

Elite Scholars Academy Early College Magnet



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Striving for Excellence in All Things



Elite's Early College Magnet:



- **Accelerated Courses in Middle School**
 - High School Foreign Language Credit in 7th Grade
 - Four or Five HS Credits in 8th Grade
- **All Honors & AP High School Courses**
- **Dual Enrollment**
 - 11th & 12th Grade
- **Cambridge International Courses**
 - Rigorous internationally standardized curriculum
 - Internationally recognized diploma

What is Cambridge?



- **ESA was the first secondary Cambridge International School in GA!**
- **Cambridge**
 - The Cambridge AICE program is an advanced academic program developed by the University of Cambridge in the UK.
 - Rigorous and ambitious curriculum by teaching key skills to succeed in college-level work.
 - Emphasis on Writing & Critical Thinking
 - Potentially earn college credits starting in 9th grade.
 - More students in the US taking Cambridge exams than in the IB program!

Benefits of the Cambridge AICE Program

- Cambridge AICE courses will prepare you for the rigors of college courses.
- Potentially earn college credit for taking AICE courses and their subsequent exams. \$\$\$
- Distinguished and internationally recognized AICE Diploma.
- Competitive in the college admissions process.
- Compete with students on an international scale!
- Builds confidence, time management skills and self-discipline
- **NO COST TO YOU!**



Success of the Cambridge Program

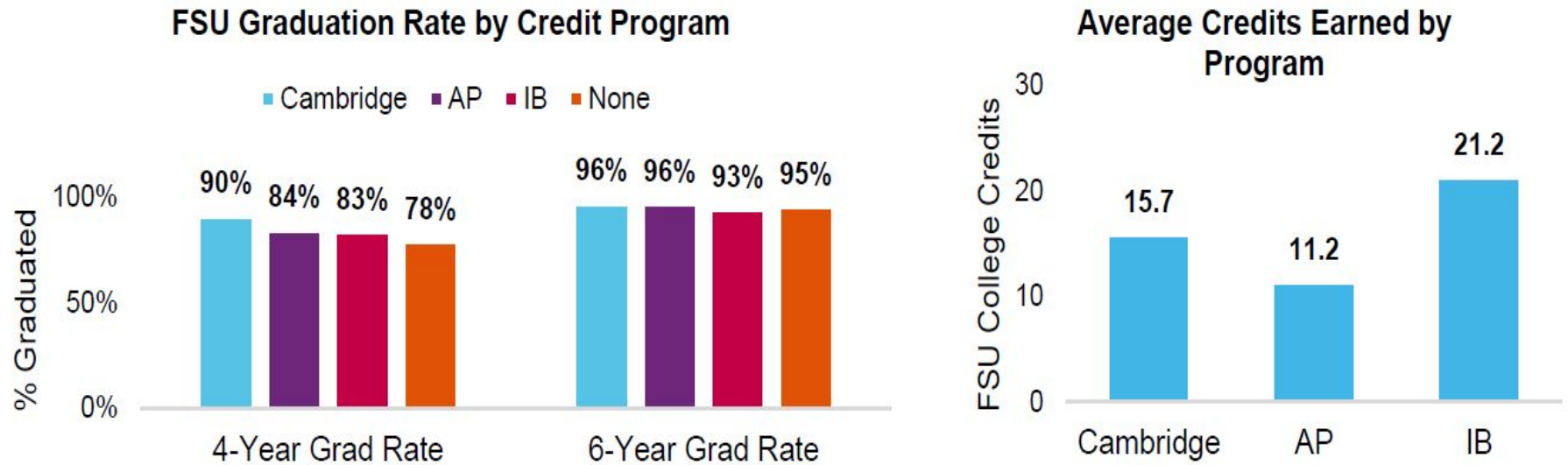


Figure 1. Comparison of graduation rates and credits earned by program for FSU cohorts enrolled from 2007 to 2017.

Graduation data show that 90 percent of Cambridge students enrolled at FSU graduate within 4 years. The 4-year graduation rate for Cambridge students is much higher than students who enrolled at FSU with no credit via advanced high school programs (90 percent versus 78 percent).

