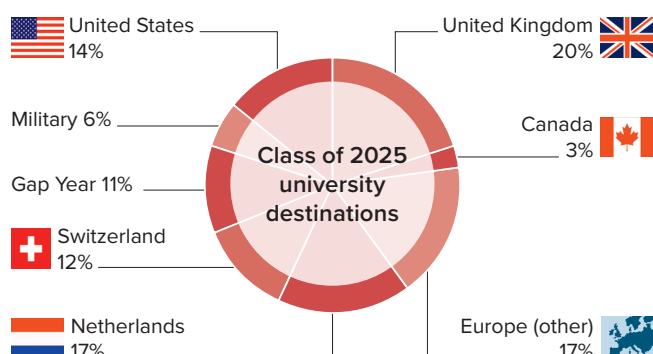


**564**  
Total students  
Grades 9–12



**130**  
Students in the  
Class of 2026

## Class of 2025 University Destinations (147 students)



## Our Mission

We surface and inspire each learner's curiosity, critical thinking, and high expectations for their learning so that they positively impact their family, community and the world.

## The School

Zurich International School is an inclusive non-profit day school in the Greater Zurich area that delivers comprehensive bilingual and international educational programs for local and foreign national students aged 3 to 18. Our program is non-selective. Learning Support (LS) and English as an Additional Language (EAL) services are available.

## Upper School Faculty

The 78 full-time and part-time Upper School faculty have taught an average of over eight years at ZIS, and most have taught at other international schools throughout the world.

## Curriculum

All students work toward earning a ZIS Upper School Diploma. The school offers the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme, Advanced Placement (AP) courses and ZIS Upper School courses. We value AP and IB pathways equally. Our academic advising encourages students to choose the pathway best suited to their needs.

The integration of technology into the curriculum is a priority and is based on the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Standards.

ZIS emphasizes Social Emotional Learning as a key component of education. Using the CASEL Framework and the International School Counselor Association (ISCA) standards, ZIS has integrated SEL into the advisory program and academic curriculum.

The language of instruction is English.

**64**

Nationalities represented by students

**50**

Mother tongue languages spoken by students

**75%**

Upper School faculty holding MA/MS or higher degrees (Total ZIS faculty 60%)

**8.2**

Average years of teaching at ZIS by Upper School faculty (by total ZIS faculty 7.5)

ZIS is approved by the Canton of Zurich's Department of Education



# ZIS Upper School Programs, Grading, Graduation Requirements

## Access to AP, Honors and Higher Level IB Courses

Students in Grades 9 and 10 may take the following AP courses: AP Computer Science Principles, AP Computer Science A, AP World History, AP Physics 1, AP Seminar, AP World Languages, and AP Math if appropriate. They may also take Honors Biology and Honors Chemistry. Students are strongly advised not to take four IB HL courses. Students do not take a seventh IB certificate subject.



Number of AP/IB/Honors courses offered in 2025/26

Students are also allowed to enroll in courses offered by IB Pamoja, Virtual High School, Stanford's OnLine High School (OHS), and Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth (CTY).

## Policy for Reporting Disciplinary History

ZIS reserves the right to report to universities any out of school suspensions and expulsions that take place during Grades 9–12. We may also notify institutions about any changes to enrolment status.

## Minimum Graduation Credit Requirements

English	4 credits
Math	3 credits
Science	3 credits
Social Sciences	3 credits
World Languages	2 credits
Creative Arts	2 credits
Physical Education	2 credits
Additional Elective Classes	4 credits
<b>Total credits required</b>	<b>23 credits</b>

- All students are required to take German in Grade 9
- 1 credit = 1 class year



Credits earned by vast majority of ZIS students

## Grading Considerations

- A 4.0 scale is used to calculate GPA
- Grades are unweighted
- We do not rank
- We do not calculate a cumulative GPA
- Only ZIS grades are used to calculate GPA

Letter Grade	Levels of achievement	4-point scale equivalents
<b>A (A-)</b>	Excellent	<b>4.0 (3.67)</b>
<b>B (B+, B-)</b>	Very Good	<b>3.0 (3.33, 2.67)</b>
<b>C (C+, C-)</b>	Satisfactory	<b>2.0 (2.33, 1.67)</b>
<b>D (D+, D-)</b>	Poor	<b>1.0 (1.33, 0.67)</b>
<b>F</b>	Failing	<b>0</b>
<b>NG</b>	Transfer credit	NA
<b>CR / NCR</b>	Credit / No credit	NA
<b>WP/WF</b>	Withdrawal	Pass/Fail
<b>UG</b>	Ungraded	NA

