KARACHI AMERICAN SCHOOL

PROFILE OF THE CLASS OF 2026

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Forty-one students, representing four countries, made up the class of 2026. 100% of the KAS (Karachi American School) graduates were admitted into one or more higher education destinations of their choice.

KARACHI AMERICAN SCHOOL (FOUNDED IN 1953)

Karachi American School (KAS) is a selective co-educational day school, which offers an English-language instructional program based on an American curriculum from Pre-K through Grade 12. Karachi American School does not discriminate based on race, color, gender, national or ethnic origin in administering its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship, loan policies, athletic, and other school-administered programs. Founded to serve American and other expatriate children, Karachi American School has developed into a diverse learning institution, serving host nationals and expatriates following an American college-preparatory curriculum with Advanced Placement (AP) courses. KAS grants merit scholarships to deserving local students. The school is housed in a purpose-built campus on approximately twelve acres of land.

FACULTY

There are 68 full-time faculty members, including 14 U.S. citizens, 46 host country nationals, and 8 persons of other nationalities (Australia, Canada, Ireland & Kenya). Most overseas hires are certified and hold degrees from U.S. universities, most overseas hires are certified and hold degrees from U.S. universities, and most faculty members hold fifth-year or postgraduate degrees.

CALENDAR

A two-semester system is employed at KAS: the first semester is from August to December; the second semester is from January through May.

ACTIVITIES

At Karachi American School (KAS), extracurricular activities play a vital role in both students' and teachers' engagement. KAS offers over 75 clubs encompassing a wide range of interests, including sports, arts and crafts, STEM, and technology. Last year, KAS students traveled to participate in five international competitions, showcasing their skills on a global stage. The school is also home to chapters of the National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, and the French and Spanish Honor Societies.
The school's Community Service & Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) program is an essential aspect of student life, fostering personal growth and a spirit of giving back. Students from elementary through high school actively engage in this program, working with children from various charitable organizations. Through these interactions, KAS students participate in meaningful activities and practice essential SEL skills.

ATHLETICS

KAS Athletics offers a vibrant and competitive sports program for its students. As a founding member of SAISA (South Asia Interscholastic Association), KAS competes in three international athletic competitions annually, alongside nine other member schools from seven different countries. Beyond SAISA, KAS also proudly participates in SAISA West, a domestic league it helped establish, which hosts three additional competitions each year. Our comprehensive sports offerings include soccer, basketball, badminton, track and field, volleyball, and swimming, providing diverse opportunities for student-athletes to develop their skills and sportsmanship.

DISRUPTIONS AFFECTING THE CLASS OF 2026

The 2025–2026 academic year was generally stable politically, socially, and environmentally. Some unprecedented flooding caused closures at the beginning of the academic year in August 2025. Changes in US government priorities and practices towards international students caused some panic. Conflict in the Middle East with some violent protests locally caused us to modify our Spring Break schedule. Lost instructional days were subsequently made up by extending the school day.

GRADING SYSTEM

G.P.A.s are calculated using a 4.0 scaling system.

G.P.A.s are weighted by calculating a multiple of 1.2 quality points for grades in Advanced Placement (AP) courses and 1.0 for non-AP courses. KAS has no other honor or advanced courses.

UN-WEIGHTED EQUIVALENT FOR COMPUTING G.P.A

Grade	%	GPA	Grade	%	GPA
A	(93-100)	4.0	C	(73-76)	2.0
A-	(90-92)	3.7	C-	(70-72)	1.7
B+	(87-89)	3.3	D+	(67-69)	1.3
B	(83-86)	3.0	D	(63-66)	1.0
B-	(80-82)	2.7	D-	(60-62)	0.7
C+	(77-79)	2.3	F	(Below 60)	0.0

WEIGHTED EQUIVALENT FOR COMPUTING G.P.A

Grade	%	GPA	Grade	%	GPA
A	(93-100)	4.8	C	(73-76)	2.4
A-	(90-92)	4.4	C-	(70-72)	2.0
B+	(87-89)	4.0	D+	(67-69)	1.6
B	(83-86)	3.6	D	(63-66)	1.2
B-	(80-82)	3.2	D-	(60-62)	0.8
C+	(77-79)	2.8	F	(Below 60)	0.0

Note: Only Advanced Placement courses are weighted.