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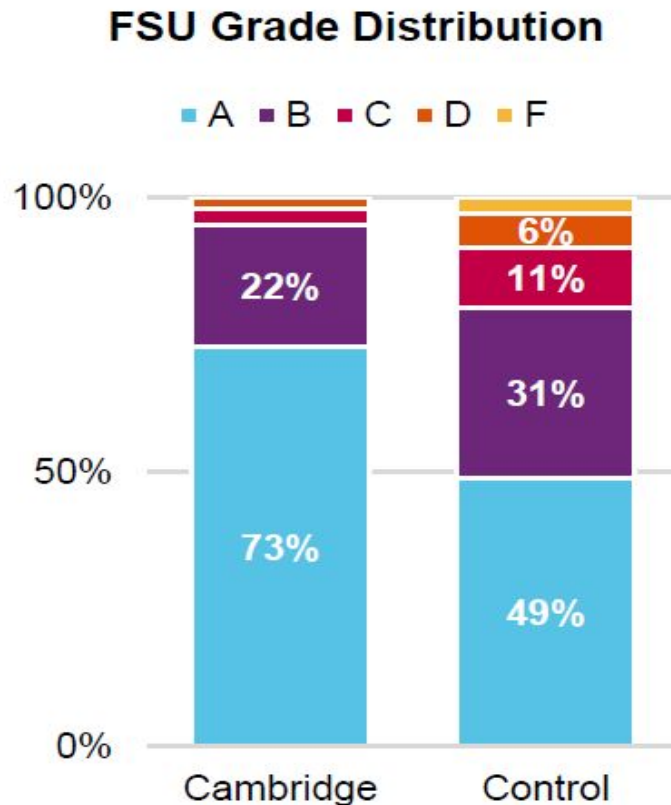


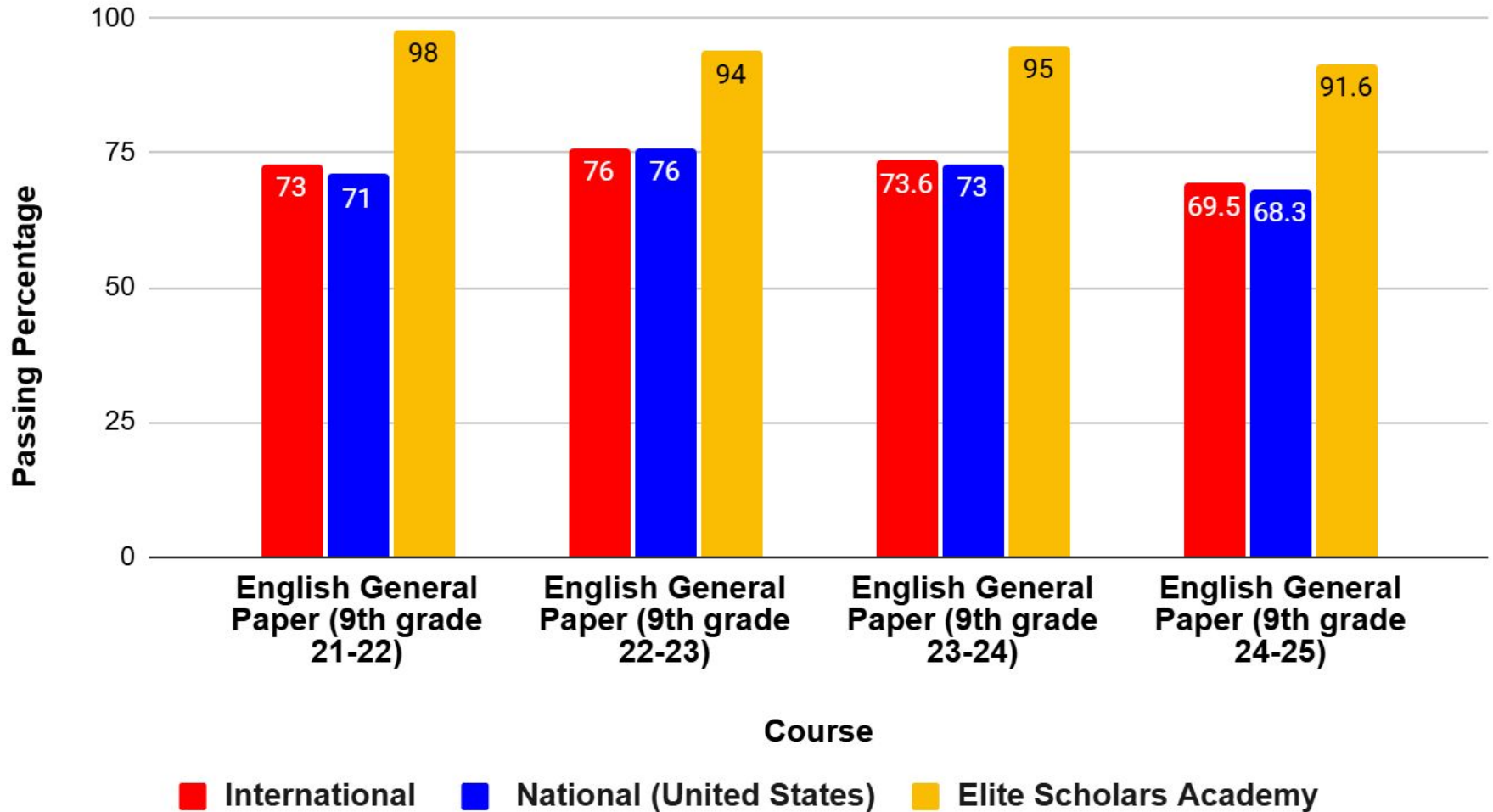
Figure 2. Grade distributions for all subsequent courses taken by Cambridge and control (all FSU) students between 2016 and 2019.