## ZIS Upper School Courses

**Creative Arts:** Foundation Art & Design; Foundation Art & Design Technology; Studio Art; Digital Graphic Design; Design Technology Foundations; Digital Photography; Essential Theater; Acting & Directing; Actor's Workshop; Music Studio I–III; Creative Music; Concert Band; String Orchestra; Lion's Choir

**English:** English as an Additional Language (EAL); English 9; English 10; English Literature; English Language; English Research & Composition; Broadcast Journalism

**Mathematics:** Integrated Mathematics 1A–1C; Integrated Mathematics 2A–2C; Integrated Mathematics 3C; PreCalculus; Personal Finance; Discrete Mathematics

**Physical Education:** Physical Education 9 & 10

**Science:** Coordinated Science I–II; Honors Biology; Honors Chemistry; Applied Design Technology; Sports Science

**Social Studies:** History I–II; World Religion & Belief Systems; Global Issues; Cultural Anthropology; Global Politics

**World Language:** French, German and Spanish A1–B2.2 and Fluent I, II, III & IV

## Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

**Creative Arts:** Drawing; 2-D Art & Design; 3-D Art & Design

**English:** AP English Language; AP English Literature; AP Seminar; AP Research

**Mathematics:** Calculus AB; Calculus BC; Statistics

**Science:** Biology; Chemistry; Computer Science A; Computer Science Principles; Physics 1; Physics 2; Physics C: Mechanics; Electricity & Magnetism

**Social Studies:** Art History; European History; United States History; World History; Human Geography; Psychology; Microeconomics & Macroeconomics

**World Languages:** French; German; Spanish

## International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme

**Group 1, Studies in Language & Literature:** English A: Literature HL/SL; English A: Language & Literature HL/SL; French A: Language & Literature HL/SL; German A: Language & Literature HL/SL; Spanish A: Language & Literature HL/SL; IB A Literature SL Self-taught

**Group 2, Language Acquisition:** French ab initio SL; French B HL/SL; German B HL/SL; Spanish ab initio SL; Spanish B HL/SL

**Group 3, Individual & Societies:** History HL/SL; Psychology HL/SL; Economics HL/SL; Geography HL/SL; Environmental Systems & Societies SL

**Group 4, Experimental Sciences:** Biology HL/SL; Chemistry HL/SL; Physics HL/SL; Environmental Systems & Societies SL; Design Technology HL/SL

**Group 5, Mathematics:** Mathematics HL/SL Applications & Interpretations; Mathematics HL/SL Analysis & Approaches

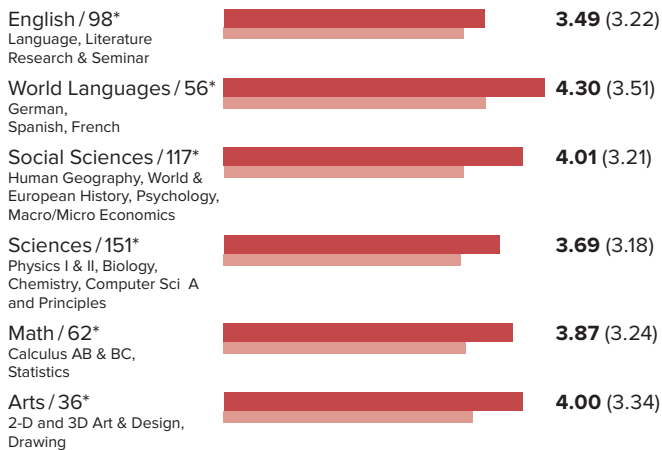
**Group 6, Arts:** Visual Arts HL/SL; Music HL/SL; Theatre HL/SL

# Results at a Glance

## Advanced Placement (AP) Results 2025

■ ZIS ( ■ World )

Highest possible score: 5 points / \*Number of ZIS exams taken



of ZIS exams  
receiving 5.0



of ZIS exams  
receiving 4.0  
or higher



of ZIS exams  
receiving 3.0  
or higher



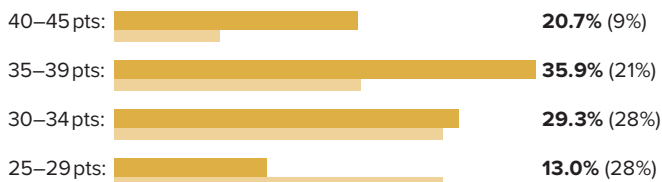
Total  
AP exams  
taken

## International Baccalaureate (IB) Results 2025

■ ZIS ( ■ World )

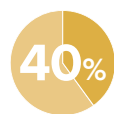
### Total points obtained by IB Diploma candidates:

