HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2025 - 2026

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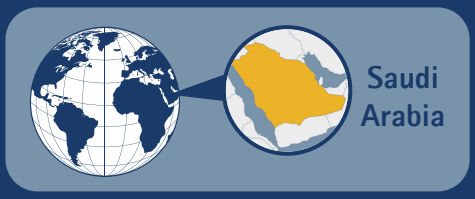

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MISSION STATEMENT

Together we ignite curiosity, inspire creativity, and investigate solutions. Within a nurturing environment, we empower learners to skillfully and confidently leverage opportunities to thrive and contribute in a complex world.

TKS CORE VALUES

ADAPTABILITY | RESPONSIBILITY | INCLUSIVITY
DIVERSITY | INNOVATION

OUR SCHOOL

Established in 2009, The KAUST School (TKS) located on the shores of the Red Sea supports the thriving community of King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST). An international community IB World School since 2010, TKS is a nonprofit, co-educational day school offering a comprehensive education program for more than 1700 students between the ages of 3-18 representing more than 70 nationalities. The language of instruction at TKS is English.

367	77	50
Students in Grades 9-12	Students in the Class of 2026	Nationalities represented in Grades 9-12

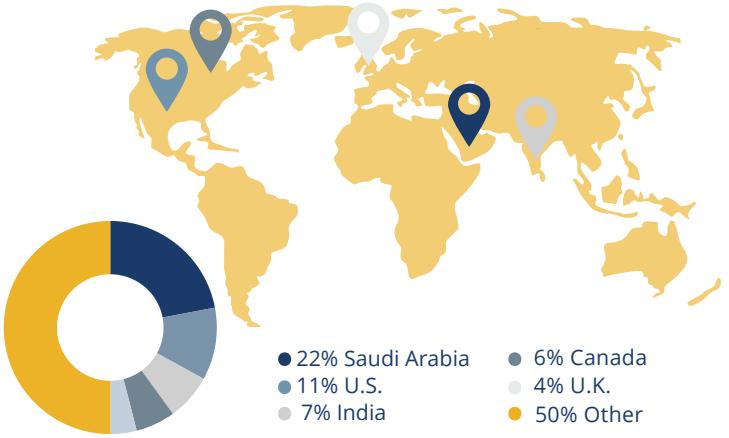
ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIPS

MSA Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
IB International Baccalaureate
NESA Near East South Asia Council of Overseas Schools
CIS Council of International Schools
Saudi Arabia Ministry of Education - Lic. #C280

HIGH SCHOOL POPULATION SPLIT

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS	NUMBER OF STUDENTS	PERCENTAGE OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
Grade 9	112	31
Grade 10	99	27
Grade 11	79	21
Grade 12	77	21

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT NATIONALITIES



8 YEARS AVERAGE STUDENT TENURE	MAXIMUM CLASS SIZE: 21	FACULTY/ STUDENTS RATIO 1:8

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

As an IB World School, our students follow PYP and MYP curriculum in grades Pre-K through 10. All students in grades 9-12 complete the requirements of the American High School Diploma (accredited by MSA), and may also add additional qualifications in the IB Diploma Programme or IBDP course certificates in grades 11 and 12.

THE KAUST SCHOOL

COURSE OFFERINGS

Studies in Language and Literature

MYP Arabic
IBDP Arabic Language & Literature SL / HL
Arabic Language & Literature 11 & 12
MYP English Language & Literature
IBDP English Language & Literature SL / HL
IBDP English Literature SL / HL
English 11 & 12
IBDP School Supported Self-Taught Literature SL

Language Acquisition

Arabic / French / Spanish
- Novice (Mid / High)
- Intermediate (Low / Mid I / Mid II / High)
- Advanced (Low / Mid / High)

IBDP Arabic / French / Spanish ab Initio SL
IBDP Arabic / French / Spanish B SL / HL

Individuals & Societies

MYP Individuals & Societies
IBDP Business Management SL / HL
IBDP Economics SL / HL
IBDP Environmental Systems & Societies SL / HL
IBDP History SL / HL
IBDP Geography SL / HL
Economics
Geography
History and Politics
Psychology
Entrepreneurship

Sciences

MYP Sciences
IBDP Biology SL / HL
IBDP Chemistry SL / HL
IBDP Computer Science SL / HL
IBDP Design Technology SL / HL
IBDP Environmental Systems & Societies SL / HL
IBDP Physics SL / HL
Biological Science: Ecology
Environmental Science: Earth Systems & Geoengineering
Chemistry: Chemical & Environmental Systems
Physics: Electrical Systems
Marine Science

