

Founded in 1964, the International Community School of Addis Ababa, (ICS) is a world-leading, non-profit, Independent International School supporting international and diplomatic families from Early Years through Grade 12 in Ethiopia. ICS is an IB continuum candidate school offering holistic, rigorous, and inclusive programs, as well as bespoke opportunities for students to tailor their educational experience to their personal goals. ICS aims to develop nurturing, caring, young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through inter cultural understanding and respect.

VISION

Our best with Africa and our world

MISSION

We nurture the talents, character and intellect of all learners, challenging them to be a positive influence and empowering them to excel in their world.



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS



ICS FACULTY



FOUR PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

ICS Diploma

A university preparatory program with internally assessed summative assessments, accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS) and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA).

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)

A comprehensive and rigorous curriculum recognized worldwide, preparing students for higher education through externally assessed coursework and exams.

IB Diploma Programme Courses (DP Courses)

Individual DP subject courses selected by students, allowing students to tailor their academic experience to their interests and strengths.

BTEC International Level 3 Business

Introduced in 2024-2025 BTEC Business is designed to meet the evolving needs of the modern business landscape. This comprehensive program provides students with practical skills and industry insights to excel in their future careers. Students will have the opportunity to earn a certificate, a subsidiary, or a foundational diploma.



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

ICS annually grants **4** need-blind and merit-based scholarships to exceptional Grade 8 students from various schools in Addis Ababa. Each scholarship provides full tuition for four-years, guaranteeing enrollment at ICS for the entirety of high school.

CALENDAR

Semester 1: August - December

Semester 2: January - May

Graduation date: May 23, 2026

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STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

ICS is committed to being a responsibly inclusive school, providing a comprehensive range of support services to meet the diverse needs of all students. We are dedicated to ensuring every student has the resources and support necessary to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Some of the support services include:

Academic Resource Courses: Tailored learning support to enhance students' academic skills and performance.

Comprehensive School Counseling: Holistic counseling services addressing academic, personal, social, and emotional development.

Occupational Therapy: Targeted interventions to improve students' functional abilities and support their participation in school activities.

School Psychology Services: Professional psychological support to assess and address students' learning and behavioral needs.

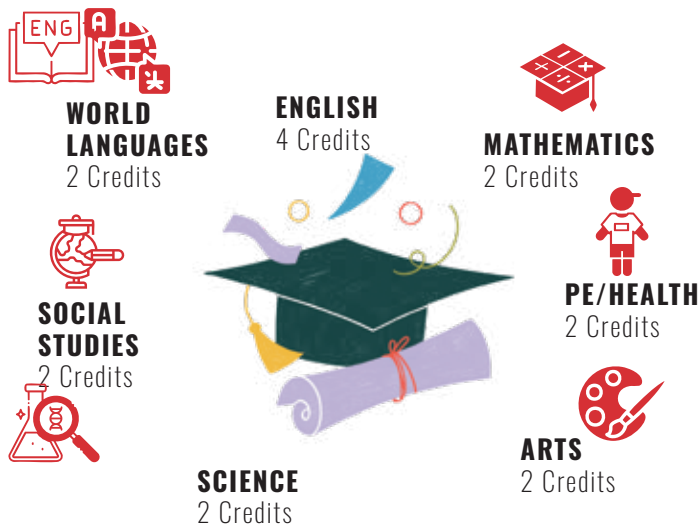
Speech and Language Therapy: Specialized support to address speech and language challenges, fostering effective communication skills.

Student Transition Education Program (STEP): Modified course offerings focused on smooth transitions and essential life skills development.

English Academic Language: Intensive but limited support in English for speakers of other languages. It includes listening, speaking, reading, writing, viewing and visually representing with particular emphasis on pronunciation, comprehension and academic vocabulary.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete a minimum of 20 credits in order to graduate and complete a service learning requirement. Students are encouraged to take a broad range of subjects to support their intellectual and personal development.



Rank and GPA Policy

Due to the small class sizes and the academic, and educational diversity of our transient international community, ICS does not weight courses, average grades, rank or give GPA's.

Grades 1 and 2 do not receive credit

In compliance with NACAC's Statement of Principles of Good Practice, ICS discloses any out of school suspension and expulsion.

CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

Our co-curricular programs offer a rich array of opportunities for students to engage, explore, and grow beyond the classroom. Co-curricular programs are integral to our school culture of nurturing well-rounded individuals. Our offerings include:

International Schools of Southern and Eastern Africa (ISSEA): Athletics, visual and performing arts, and STEAM competitions; fostering academic, athletic, and artistic development through inter-school cooperation and events.

Sports Program: A diverse range of athletic activities designed to develop physical fitness, teamwork, and sportsmanship, catering to various interests and skill levels.

Clubs and Activities: Numerous options that foster leadership skills, creativity, and camaraderie, covering a broad spectrum of interests from creative arts to academic pursuits.

Service Learning: Projects and activities that instill a sense of civic responsibility and empathy, empowering students to make meaningful contributions to their community while gaining a deeper understanding of social issues.

Internship Opportunities: Hands-on learning experiences in professional settings that equip students with valuable skills, industry knowledge, and career insights.

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After School Activities

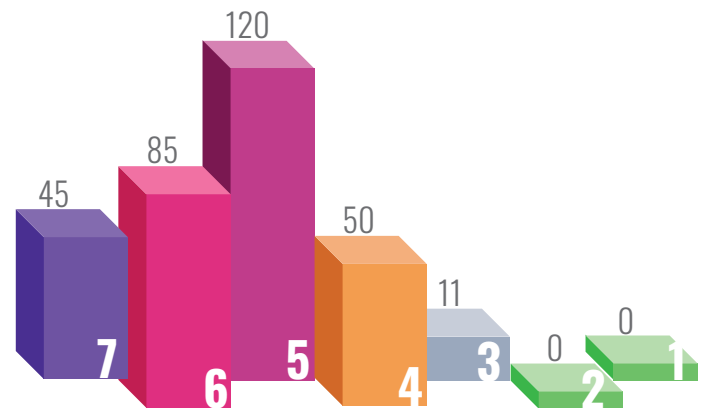
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Service Clubs

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Sports Teams

CLASS OF 2025 GRADE DISTRIBUTION



Grade descriptor

Grade 7: Consistent and thorough understanding of the required knowledge and skills, and the ability to apply them almost faultlessly in a wide variety of situations.

Grade 6: Consistent and thorough understanding of the required knowledge and skills, and the ability to apply them in a wide variety of situations.

Grade 5: Thorough understanding of the required knowledge and skills, and the ability to apply them in a variety of situations.

Grade 4: General understanding of the required knowledge and skills, and the ability to apply them effectively in normal situations.

Grade 3: Limited achievement against most of the objectives, or clear difficulties in some areas.

Grade 2: Very limited achievement in terms of the objectives.

Grade 1: Minimal achievement in terms of the objectives.



CURRENT COURSE OFFERINGS

Group 1/Language and Literature

English 9/10	IB Amharic A: Literature SL/HL
English 11/12	English Academic Language
Language and Literature	IB School Supported Self-Taught Languages A
IB English A: Language and Literature SL/HL	
IB English A: Literature SL/HL	
Amharic Literature 9/10	

Group 2/ Language Acquisition

Novice Spanish	IB Spanish B SL/HL
Intermediate Spanish	ICS Spanish 11/12
Advanced Spanish	ICS French 11/12
IB French ab initio SL	ICS Spanish Ab initio 11/12
IB Spanish ab initio SL	ICS French Ab Initio 11/12
IB French B SL/HL	Online Independent Language Study

Group 3/Individuals and Societies

Individuals and Societies 9/10	Geography 11/12
IB Business and Management SL/HL	Economics 11/12
IB Geography SL/HL	BTEC: Business
IB Economics SL/HL	ICS Business and Entrepreneurship 11/12
IB Psychology SL/HL	
ICS Psychology 11/12	

Group 4/Sciences

Integrated Science	ICS Environmental Systems and Societies 11/12
Astronomy 9/10	ICS Computer Science 11/12
Environmental Science 9/10	IB Biology SL/HL
Biology	IB Chemistry SL/HL
Chemistry	IB Computer Science SL/HL
Physics	IB Physics SL/HL
IB Environmental Systems and Societies SL/HL	