Overall, 98 percent of grades achieved by Cambridge students in their subsequent FSU courses were passing grades (above a C or 2.0 GPA) compared to 91 percent for the total cohort of students

Cambridge Success @ Elite!



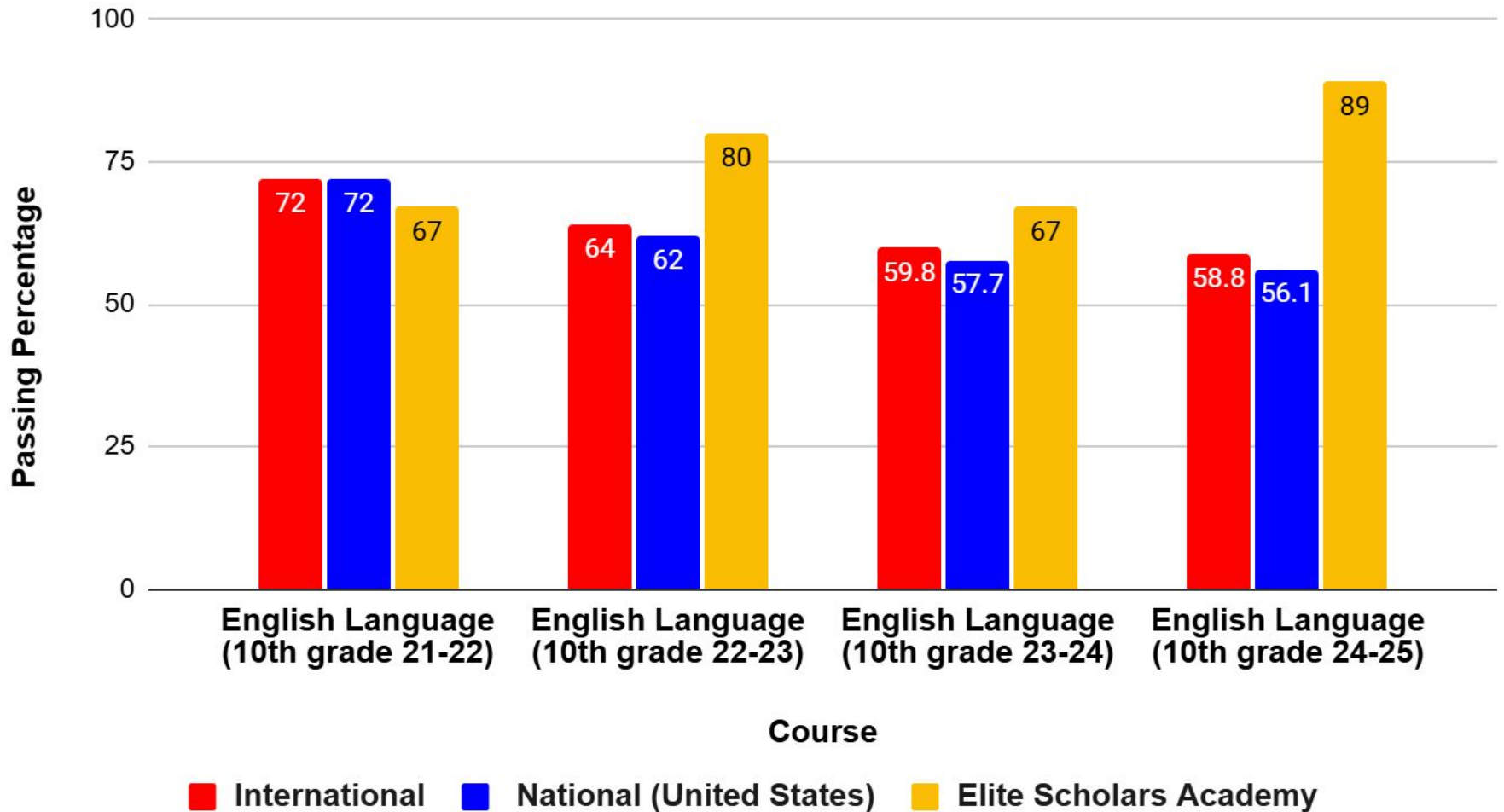
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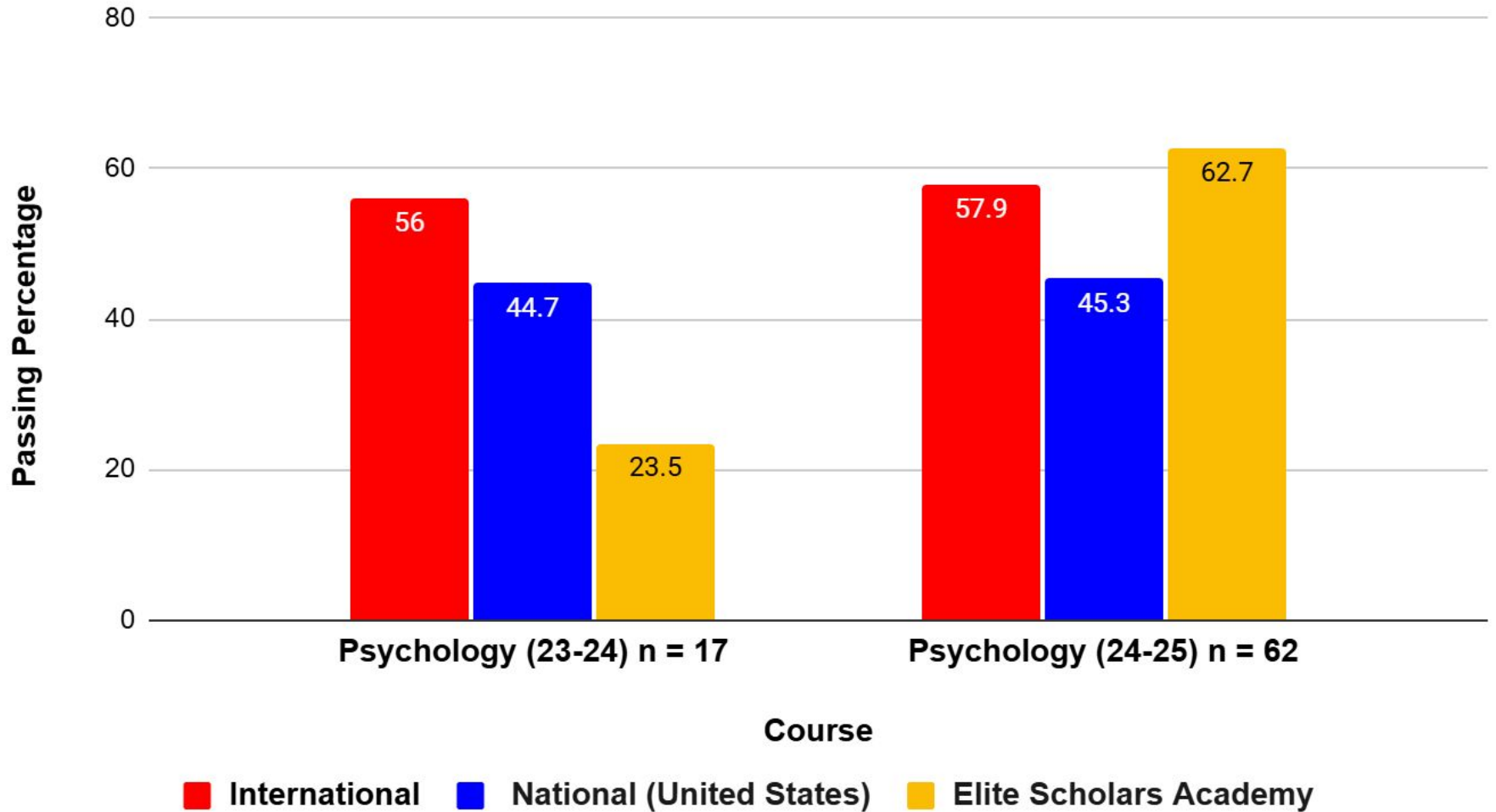