*Additional IB courses may be available to students via Pamoja
*All students follow an Advisory Program

Mathematics

MYP Mathematics Standard
MYP Mathematics Extended
IBDP Mathematics: Analysis & Approaches SL / HL
IBDP Mathematics: Applications & Interpretation SL / HL
Mathematical Modelling
Financial Mathematics

The Arts

Theatre Practices
Acting / Advanced Acting
Stagecraft / Advanced Stagecraft
Technical Theatre / Advanced Technical Theater
Public Speaking
Drawing & Related Media / Advanced DRM
Painting & Related Media / Advanced PRM
Three Dimensional Art / Advanced TDA
Digital Arts / Advanced Digital Arts
Mixed Media Arts / Advanced Mixed Media Arts
Instrumental Ensemble / Advanced IE
Vocal Ensemble / Advanced VE
IBDP Music SL / HL
IBDP Theatre SL / HL
IBDP Visual Arts SL / HL

Design

Engineering & Innovation
Computer Science / Advanced Computer Science
Robotic Systems Design
Advanced Robotic Systems Design
Media Production & Communication
Advanced Media Production & Communication
Product Design & Fabrication
Advanced Product Design & Fabrication
Electronics & Circuitry Design
Sustainable Food Design

Physical & Health Education

Lifeguarding
MYP Physical & Health Education
Outward Bound Skills
Community Sports Leadership
Advanced Community Sports Leadership
Team Sports / Advanced Team Sports
Personal Fitness / Advanced Personal Fitness

Other Courses & The Core

Learning Foundations
Personal Pathways
Theory of Knowledge
Internship
MYP Service as Action / Creativity Action Service
MYP Personal Project
Extended Essay / Research Project
Independent Study

ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

272 HS STUDENTS IN TKS ATHLETICS PROGRAMS

46 CO-CURRICULAR HS TRIPS OFFERED

1315 PARTICIPANTS HOSTED AT TKS EVENTS

Athletics

- Basketball
- Football (Soccer)
- Volleyball
- Badminton
- Cross Country
- Netball
- Track & Field
- Swimming
- Golf
- Tennis

Arts

- TKS Musical
- Creative Writing
- Choir
- Band
- ISTA Drama Festival
- AMIS Band & Choir
- HS Play
- Visual Arts Club

Activities & Clubs

- Spirit Committee
- Coding Club
- MateRov
- Model UN
- Yearbook Club
- EFFECT Club
- Frontiers for Young Minds
- Competitive Chess Club
- Math Honor Society
- Bowling
- Horseback Riding Club

CLASS OF 2025 92 Graduates

OUR GRADING SYSTEM

TKS employs a 7-point internal grading system. TKS does not produce or report a Grade Point Average (GPA) or rank its students.

GRADE	TKS APPROXIMATE LETTER GRADE	TKS APPROXIMATE PERCENTAGE RANGE	
7	A+	98-100	CREDIT GIVEN
6	A	90 - 97	CREDIT GIVEN
5	B	83 - 89	CREDIT GIVEN
4	C	78 - 82	CREDIT GIVEN
3	D	70 - 77	PASSING GRADE
2	F	60 - 69	NO CREDIT
1	F	0 - 59	NO CREDIT

*The minimum grade required to earn a credit is a 3 or a met.
*Please note that TKS does not utilize a letter-based grading scale. The equivalencies provided above are to help outside educational institutions gain an understanding of our 1-7 grading scale.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

SUBJECT	MINIMUM CREDITS*
English	4
Mathematics	3
Science	3
Individuals & Societies	3
Other Language(s)	2
Art or Music or Drama or Design	2
Physical Education	2
Accumulated Additional Credit	7
Total (Minimum)	26

Additional Graduation Requirements include:

- Meet the learning outcome for CAS (Creativity-Action-Service) or Service as Action each year of high school
- Complete the TKS Research Project or an Extended Essay

SAT

With less than 10% of TKS seniors sitting the SAT exam each year, the school does not report SAT results on our profile. A summary of TKS student SAT results, including longitudinal performance data, is available to universities upon request from the TKS counseling staff.