Group 5/Mathematics

Integrated Mathematics 9/10
 Math 9/10
 ICS Mathematics 11/12
 IB Math Applications and Interpretations SL/HL
 IB Math Analysis and Approaches SL/HL

Group 6

Art 9/10	Vocal Studies 11/12
Studio Arts 11/12	Theater 9/10
IB Visual Arts SL/HL	Drama Production
Photography 9/10	IB Theatre SL/HL
Music 9/10	ICS Theater 11/12
HS Concert Band	

PE/Health

Physical Education and Health 9/10 & 11/12

Other Electives

Computer Programming 9/10	Ethiopian Studies
Robotics 9/10	IB Theory of Knowledge
Independent Reading	Personal and Professional Skills
Personal Finance	Academic Resource
Creative Writing	Transitions: Academic Resource
Online Independent Course	

IBDP QUICK FACTS CLASS OF 2025

IB Diploma Results

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IB Diploma Candidates

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Bilingual Diploma Awarded

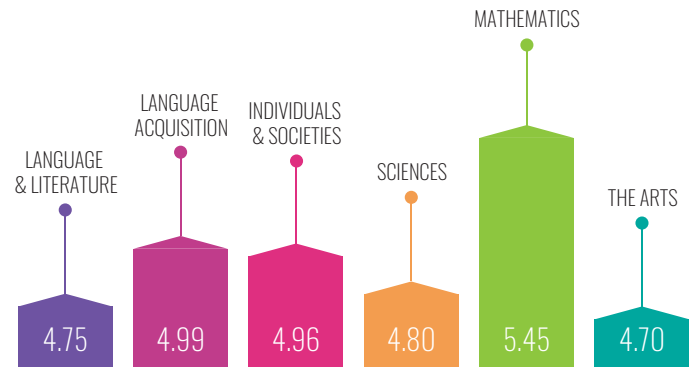
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Highest DP point

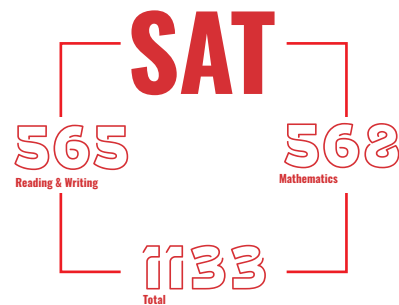
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Diplomas Awarded

IB DIPLOMA - MEAN SCORE BY SUBJECT GROUP



SAT Score Averages



University Acceptances and Matriculations (2022-2025)

Bold indicates matriculation; asterisk* denotes multiple matriculations.

UNITED STATES

Agnes Scott College*

Alfred University

American Musical and Dramatic Academy

Amherst College

Auburn University

Augustana College

Baylor University

Beloit College

Bentley University

Berklee College of Music

Biola University

Boston College

Boston University

Bowie State University

Brigham Young University

Brandeis University

Brown University

Bucknell University

Butler University

California Institute of the Arts

California State University Channel Islands

California State University-Long Beach

California State University-Northridge

Case Western Reserve University

Calvin University

California Lutheran University

Chapman University

Claremont McKenna College

Clark University

Clemson University

College of Our Lady of the Elms

College of William & Mary*

Columbia College Chicago

Concordia College at Moorhead

Connecticut College

Cooper Union

Cornell College

Cornell University

Daemen University

Dartmouth College

Denison University

DePaul University

DePauw University

Dickinson College

Drexel University*

Duke University*

Earlham College

Eckerd College

Elon University

Emory University

Emerson College

Florida Institute of Technology

Florida Memorial University

Fordham University*

Franklin and Marshall College

George Mason University

George Washington University

Georgia State University

Georgia Institute of Technology

Gettysburg College

Gonzaga University

Goucher College

Grinnell College

Guilford College

High Point University

Howard Community College

Howard University

Hult International Business School

Illinois Institute of Technology

Indiana University Bloomington

James Madison University

Juniata College

Kent State University at Ashtabula

Kenyon College

Kettering University

Knox College

Lafayette College

Lake Forest College

Lehigh University

Liberty University

Loyola Marymount University*

Loyola University Chicago

Loyola University New Orleans

Loyola University Maryland

Lynn University

Marian University

Marist College

Marymount University

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

McNeese State University

Michigan State University

Nazareth University

New York University

New York Film Academy

North Carolina State University

Northeastern University*

Northwestern University

Oberlin College

Occidental College

Ohio Wesleyan University

Old Dominion University

Oral Roberts University

Pace University

Palm Beach Atlantic University

Pennsylvania State University*

Pepperdine University

Pitzer College

Pomona College

Pratt Institute

Princeton University

Purdue University

Queens University of Charlotte

Quinnipiac University

Randolph Macon College

Reed College

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rhode Island School of Design