Highest possible score: 45 points



### Average Score by Subject Group:

Highest possible score: 7 points



of ZIS students  
received a  
bilingual diploma



Number of  
ZIS IB Diploma  
candidates



of ZIS  
IB Diploma  
candidates  
passed



Average points  
earned by ZIS  
IB Diploma  
candidates (vs.  
30.5 worldwide)

## Class of 2026 Grade 11 Grade Distribution (Select Grade 9 & 10 AP course grades included)

Letter Grade 4-point scale equivalents	A 4.0	A- 3.67	B+ 3.33	B 3.0	B- 2.67	C+ 2.33	C 2.0	C- 1.67	< C- 1.33 or <
Broadcast Journalism I, II, III	7								
Concert Band & String Orchestra	9	1							
Design Technology II	6	3							
German for Fluent Speakers III	1	1		1	6	2		2	
Global Issues / Global Politics (semester courses)	4	1	4				1	1	
Honors Biology	4	13	4	4	4	1			
Honors Chemistry	1	2	3	1	1				
Integrated Mathematics 3C			1		1	2	2		
Other courses <4 enrolments	12	5	3	1	2		1		
Other World Languages – non IB/AP < 4 enrolments	2	2		3	4	2		2	
Pre-Calculus	5	6	2	1	8	2	1	2	2
AP 2-D Art / 3-D Art / Drawing		3	5	3					
AP Art History	1	1	1	1	1	1			
AP Biology	1	3	2	1					
AP Calculus AB	5	6	4	1		1	1		1
AP Calculus BC	2								
AP Chemistry				2	1				
AP Computer Science A	2	3		1	1				1
AP Computer Science Principles	9	9	5	3	1	1	1	1	
AP Economics	3	4			3	1	1		
AP English Language		3	2	5	4	3	1	2	
AP English Literature	1	8	10	3	1				
AP French Language & AP Spanish Language	1	1							
AP German Language	3	5	5	1					
AP Human Geography	3	4	3	3	3	1		2	
AP Physics 1	5	4	7	1	3	3	2		1
AP Physics 2	1						1		1
AP Psychology	2	3	3	1				1	
AP Research	1	2	1						
AP Seminar	3	4	4	1	1				
AP Statistics	1						2		
AP United States History		2		1	2	1			
AP World History	3	6	5	6	2	3	1		
IB Biology HL Yr 1	8	5	8	6	5	2		1	
IB Biology SL Yr 1	4			1	1	3			
IB Business Management HL Yr 1 (Online)	2								
IB Chemistry HL Yr 1	2	1	2	1	2	5		2	
IB Chemistry SL Yr 1		2	3	1		2	2	3	2
IB Design Tech. HL & SL Yr 1	2	5	3		1	1			
IB Economics HL Yr 1	4	2	5	6	5	4			
IB Economics SL Yr 1	3	5	2	2	1				
IB English A: Lang & Lit HL Yr 1	9	10	8	4	2				
IB English A: Lang & Lit SL Yr 1	4	4	13	4	6	2	2	1	
IB English A: Literature HL Yr 1	1	4	1						
IB French A: Lang & Lit SL Yr 1	2								
IB French B HL & SL Yr 1 & Yr 2	3	3	1						
IB Geography HL Yr 1	1	3	1	2	3				
IB Geography SL Yr 1		3	2	1	3	2			
IB German A: Lang & Lit HL & SL Yr 1	1	1	3	2	6	1	1		
IB German B HL & SL Yr 1 & Yr 2	3	8	8	2	3	2	1		
IB History HL Yr 1	2	2	1	3	2	1	2		
IB History SL Yr 1	1	2	2	1		1			
IB Math HL Analysis and Approaches Yr 1	5	2	4	3	3	1	2	1	
IB Math SL Analysis and Approaches Yr 1	5	4	5	3	8	3		2	2
IB Mathematics HL Applications Yr 1		1		5	2	1			
IB Mathematics SL Applications Yr 1	1	1	1	4	2	1			2
IB Physics HL Yr 1	5	3	2	1	1	2	1		
IB Physics SL Yr 1							2		
IB Psychology HL Yr 1	5	5	1			1			
IB Psychology SL Yr 1	3		1						
IB Spanish A: Lang & Lit SL Yr 1				3		1			
IB Spanish Ab In Yr 1		1	2	3	1	1	1	1	1
IB Spanish B HL & SL Yr 1 & Yr 2	3	3	4	3	2				
IB Sports, Exercise & Health Science HL & SL Yr 1	3	1			2				
IB ToK Yr 1	12	26	19	11	3				
IB Visual Arts HL & SL Yr 1		1	2	2	1	1			2
<b>Total</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>15</b>

