

SCHOOL PROFILE 2026/27 FOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES



Mission

We surface and inspire each learner's curiosity, critical thinking, and high expectations for their learning so that they positively impact their family, community and the world.

The School

Zurich International School (ZIS) is an inclusive non-profit day school in the Greater Zurich area that delivers comprehensive bilingual and international educational programs for local and foreign national students aged 3 to 18. Our program is non-selective. Learning Support (LS) and English as an Additional Language (EAL) services are available.

ZIS Values



RESPECT
HUMILITY
COURAGE
JOY

Teachers Grade 6–12

The 131 full-time and part-time employees have worked an average of eight years at ZIS, and most have taught at other international schools throughout the world.

Curriculum

All students work toward earning a High School Diploma accredited by NEASC. The school offers the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme, Advanced Placement (AP) courses and ZIS courses. We value all pathways equally. Our academic advising encourages students to choose the pathway best suited to their needs.

The integration of technology into the curriculum is a priority and is based on the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Standards.

ZIS emphasizes Social Emotional Learning (SEL) as a key component of education. Using the CASEL Framework and the International School Counselor Association (ISCA) standards, ZIS has integrated SEL into the advisory program and academic curriculum.

The language of instruction at ZIS is English. German and English language is used for the Bilingual Pathway, currently only in Grade 6 at the Adliswil Campus. ZIS offers Bespoke Learning Support Programming.

77

Nationalities represented by students

55

Languages spoken including 44 mother tongue languages

75%

Grade 9–12 teachers holding MA/MS or higher degrees (Total ZIS teachers 60%)

8

Average years of teaching at ZIS by Grade 6–12 teachers (by total ZIS faculty 7.5)

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ZIS is approved by the Canton of Zurich's Department of Education



ZIS PROGRAMS, GRADING, GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

70

Number of
AP/IB/Honors
courses offered
in 2026/27

Access to AP, Honors and Higher Level IB Courses

Students in Grades 9 and 10 may take the following AP courses: AP Computer Science Principles, AP Computer Science A, AP World History, AP Physics 1, AP Seminar, AP World Languages, and AP Calculus if appropriate. They may also take Honors Biology and Honors Chemistry. Students are strongly advised not to take four IB HL courses. Students do not take a seventh IB certificate subject.

Students are also allowed to enroll in courses offered by Pamoja, Virtual High School, Global Online Academy (GOA).

Grading Considerations

- A 4.0 scale is used to calculate GPA
- Grades are unweighted
- We do not rank
- We do not calculate a cumulative GPA
- Only ZIS grades are used to calculate GPA
- ZIS modified courses are marked on transcripts

Minimum Graduation Credit Requirements

English	4 credits
Math	3 credits
Science	3 credits
Social Sciences	3 credits
World Languages	2 credits
Creative Arts	2 credits
Physical Education	2 credits
Additional Elective Classes	4 credits
Total credits required	23 credits

- All students are required to take German in Grade 9
- 1 credit = 1 class year

Policy for Reporting Disciplinary History

ZIS reserves the right to report to universities any out of school suspensions and expulsions that take place during Grades 9–12. We may also notify institutions about any changes to enrolment status.



Letter Grade	Levels of achievement	4-point scale equivalents
A (A-)	Excellent	4.0 (3.67)
B (B+, B-)	Very Good	3.0 (3.33, 2.67)
C (C+, C-)	Satisfactory	2.0 (2.33, 1.67)
D (D+, D-)	Poor	1.0 (1.33, 0.67)
F	Failing	0
NG	Transfer credit	NA
CR / NCR	Credit / No credit	NA
WP/WF	Withdrawal	Pass/Fail
UG	Ungraded	NA

OUR
SCHOOL IN
NUMBERS

1312

Students across
Adliswil and Wädenswil
Campuses

913

Total students
Grades 6–12

147

Students in the
Class of 2027

CLASS OF 2026 RESULTS

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES

Creative Arts: Drawing; 2-D Art & Design;
3-D Art & Design

English: English Language; English Literature;
Seminar; Research

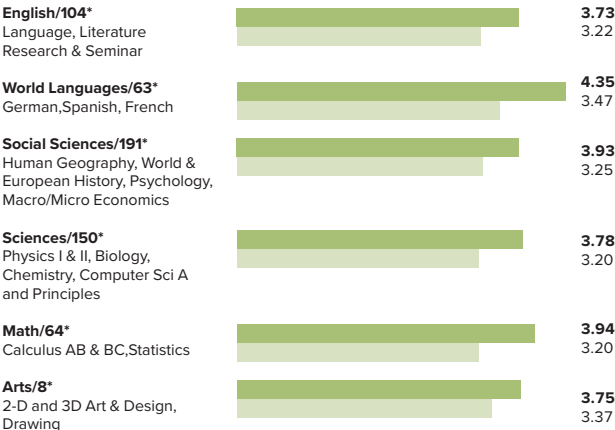
Mathematics: Calculus AB; Calculus BC;
Statistics

