his Hokkaido International School

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Hokkaido International School is a private (secular), coeducational day/boarding school offering an American-style education from early years to high school for students of all nationalities. HIS was founded in 1958 and remains the only fully accredited international and English-medium school on the island of Hokkaido, Japan. The school is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and is a member of the Japan Council of International Schools (JCIS) and the East Asia Regional Council of Overseas Schools (EARCOS). English is the language of instruction.

Community: Hokkaido International School is located in Sapporo, the prefectural capital of Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost major island. A metropolis of 1.9 million, Sapporo is the largest city on the island and the 5th largest city in Japan.

School Year: The HIS school year is 180 days long and is divided into semesters. HIS follows a rotating, A-day B-day block schedule with 4 blocks on each day. The school year begins in mid-August and ends in mid-June with a one-week fall break in October, a three-week winter break in December - January, and a one-week spring break in March.

Students: Sapporo HIS has an enrollment of 242, with 102 students in the high school and 23 in the current graduating class of 2027. Students represent approximately 30 different nationalities; approximately one-third are native speakers of English. Students at HIS come from bicultural families, locally based professional families, Japanese returnees (from abroad), or the children of expatriate diplomats, businesspersons, or university faculty. The dormitory provides a home for up to 40 students who are seeking an international experience through an English-medium school.

Faculty: EY to Gr. 12, Sapporo HIS has 23 full-time and 6 part-time teachers. The high school has 17 teachers, 13 of whom share time with the middle school and elementary school. Teachers on staff come from the USA, Canada, the UK, Zambia, Uganda, Malawi, India, Singapore, and Japan. Of the secondary staff, 80% have advanced degrees. There is a 10:1 student-to-teacher ratio in the high school, with an average class size of 16 pupils.

High School Courses offered:

**Note: Developing* level is offered for students with specialized language or learning needs.

English
Pre-AP English (9-10)
AP Literature and Composition (11-12)
AP Language and Composition (11-12)

History / Social Studies
Ancient Civilizations (9-10)
Modern World History (9-10)
Heroes, Myths, and Legends (9-12)
US History (11-12)
European History (11-12)

Mathematics
Integrated Math II (9-10)
Integrated Math III (9-10)
Practical Math (11-12)
Pre-Calculus (11-12)

Modern Languages
Japanese: Beginning to Advanced
Spanish

Science
Chemistry (9-11)
Biology (9-11)

Fine Arts
Visual Art (9-12)
Choir (9-12)
Jazz Band (9-12)
Field Recording/Sound Design (9-12)
Dance (9-12)
Keyboard (9-12)
Publications (9-12)

P.E. and Outdoor Education:
P.E./Health (9-12)
Outdoor Education (9-10)
PE Science (9-12)

Electives
Model United Nations (9-12)
Creative Writing (9-12)
Nature Photography (9-12)
Heroes, Myths, and Legends (9-12)

Honors Courses Offered

History and Math classes can be taken at the Honors Level for students pursuing advanced coursework.

AP Courses Offered
AP Capstone Seminar (11-12)
AP Capstone Research (11-12)
AP Modern World History (10)
AP US History
AP European History
AP Human Geography (11-12)
AP Microeconomics (11-12)
AP Macroeconomics (11-12)
AP Comparative Government (11-12)
AP Physics 1 (11-12)
AP Biology (11-12)
AP Environmental Science (11-12)
AP Chemistry (11-12)
AP Studio Art (11-12)
AP Literature and Composition (11-12)
AP Language and Composition (11-12)
AP Statistics (11-12)
AP Precalculus (10-12)
AP Calculus AB/BC (12)

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HIS Secondary Grading Scale

Grades for AP courses are **unweighted**.

	Letter	Grade Point
Exemplary Achievement	A	4.0
	A-	3.7
Substantial Achievement	B+	3.4
	B	3.0
	B-	2.7
Minimal Achievement	C+	2.4
	C	2.0
	C-	1.7
Does not meet Target	D	1.0
Well below target	F	0

Pandemic / Distance Learning Grading Policy: In some cases, students will receive a "Cr" (credit) or "NC" (no credit) in place of a regular letter grade. These do not count toward GPA calculation.

HIS Graduation Credit Requirements

Minimum academic credits needed to graduate: **26**

Course	Minimum Credits	Recommended Credits
Language Arts	4	4
Social Studies	3	4
Mathematics	2	3 or 4
Science	2	3 or 4
Modern Language	2	3
P.E./ Outdoor Ed.	2	3
Fine Arts	2	3

Character Development Graduation Portfolio: Over the course of high school, students must complete an online portfolio that demonstrates their action and reflection on 14 of the school's 28 character-based HUSKIES standards.

(EIR) Extra-Curricular Involvement Requirement: Over the course of high school, students are required to fulfill 2 EIR credits per year through participation in sports, clubs, volunteer work, classes outside of school, etc.

University / College Matriculation (2021-2026)

United States
Baylor University
Boston University
Brigham Young University
Colby College
Florida Polytechnic University
Lawrence College
Massachusetts College of Art & Design
New York University- Tisch School of the Arts
Oberlin College
Portland State University
Rutgers University
San Diego State University
SUNY at Buffalo
St. Olaf College
Stony Brook University
University of Alabama
University of California
University of Illinois

Asia and the Pacific
Doshisha University - Japan
Chiang Mai University - Thailand
Griffith University - Australia
Hokusei Gakuen - Japan
Hosei University - Japan
International Christian University - Japan
Kyoto University of Applied Science - Japan
Keio University - Japan
Ritsumeikan University- Japan
RMIT University - Australia
Sophia University - Japan
Sydney University - Australia
Temple University Japan - Japan
University of Tokyo - Japan
Tsukuba University- Japan
University of Canterbury - NZ
University of Queensland - Australia
Waseda University - Japan

UK and Europe
Charles University - Czechia
Glasgow School of Art
HZ University of Applied Sciences - Netherlands
Les Roches School of Hotel Mgmt- Switzerland
Lucerne Univ. of Applied Sci. and Art- Switzerland
Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences
Schiller International University - Spain
University of East Anglia - UK

Canada
Alberta University of the Arts
Emily Carr University of Art and Design
Kwantlen Polytechnic University
LaSalle University
McGill University
University of British Columbia
University of Prince Edward Island
University of Toronto
University of Guelph

SAT Summary: Class of 2026

Total Mean Score: **1224**

Mean ERW Score: **602**

Mean Math Score: **622**

Advanced Placement Program (2020 - 2024)

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Total AP Students	39	33	26	38	48
Number of AP Exams	113	69	65	92	137
AP Students with scores 3+	32	28	25	33	43
% of AP students with scores 3+	82%	85%	96%	87%	90%

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