# University Matriculations

## Colleges and universities attended by ZIS Graduates 2023–25



### Argentina

Universidad Austral



### Belgium

Howest University of Applied Sciences



### Canada

Bishop's University  
McGill University (4)  
Queen's University (3)  
University of British Columbia – UBC (2)  
University of Guelph  
University of Toronto (4)



### Cyprus

European University Cyprus



### Denmark

Copenhagen Business School (2)  
Technical University of Denmark – DTU



### Finland

Aalto University  
University of Helsinki



### France

Central School of Nantes  
Ecole nationale supérieure d'architecture  
Paris-Malaquais  
ESCP Business School  
The American University of Paris (2)



### Germany

Catalyst Institute for Creative Arts and  
Technology  
CODE University of Applied Sciences  
Universitätsmedizin Neumarkt A.m.  
Campus Hamburg  
University of Mannheim



### Greece

American College of Greece



### Ireland

University College Dublin (3)  
University of Galway



### Israel

Reichman University



### Italy

Humanitas University (6)  
Istituto Marangoni (3)  
John Cabot University (2)  
Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti – NABA  
Università Bocconi (7)



### Netherlands

Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences  
Codarts Rotterdam

Delft University of Technology (2)  
Eindhoven University of Technology (3)  
Erasmus University College  
Erasmus University Rotterdam (5)  
Fontys University of Applied Sciences  
Hanze University of Applied Sciences  
Hotel School, The Hague (2)  
Inholland University of Applied Sciences  
KU Leuven  
Leiden University (4)  
Maastricht University (3)  
Rotterdam Business School, University of  
Applied Sciences  
The Hague University of Applied  
Sciences (3)  
Thim University  
Tilburg University  
University of Amsterdam (10)  
University of Groningen (3)  
University of Twente (3)  
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (3)  
Wageningen University (2)



### Norway

Norwegian University of Science and  
Technology – NTNU (2)



### Poland

Wroclaw Medical University



### Spain

Comillas Pontifical University  
Esade Business School  
IE University (15)  
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid  
University CEU Cardenal Herrera



### Sweden

Linköping University  
Stockholm School of Economics  
Umeå University  
Uppsala University



### Switzerland

BHMS Hospitality School  
Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de  
Lausanne EPFL (3)  
EHL Hospitality Business School  
ETH Zurich (4)  
Schweizerische Hotelfachschule – SHL (2)  
Schule für Kunst und Design Zürich – SKDZ  
The ZHAW School of Management and Law  
University of Lucerne  
University of St. Gallen (11)  
University of Zurich – UZH (8)



### United Kingdom

Canterbury Christ Church University  
Cardiff University  
City, St. George's, University of London  
City, University of London (3)  
Durham University (2)  
Goldsmiths, University of London  
Hult International Business School (2)  
Imperial College London (5)  
King's College London, University of  
London (6)  
Kingston University London  
Lancaster University (2)

London School of Economics and Political  
Science, University of London (2)  
Newcastle University  
Queen Mary University, Edinburgh  
Royal Holloway, University of London (3)  
Sussex University  
The University of Edinburgh (7)  
University College London – UCL (10)  
University of Aberdeen  
University of Bath (12)  
University of Bristol  
University of Buckingham  
University of Essex (8)  
University of Glasgow (2)  
University of Leeds  
University of Manchester  
University of Nottingham (6)  
University of Oxford  
University of Reading  
University of Southampton  
University of St Andrews  
University of Surrey (2)  
University of the Arts London (2)  
University of Warwick (3)  
University of York



### United States of America

Bates College  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Brandeis University  
Brigham Young University  
Brown University (2)  
California Baptist University  
Calvin University  
Colby College  
Columbia University in the City of New York  
Dartmouth College  
Elon University (2)  
Emerson College  
George Mason University  
Georgia Southern University  
Harvey Mudd College  
Iowa State University  
Marist College  
Mars Hill University  
Marymount University  
Michigan State University (2)  
Mount Holyoke College  
Northeastern University (6)  
Pennsylvania State University (2)  
Purdue University  
Quinnipiac University (2)  
Rice University (2)  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
Scripps College  
Texas Christian University  
The Pennsylvania State University  
The University of Tampa  
The University of Tennessee – Knoxville  
University of California – Davis (2)  
University of California – San Diego  
University of California – Santa Barbara  
University of Chicago  
University of Colorado Boulder (5)  
University of Denver  
University of Miami  
University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
University of Rochester  
University of South Carolina – Columbia  
University of Southern California  
University of Wisconsin – Madison  
Utah Valley University  
Wake Forest University (2)

**Note:** number in parentheses = number of  
ZIS Graduates