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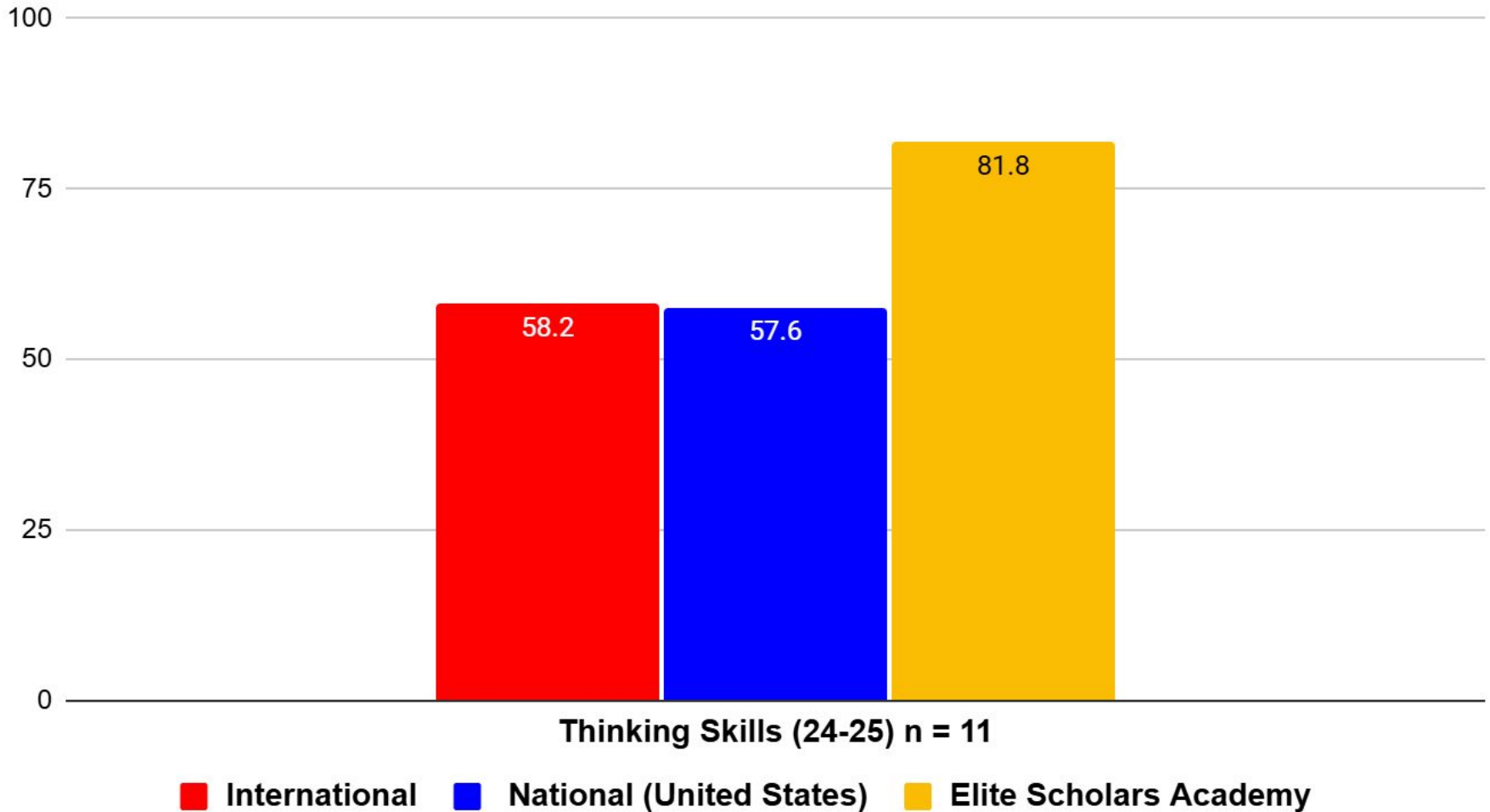
Elite Scholars Academy Cambridge Assessment Results - Psychology