CURRICULUM

Courses at Karachi American School are college preparatory level courses. For the Class of 2026, students must have completed 25.0 credits for graduation. (Note: One credit is given for one year of successful study in any subject, which meets 220 minutes per week.) Minimum requirements are:

ADMISSION

Admission to Karachi American School is highly selective and competitive. Qualified students capable of completing a college preparatory program are admitted. Admission is based on prior academic record, standardized test scores, three letters of recommendation, graded writing sample, and an admission interview for parent and applicant. The school makes a conscious effort to maintain a balance of class size, ethnicity, and gender at each grade level. KAS favors open enrollment with counseling for AP courses and the AP International Diploma is offered.

ENROLLMENT SECTION

Currently there are 295 students in K3 through Grade12 representing 8 nationalities: 54 U.S. citizens, 179 Pakistani citizens and 62 students from other countries. In high school, there are 125 students: 36 seniors, 31 juniors, 29 sophomores and 29 first-year students. The student-teacher ratio is 6:1.

ACCREDITATION

The school holds full accreditation from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools from 1962 through 2032.

CLASS RANK

As we have a small size and strong quality of our graduating classes, we do not rank our students.

Subject	Credit	Subject	Credit
English	4.0	Physical Ed/Health	2.0
Mathematics	4.0	Visual/Performing Art & Technology*	4.0
Foreign Language	3.0		
Social Studies	4.0	*At least 1.0 V/P Art & 1.0 Technology	
Science	4.0		

COURSE OFFERINGS

English			
English 9	AP Environmental Science	Algebra II	AP Economics
English 10	Physics	Pre-Calculus	AP World History
English 11	AP Biology	College Algebra	Pakistan Studies
English 12	Biology	AP Calculus AB	Economics
AP English Language	Chemistry	AP Calculus BC	World History
AP English Literature	Environmental Science	Calculus	AP Research
AP Seminar	Visual/Performing Art	AP Statistics	Accounting
Foreign Language	Photography	Physical Education	Psychology
French I, II, III, IV	Studio Art	P.E. 9–12 (with Health)	AP Psychology
Spanish I, II, III, IV	Ceramics	Technology	
Urdu I, II, III	AP Studio Art	Computer Applications	
AP French Language	AP Drawing	Desktop Publishing/Yearbook	
AP Spanish Language	AP Art History	AP Computer Science A	
Science	Mathematics	AP Computer Science Principles	
AP Physics 1	Algebra I	Social Studies	
AP Chemistry	Geometry	AP Comparative Government	

GRADE DISTRIBUTION (YEARLY AVERAGE) – 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

AP CLASSES	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
AP English Language	1	2	2	3	5	2	2	3	1	1	0	0
AP Seminar	11	1	6	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP Research	8	6	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
AP English Literature	3	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
AP Calculus AB	0	2	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP Statistics	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
AP Biology	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP Physics 1	3	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
AP Comparative Government	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
AP World History	1	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
AP Economics	3	0	2	2	3	0	4	3	1	2	2	0
AP Spanish Language	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP Studio Art	3	2	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
AP Computer Science Principles	13	3	8	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP Computer Science Applications	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Departments with Four or More Classes												
English	30	20	25	25	16	8	4	3	2	1	0	0
Mathematics	16	9	4	18	16	9	19	13	13	9	14	5
Science	27	12	16	16	12	11	11	11	6	9	9	1
Social Studies	45	26	17	19	15	8	7	7	4	4	2	2
Foreign Language	57	23	11	6	2	0	1	0	1	1		0

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

The Advanced Placement (AP) program plays an integral part in the curriculum of Karachi American School. AP Research was added in 2024-2025 for Juniors marking the first year that KAS students could complete the AP Capstone Diploma. Three students earned that distinction. KAS favors open enrollment for AP courses but those with AP recommended prerequisites are based on past academic achievement and teacher recommendations. KAS does not limit the number of AP courses for juniors and seniors, but students are counseled based on previous academic performance.
In May 2026, 105 students took 243 exams with eighty-four percent scoring three or higher.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCORES 2026