Science: Biology; Chemistry; Computer
Science A; Computer Science Principles;
Physics 1; Physics 2; Physics C: Mechanics;
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism

Social Studies: Art History; European History;
United States History; World History; Human
Geography; Psychology; Microeconomics &
Macroeconomics

World Languages: French; German; Spanish

Average Score by Subject Group
Highest possible score: 5 points



■ ZIS ■ World
Highest possible score: 5 points/**Number of ZIS exams taken

18%
of ZIS exams
receiving 5.0

45%
of ZIS exams
receiving 4.0
or higher

72%
of ZIS exams
receiving 3.0
or higher

580
Total AP exams
taken

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) PROGRAMME

Group 1, Studies in Language & Literature:
English A: Literature HL/SL;
English A: Language & Literature HL/SL;
French A: Language & Literature HL/SL;
German A: Language & Literature HL/SL;
Spanish A: Language & Literature HL/SL;
IB A Literature SL Self-taught

Group 2, Language Acquisition: French ab
initio SL; French B HL/SL; German B HL/SL;
Spanish ab initio SL; Spanish B HL/SL

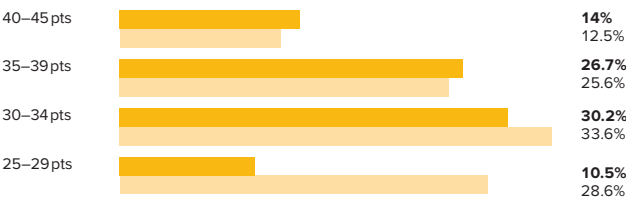
Group 3, Individual & Societies: History HL/
SL; Psychology HL/SL; Economics HL/SL;
Geography HL/SL; Environmental Systems &
Societies SL

Group 4, Experimental Sciences: Biology
HL/SL; Chemistry HL/SL; Physics HL/SL;
Environmental Systems & Societies SL; Design
Technology HL/SL

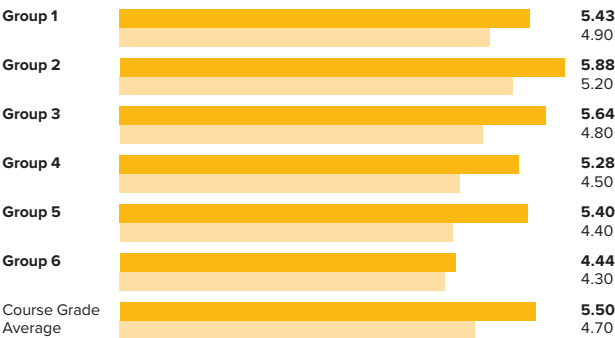
Group 5, Mathematics: Mathematics HL/SL
Applications & Interpretations; Mathematics
HL/SL Analysis & Approaches

Group 6, Arts: Visual Arts HL/SL; Music HL/SL;
Theatre HL/SL

Total points obtained by IB Diploma candidates
Highest possible score: 45 points



Average Score by Subject Group
Highest possible score: 7 points



■ ZIS ■ World

29%
of ZIS students
received a
bilingual diploma

69
Number of
ZIS IB Diploma
candidates

96%
of ZIS IB Diploma
candidates passed

35
Average points
earned by ZIS
IB Diploma
candidates (vs.
30.8 worldwide)

CLASS OF 2027 FINAL GRADE 11 GPA

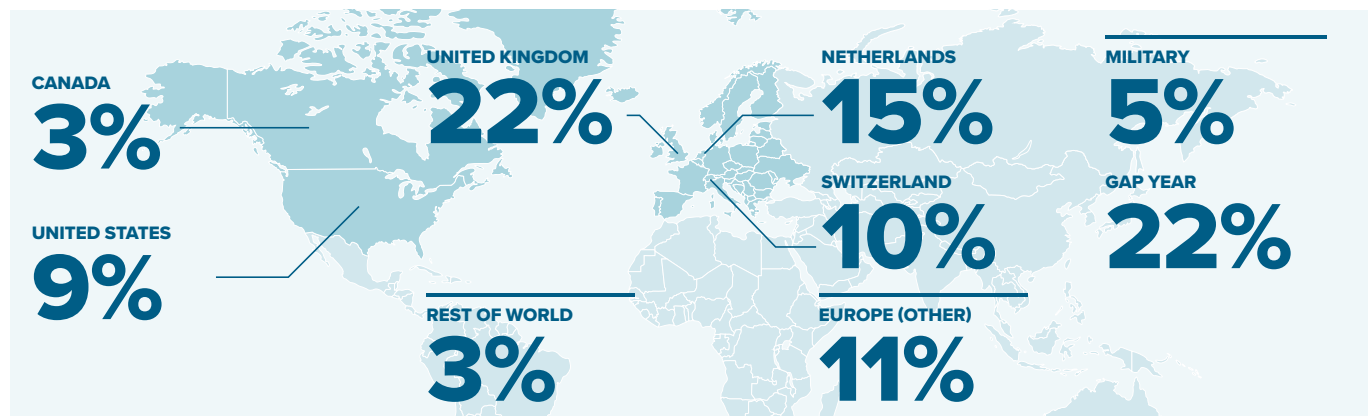
77%
of 145 students get
3.0 and above

38%
of 145 students get
3.5 and above

23%
of 145 students get
3.7 and above

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED BY ZIS GRADUATES

CLASS OF 2026 (130 STUDENTS)



UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS 2023–2026

AUSTRALIA

University of Melbourne

ARGENTINA

Universidad Austral

BELGIUM

Howest University of Applied Sciences
KU Leuven

CANADA

Bishop's University
McGill University
Queen's University
University of British Columbia (UBC)
University of Guelph
University of Lethbridge
University of Toronto

CYPRUS

European University Cyprus

DENMARK

Copenhagen Business School
Technical University of Denmark (DTU)

FINLAND

Aalto University
University of Helsinki

FRANCE

Central School of Nantes
Ecole Bleue
Ecole nationale supérieure d'architecture Paris-Malaquais
ESSEC Business School
ESCP Business School
Forward College
The American University of Paris

GERMANY

Catalyst Institute for Creative Arts and Technology
CODE University of Applied Sciences
Forward College
LMU Munich
Universitätsmedizin Neumarkt A.m. Campus Hamburg
University of Mannheim

GREECE

American College of Greece

IRELAND

Institute of Art, Design and Technology
Trinity College Dublin
University College Dublin
University of Galway

ISRAEL

Reichman University

ITALY

Humanitas University
Istituto Marangoni
John Cabot University
Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti (NABA)
Politecnico di Milano
Università Bocconi
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

LEBANON

American University of Beirut

NETHERLANDS

Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences
Codarts Rotterdam
Delft University of Technology
Eindhoven University of Technology
Erasmus University College Rotterdam
Erasmus University Rotterdam
Fontys University of Applied Sciences
Hanze University of Applied Sciences
Hotel School, The Hague
Inholland University of Applied Sciences
Leiden University
Maastricht University
Rotterdam Business School
University of Applied Sciences
The Hague University of Applied Sciences
Thim University
Tilburg University
University of Amsterdam
University of Groningen
University of Twente
Utrecht University
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
Wageningen University

NORWAY

Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)

POLAND

Wroclaw Medical University

PORTUGAL

Forward College

SPAIN

Comillas Pontifical University
Esade Business School
IE University
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
University CEU Cardenal Herrera
University of Navarra

SWEDEN

Linköping University
Karolinska Institutet
Stockholm School of Economics
Umeå University
Uppsala University

SWITZERLAND

BHMS Hospitality School
Ecole Polytechnique
Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)
EHL Hospitality Business School
ETH Zurich
Hochschule Luzern
Schweizerische Hotelfachschule (SHL)
Schule für Kunst und Design Zürich (SKDZ)
The ZHAW School of Management and Law
University of Lucerne
University of St. Gallen
University of Zurich (UZH)

UNITED KINGDOM

Canterbury Christ Church University
Cardiff University
City, St. George's, University of London
City, University of London
Durham University
Goldsmiths, University of London
Hult International Business School

Imperial College London
King's College London
University of London
Kingston University London
Lancaster University
London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London
Loughborough University
Newcastle University
Queen Mary University, London
Regents University London
Royal Holloway, University of London
Sussex University
The University of Edinburgh
University for the Creative Arts
University College London (UCL)
University of Aberdeen
University of Bath
University of Bristol
University of Buckingham
University of Essex
University of Exeter
University of Glasgow
University of Leeds
University of Manchester
University of Nottingham
University of Oxford
University of Reading
University of Southampton
University of St Andrews
University of Surrey
University of the Arts London
University of Warwick
University of York

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Bates College
Berklee College of Music
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brigham Young University
Brown University
California Baptist University
Calvin University
Colby College
Columbia University in the City of New York
Dartmouth College
Elon University

Emerson College
George Mason University
Georgia Southern University
Harvey Mudd College
Iowa State University
Lake Forest College
Marist College
Mars Hill University
Marymount University
Michigan State University
Mount Holyoke College
Northeastern University
Pennsylvania State University
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Rice University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Scripps College
Texas Christian University
The Pennsylvania State University
The University of Tampa
The University of Tennessee – Knoxville
University of California – Davis
University of California – San Diego
University of California – Santa Barbara
University of Chicago
University of Colorado – Boulder
University of Denver
University of Miami
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of Notre Dame
University of Rochester
University of South Carolina – Columbia
University of Southern California
University of Wisconsin – Madison
Utah Valley University
Wake Forest University
Whitman College