Rhodes College

Rice University

Ringling College of Art and Design

Rollins College

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Rutgers University

Saint Edward's University

Saint Mary's College of California

San Diego State University

San Jose State University

Santa Clara University

Savannah College of Art and Design

Seattle University

Seton Hall University

Snow College

Spelman College

St Olaf College

Stony Brook University

Suffolk University

SUNY Buffalo State

SUNY College at Plattsburgh

Susquehanna University

Syracuse University

Temple University*

Texas A & M University-College Station

Texas Tech University

The College of Wooster

The Evergreen State College

The New School

The Pennsylvania State University

Temple University

Trinity College

Tufts University

Trinity University

Tulane University of Louisiana

University of Arizona

University of California-Berkeley*

University of California-Irvine

University of California-Los Angeles*

University of California-Davis

University of California-San Diego

University of California-Santa Barbara

University of California-Santa Cruz

University of California-Riverside*

University of Chicago

University of Colorado Boulder

University of Colorado Colorado Springs

University of Connecticut

University of Delaware

University of Denver

University of Florida

University of Georgia

University of Kansas

University of Illinois Chicago

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

University of La Verne

University of Maine

University of Maryland-Baltimore County

University of Maryland-College Park

University of Maryland Eastern Shore

University of Massachusetts-Amherst

University of Massachusetts-Boston

University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth

University of Massachusetts-Lowell*

University of Miami

University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

University of New Hampshire-Main Campus

University of Nevada-Las Vegas

University of North Georgia

University of Oregon

University of Oklahoma

University of Pennsylvania

University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus

University of Rochester

University of San Diego*

University of San Francisco

University of South Florida

University of Southern California

University of Southern Mississippi

University of St. Thomas

University of Tampa*

University of Texas at Arlington

University of Texas at Austin

University of Texas at Dallas

University of Texas at San Antonio

University of Utah

University of Vermont

University of Virginia

University of Washington

University of Wisconsin-Madison

University of Wyoming

Vanderbilt University

Vassar College*

Villanova University

Virginia Commonwealth University

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University*

Warburg College

Washington and Lee University

Washington State University

Washington University in St. Louis

Wesleyan University

UNITED KINGDOM

Cardiff University

Coventry University

Durham University

Glasgow School of Art

Queen's University Belfast

Imperial College London

King's College London

Leeds Beckett University

London School of Economics and Political Science

Loughborough University

Manchester Metropolitan University

Nottingham Trent University

University of Aberdeen

University of Bath

University of Birmingham

University of Bristol

University of Edinburgh

University of Glasgow

University of Kent

University of Leeds

University of Liverpool

University of Manchester

University of Nottingham

University of Reading*

University of Sheffield

University of Southampton

University of Stirling

University of Surrey

University of the West of England

University of the West of England, Bristol

University of Westminster, London

University of York

EUROPE

Webster University Vienna

KU Leuven

Arcada University of Applied Sciences

EDHEC Business School

KEDGE Business School

Lancaster University Leipzig

Griffith College

Trinity College Dublin

University College Dublin

John Cabot University

Le Cordon Bleu

Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti

The American University of Rome

Erasmus University Rotterdam

Hanze University of Applied Sciences

Leiden University

Leiden University College The Hague

Maastricht University

Technical University of Eindhoven

The Hague University of Applied Sciences*

University College Utrecht

University of Amsterdam*

University of Applied Sciences Utrecht

University of Groningen*

Utrecht University

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Webster University Leiden

American College of Norway

University of Sslo

ESADE Business School

IE University*

Universitat Internacional de Catalunya

Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts

OTHER

Deakin University

Monash University

NYU Shanghai

Ibero-American University

St George's University

University of Hong Kong

Ashoka University

The University of Auckland

Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar

Georgetown University Qatar