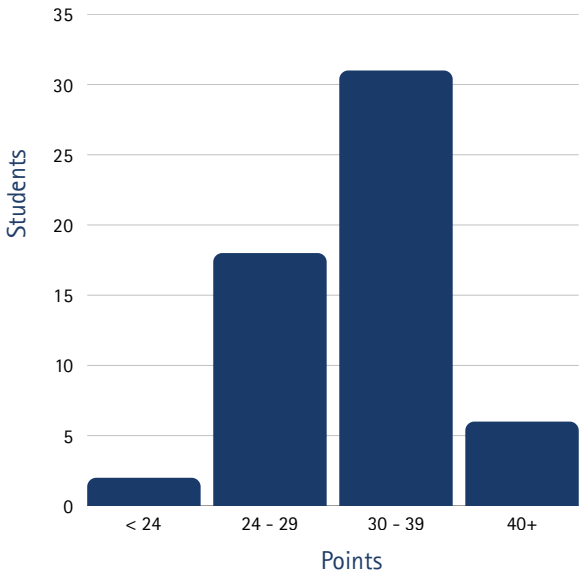
IB RESULTS – CLASS OF 2025

100% Passed TKS Diploma

93% Passed IB Diploma

Students who choose to pursue the International Baccalaureate Diploma, do so in conjunction with The KAUST School's US High School Diploma (MSA Accredited) and graduate with two diplomas. Approximately two-thirds of TKS students pursue the full IB Diploma.

Total IB points obtained by candidates:



IB RESULTS – OVERVIEW

TKS CANDIDATES	2022	2023	2024	2025
Number of Candidates registered for the IB Diploma	42	45	33	57
Number of students taking IB exams	51	54	55	83
Number of Candidates passing the IB Diploma	40	40	40	53
Average Points of Candidates passing the IB Diploma	34	32	31	33
IB Diploma World Average	32	30	30	30
Highest TKS IB Diploma Score	45	43	42	44

CLASS OF 2025 MATRICULATION

23%	UK
19%	USA
19%	Saudi Arabia
11%	Gap Year
9%	Europe
3%	Other Middle East Locations
3%	Asia
3%	Australia

154
GRADUATES
2024 & 2025

UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATION 2024 & 2025

A total of 154 students graduated from TKS during the 2024 and 2025 academic years. Below is the list of university acceptances for these two graduation years, as well as matriculations (*) for the Class of 2025.

Saudi Arabia
Al-Faisal University*
Batterjee Medical College*
College of Engineering and Information Technology*
Dar Al-Hekma College**
Effat University***
King Abdulaziz University****
King Fahd University of Petroleum & Minerals*
University of Business and Technology*****
University of Jeddah**

United States
Adelphi University
American University
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Baylor University
Berklee College of Music
Binghamton University
Blinn College
Brigham Young University*
Butler University
California Baptist University
California Lutheran University
California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo
California State Polytechnic University-Pomona
Case Western Reserve University
Colorado State University
Columbia College Chicago
Columbus College of Art & Design
Concordia College-New York
Cuny New York City College of Technology
Cuny Queens College
Daemen University
Depaul University
Duke University*
Eastern Michigan University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Prescott
Emily Griffith Technical College
Fashion Institute of Technology*
Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University
Florida International University
Foothill College
George Mason University*
George Washington University*
Georgia State University
Glenville State College
Goucher College
Hesston College
High Point University
Hobart William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University
Houston Christian University
Illinois College
Illinois Institute of Technology
Iowa State University***
Ivy Tech Community College
James Madison University
Juniata College
Kansas City Art Institute*
Kent State University At Kent
La Salle University
Lewis University
Louisiana State University
Loyola University Chicago
Lycoming College
Lynn University
Marist College
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences*
Michigan State University**
Milwaukee School of Engineering
Mississippi State University
Nazareth College
New Jersey Institute of Technology*
North Carolina A & T State University
Northeastern Illinois University
Northwest Missouri State University
Norwich University
Ohio Northern University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Old Dominion University
Oral Roberts University
Pace University
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Purdue University Fort Wayne*
Purdue University Northwest
Purdue University-Main Campus
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rice University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rollins College
San Jose State University
Seattle University
Seton Hall University
Southern Methodist University
Southwestern University
Spelman College
St Francis College
St Olaf College
Suny College of Environmental Science and Forestry
Tarrant County College District*
Texas A & M University-College Station*
Texas A & M University-Corpus Christi
Texas A&m University-San Antonio*
The College of Wooster
The New School
The Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus
The University of Tampa
The University of Texas At Arlington
The University of Texas At Dallas
The University of Texas At San Antonio
Trinidad State Junior College
Trinity University
University At Buffalo
University of Arizona
University of Bridgeport
University of California-Davis
University of California-Irvine*
University of California-Riverside
University of California San Diego*
University of California-Santa Barbara
University of California-Santa Cruz
University of Cincinnati-Main Campus
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Denver
University of Houston
University of Illinois Chicago*
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
University of Indianapolis
University of La Verne
University of Massachusetts-Amherst
University of Michigan-Dearborn
University of Michigan-Flint
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
University of Mount Union
University of North Texas
University of Oregon
University of Saint Mary
University of San Francisco
University of South Dakota
University of Southern Mississippi
University of the Incarnate Word
University of Utah
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Utah State University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Wake Forest University
Wartburg College
Western Washington University*
Whittier College
William & Mary
York College of Pennsylvania