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Elite Scholars Academy Cambridge Assessment Results- Thinking Skills

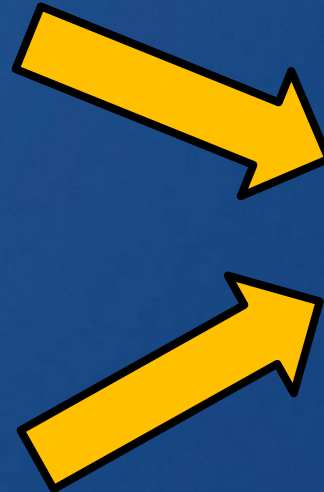


Pathways to Graduation



Blended
Pathway

Cambridge AICE Diploma
Pathway



Both pathways consist of AP courses & Cambridge International courses

Current 8th graders and beyond - Pathways

Blended Pathway

Subject	9th	10th	11th
Mathematics	Geometry	Advanced Algebra	Pre-Calculus
English	English General Paper	English Language	AP Lang/Comp
Science	Biology	AP Chemistry	AP Environmental Science
Social Studies	AP Human Geography	AP World History	AP US History
Electives	Fine Arts	Thinking Skills Psychology Classical Studies Global Perspectives	Thinking Skills Psychology Classical Studies Global Perspectives

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Cambridge AICE Diploma Pathway

Subject	9th 26-27	10th 27-28	11th 28-29
Mathematics	Geometry	Advanced Algebra	Pre-Calculus
English	English General Paper	English Language	English Literature
Science	Biology	AP Chemistry	Environmental Management
Social Studies	AP Human Geography	AP World History	AP US History
Electives (x2)	Psychology	Thinking Skills Classical Studies (test in fall of junior year) Global Perspectives (Choose 1)	Global Perspectives Thinking Skills

How do I earn the AICE Diploma at Elite?

To earn the AICE Diploma you will be required to pass Global Perspectives along with six AICE Exams, for a total of seven. One must be from each of the major groups. At least one exam passed from each group 1, 2, and 3.

Group 1: Mathematics and Science	Group 2: Languages	Group 3: Arts and humanities	Group 4: Interdisciplinary Studies
Psychology (group 1 or 3)	English Language	Classical Studies	English General Paper
Environmental Management (group 1 or 3)	Spanish Language	English Literature	Thinking Skills

Core Course: Global Perspectives & Research

Sample Schedule - 9th grade



1	AP Human Geography 8:15 AM - 9:19 AM Room: 418 Brakebill E Start: 8/1/2024	Blended Pathway	
2	Geometry: Concepts and Connect 9:20 AM - 10:24 AM Room: 416 GARDNER C Start: 8/1/2024		4 core 2 electives
3	CambridgeAICE Eng GenPapAS 10:25 AM - 11:29 AM Room: 419 LeBoeuf Start: 8/1/2024		
4	Biology I Hnrs 11:30 AM - 1:04 PM Room: 421 Smith L Start: 8/1/2024		
5	Weight Training 1:05 PM - 2:09 PM Room: 504 Greenlee Start: 8/1/2024		
6	French III 2:10 PM - 3:15 PM Room: 414 Mathieu Pierre H Start: 8/1/2024		

1	Cambridge Adv Psychology AS 8:15 AM - 9:19 AM Room: 439 SMITH C Start: 8/1/2024	AICE Pathway	
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Expectations in AICE & AP Courses

DO:

- Expect to be challenged! (If you're not challenged, you're not growing!!)
- Remain Organized
- Keep up with your work
- Ask teachers for help
- Use outside tutors
- Reach out to friends
- Try different solutions/study methods

DON'T:

- Dismiss a low grade
- Focus on the exam results
- Get discouraged with a low grade – figure it out!
- Try to “fix” the problem yourself
- Engage in harmful attitudes or blaming others
- Blame the “teaching style”
- DON'T Give Up!