Subject Total	1	2	3	4	5	Total Exams
2-D Art and Design			3	5	1	9
Biology		1	2		1	4
Calculus AB			1	3	2	6
Calculus BC				1	1	2
Chemistry		1	2			3
Comparative Government and Politics			3	2	3	8
Computer Science A		2		1		3
Computer Science Principles	2	6	12	7	3	30
English Language and Composition	1	6	9	5	1	22
English Literature and Composition		1	1	4	3	9
Macroeconomics		5	6	7	6	24
Microeconomics		4	6	8	6	24
Physics 1			1	5	5	11
Psychology		9	9	6	6	30
Research			9	8	1	18
Seminar			11	8	6	25
Spanish Language and Culture				1		1
Statistics		2		2	4	8
World History: Modern			1	4	1	6

COLLEGE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT STATEMENT

Karachi American School (KAS) is committed to preparing students for successful transitions to higher education through a comprehensive, student-centered college counseling program. The school's rigorous college preparatory curriculum is complemented by individualized guidance that supports students in identifying post-secondary institutions that best align with their academic abilities, interests, aspirations and personal goals.

Established in the summer of 2025, the College Counseling Department provides a structured four-year counseling program for all high school students. Each student is assigned a dedicated college counselor beginning in Grade 9 and remains with the same counselor through Grade 12, ensuring continuity of support throughout the university planning process. Counselors meet regularly with students to provide guidance on academic planning, university research, career exploration, standardized testing, application strategies, essay development, and all aspects of the university admissions process.

Consistent with the school's academic philosophy, KAS does not offer SAT preparation courses on campus. Instead, students are encouraged to pursue academic excellence while developing their interests through meaningful extracurricular involvement, leadership opportunities, service learning, internships and other enriching experiences. The school emphasizes holistic student development and encourages students to present themselves as leaders and engaged members of their communities.

Although College Counseling appears on the high school transcript, it is not a credit-bearing academic course and does not have a scheduled instructional period during the regular school day. Its inclusion on the transcript reflects each student's participation in the school's comprehensive college counseling program.

TESTS*

Seven SATs were administered during the 2025-2026 academic year. The score range is detailed below:

No.	Test Date	Number of Students	Total Average	ERW Average	Math Average
1	August 23, 2025	19 students	1270	622	648
2	September 13, 2025	7 students	1341	671	670
3	October 4, 2025	21 students	1236	617	620
4	November 8, 2025	10 students	1261	621	640
5	December 6, 2025	7 students	1221	609	613
6	March 14, 2026	5 students	1264	614	650
7	June 6, 2026	5 students	1218	616	602

*Karachi American School does not eliminate non-native English speakers from its statistical representation.

COLLEGE ENTRANCE

All graduates from Karachi American School seek a post-secondary education. Since 1979, Karachi American School has graduated an average annual class of 35 students. 90% of these students chose to attend colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada, while the remaining 10% enrolled in universities in Europe & Asia.

In 2026, 100% of KAS graduates were accepted/waitlisted at and planned to attend college or university in the United States, the UK, Canada, and other countries:

United States of America
Adelphi University
Arizona State University
Babson College
Baylor University
Belmont University
Bentley University
Boston College
Boston University
Brown University
Carnegie Mellon University
Clark University
Davidson College
DePaul University
Dickinson College
Drake University
Drexel University
Florida Atlantic University
Fordham University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Hampshire College
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Kansas State University
Lewis University
Loyola Marymount University
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS)
Michigan State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
New York University (NYU)
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Purdue University
Sarah Lawrence College
Pace University
St. Louis University
Stony Brook University (SUNY)
Suffolk University
Texas Christian University
University of Cincinnati
University of Connecticut
University of Illinois Chicago
University of Kentucky
University of Minnesota Twin Cities
University of Mississippi (Ole Miss)
University of Missouri–St. Louis
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rochester
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
University of Vermont
University of Wisconsin
Villanova University
Wheaton College, MA
United Kingdom
Anglia Ruskin University
City St. George's, University of London
Durham University
Goldsmiths, University of London
Middlesex University
Newcastle University
Queen Mary University
Regent College London
Royal Holloway, University of London
SOAS University of London
University of Birmingham
University of Edinburgh
University of Exeter
University of Kent
University of Manchester
University of Nottingham
University of Sussex
University of the Arts London
University of Warwick
University of Westminster
Canada
Concordia University
McGill University
McMaster University
Queen's University
Toronto Metropolitan University
University of Ottawa
University of Toronto
Western University
York University
Europe
Bocconi University
IE University
UAE
American University of Sharjah
Khalifa University
Rochester Institute of Technology, Dubai