Canada
Acadia University
Algoma University
Algonquin College*
Brock University
Carleton University
Concordia University*
Dalhousie University*
Fraser International College
Humber College
Huron University College At Western
Lakehead University*
Laurentian University
Memorial University of Newfoundland*
Mount Royal University
Nipissing University
Redeemer University College**
Saint Mary's University
Sheridan College Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning
Southern Alberta Institute of Technology
St. Lawrence College*
The University of British Columbia
The University of Winnipeg
Thompson Rivers University
Toronto Metropolitan University
Trent University
University of Alberta
University of Calgary*
University of New Brunswick*
University of Ottawa**
University of Prince Edward Island
University of Toronto**
University of Waterloo
University of Windsor
Western University
Wilfrid Laurier International College
Wilfrid Laurier University
York University

United Kingdom
Abertay University
Architectural Association of Architecture
Aston University, Birmingham*
Birkbeck, University of London*
Birmingham City University
Bournemouth University*
Bristol, University of the West of England
Brunel University London
Canterbury Christ Church University
Cardiff University
City, University of London
Coventry University
Durham University
Glasgow School of Art
Heriot-Watt University*
Hult International Business School
Imperial College London
King's College London, University of London****
Kingston University
Lancaster University
Liverpool Hope University
Liverpool John Moores University
London Metropolitan University
Loughborough University**
Manchester Metropolitan University
Newcastle University
Nottingham Trent University
Queen Mary University of London
Robert Gordon University
SOAS University of London*
Swansea University
The University of Edinburgh**
The University of Law
Tilburg University*
UCL (University College London)*
Ulster University
University for the Creative Arts
University of Aberdeen
University of Bath
University of Birmingham***
University of Brighton
University of Bristol
University of Cambridge*
University of Central Lancashire
University of Chichester
University of Derby
University of Dundee*
University of East London
University of Essex
University of Exeter
University of Glasgow
University of Hertfordshire*
University of Hull
University of Leeds
University of Leicester*
University of Lincoln
University of Liverpool
University of Manchester**
University of Nottingham**
University of Plymouth
University of Portsmouth*
University of Reading
University of Roehampton
University of Salford*
University of Sheffield*
University of Southampton
University of Staffordshire
University of Strathclyde
University of Surrey*
University of Sussex*
University of Warwick
University of Westminster, London

European Locations
Amsterdam University College
Breda University of Applied Sciences*
Burgundy School of Business*
Cologne Business School
Constructor University
EDHEC Business School
EHL Swiss School of Tourism and Hospitality**
Emlyon Business School*
ESCP Business School - Paris*
Franklin University Switzerland
Glion Institute of Higher Education
Hotel Institute Montreux
HU University of Applied Sciences Utrecht
INHOLLAND University of Applied Sciences
INSA - Lyon*
Instituto Europea di Design Barcelona*
International Management Institute Switzerland**
International School of Management
International University of Monaco
IPSA Institut des Sciences Polytechniques et Aeronautiques
Karlsruhe Institute of Technology*
Klagenfurt University
Lancaster University Leipzig
Maastricht University*
NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences
Radboud University
Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences
Royal College of Surgeons
Saint Louis University - Madrid
Sciences Po
SRH Hochschule Berlin*
Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich
Swiss Hotel Management School (SHMS)
Technical University of Kaiserslautern
The American University of Rome
The Hague University of Applied Sciences*
Tilburg University*
Trinity College Dublin
Universidad Europea de Valencia
University College Dublin
University of Deusto*
University of Geneva
University of Groningen**
University of Navarra
University of Twente
Van Hall Larenstein University of Applied Sciences*
Wageningen University*

Other
American University In Dubai
American University of Beirut*
American University of Sharjah*
Amity University, Uttar Pradesh*
College of Engineering & Information Technology*
Curtin University*
Curtin University Dubai
De La Salle University*
Eynesbury College
Griffith University
Heriot-Watt University Dubai
Khalifa University of Science, Technology & Research
Kyushu University
Massey University*
Northwestern Qatar
Princess Sumaya University for Technology*
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Sabanci University*
Sunway University*
TED University*
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