Georgia Colleges & Universities accepting Cambridge Exam Credits



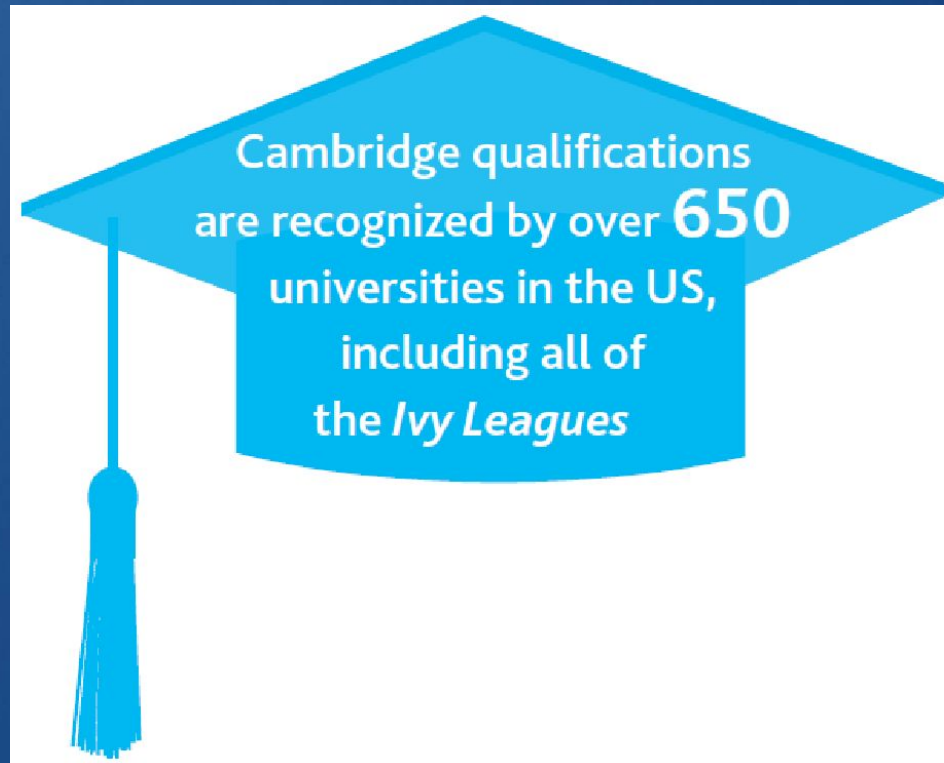
- <https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/recognition-search/>

1. Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
2. Agnes State College
3. Art Institute of Atlanta
4. Augusta State University
5. Berry College
6. Covenant College
7. Emory University
8. Georgia Institute of Technology
9. Georgia Southern University
10. Georgia State University
11. Kennesaw State University
12. Lagrange College
13. Mercer University
14. Oglethorpe University
15. Perimeter College
16. Savannah College of Art and Design
17. University of West Georgia
18. University of Georgia
19. Valdosta State University
20. Wesleyan College
21. Spelman College

Other Colleges & Universities accepting Cambridge Exam Credits



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What does this mean for YOU?

- Think about the pathway you would like to pursue!
 - Blended Pathway
 - Cambridge AICE Diploma Pathway
- Can only start the Cambridge AICE pathway in 9th grade!
- Both pathways prepare students for college.
- Both pathways offer multiple opportunities to earn college credit starting in 9th grade! \$\$\$

What about AP and DE?

Can students still do both?



- **YES!**
 - We have AP courses required in both pathways—Early College-Cambridge Pathway and Cambridge AICE.
 - All Cambridge AICE courses have to be completed by the end of junior year.
 - Part-time DE may be available junior year with senior year available.
- **Possible to have AP credits, Cambridge credits and DE credits upon graduation! \$\$\$**

How to join the AICE Pathway?

Entrance Requirements:

- 3.0 GPA (first semester)
- MAP MOY scores (projected proficient in Algebra, ELA, and Physical Science).
- Parent-Student Acknowledgement Form
- Google Form Application
 - **Application Window: November 10th-December 15th**
 - <https://099.clayton.k12.ga.us/magnet-program/cambridge>
 - If you take no action, you will automatically default to the blended pathway.

Notification letters will be **emailed** in January 2026.



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CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM



Attention 8th grade Parents!

Would you like to learn more about the
Cambridge International Program and our
AICE Diploma Pathway?

Join us for an Information Session on
Thursday, November 6th at 6pm via Zoom.

Scan QR code above to register or click
link below.

[Click here for required registration](#)



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