



HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2026 - 2027

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OUR SCHOOL | Established in 2009, The KAUST School (TKS), located on the shores of the Red Sea, supports the thriving international community of King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST). TKS is a nonprofit, co-educational IB World School offering a comprehensive education program. The language of instruction is English.

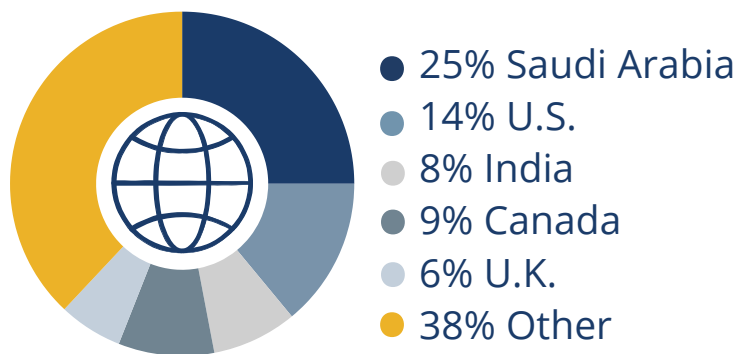
48 Nationalities
represented in
Grades 9-12

369 Students
in High School
(Grades 9-12)

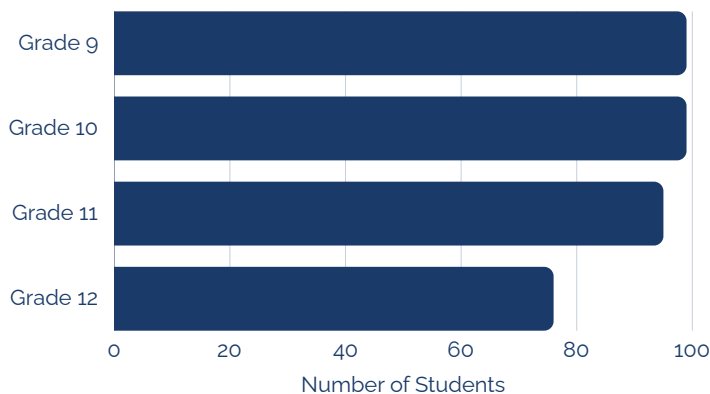
76 Students
in the
Class of 2026

1700+
Students in Grades PK-12

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT NATIONALITIES



HIGH SCHOOL POPULATION SPLIT



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.




9 YEARS AVERAGE
STUDENT TENURE


AVERAGE CLASS
SIZE: 13


FACULTY/ STUDENTS
RATIO 1:8

ACCREDITATION & 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

UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

Professional & Research Internship - WISER

WISER is a selective, credit-bearing internship program for Grades 11-12, embedded directly into the regular academic schedule. Students dedicate 5-7 hours weekly to work alongside KAUST researchers and professionals, gaining genuinely rare, university-level experience and mentorship that uniquely distinguishes their transcripts and college applications.

TKS Credentials

TKS Students may receive an additional credential as part of their program of study, representing engagement in internships at The King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST) and scholarship through IBDP HL higher level courses in the areas of STEM and Entrepreneurship & New Venture Creation/ENVC. Many credentials attain a level of scholarship meriting the signature of KAUST's Vice President of Education and Advancement.

 **Class of 2026**

42% Earned a
STEM
Credential

21% Earned an
ENVC
Credential

4% Students earning
both a STEM
& ENVC Credential



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 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
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
Anatomy & Physiology
Environmental Science: Earth Systems & Geoengineering
Chemistry: Chemical & Environmental Systems
Physics
Marine Science

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
Studio Art
Instrumental Ensemble / Advanced IE
Band
Vocal Ensemble / Advanced VE
IBDP Music SL / HL
IBDP Theatre SL / HL
IBDP Visual Arts SL / HL

Mathematics

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

Design Technology

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
Professional Internship / Research Internship
MYP Service as Action / Creativity Action Service
MYP Personal Project
Extended Essay / Research Project
Independent Study

*Additional IB courses may be available to students via Pamoja

*All students follow an Advisory Program

ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

345 HS STUDENTS IN TKS
ATHLETICS PROGRAMS

36 CO-CURRICULAR
HS TRIPS OFFERED

1311 PARTICIPANTS HOSTED
AT TKS EVENTS

Arts

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

Athletics

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

Activities & Clubs

- Spirit Committee
- Student Saudi Association
- Coding Society
- Culinary Society
- MateRov
- Model UN
- Yearbook Club
- EFFECT Club
- Frontiers for Young Minds
- Competitive Chess Club

- Math Honor Society
- Bowling
- Horseback Riding Club



CLASS OF 2026 76 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:

- Earn 26 credits between Grade 9 and Grade 12
- 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 2026

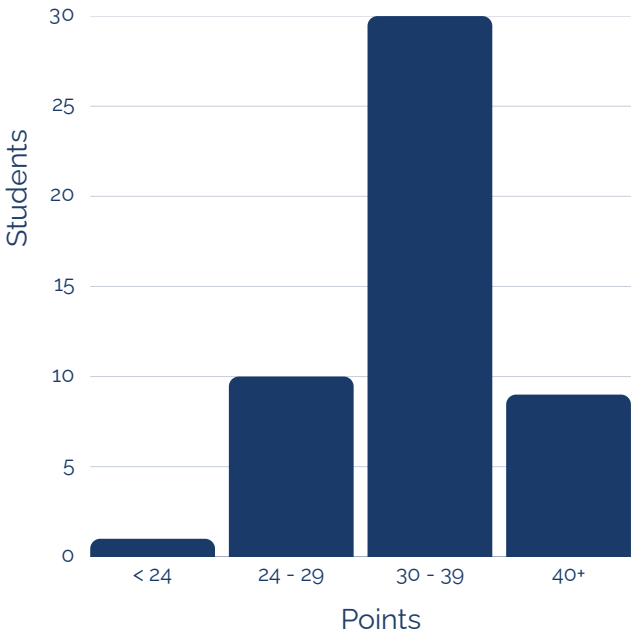
100%
Passed
TKS Diploma

94%
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	Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
 Number of Graduates	60	67	92	76
Percentage of Students Registered for the IB Diploma	75%	49%	62%	66%
Percentage of Students Taking IB Exams	90%	82%	90%	95%
Percentage of Candidates Passing the IB Diploma	89%	88%	93%	94%
Average Points of Candidates Passing the IB Diploma	32	31	33	34
IB Diploma World Average	30	30	30.5	30.8
Highest TKS IB Diploma Score	43	42	44	44

TKS IBDP Coordinator: Avan Mahmood
TKS MYP Coordinator: Marie-Theres Whitehead

CLASS OF 2026 MATRICULATION

22%	Canada
20%	Europe (excluding U.K.)
16%	U.K.
13%	Saudi Arabia
9%	USA
9%	Other Middle East Locations
5%	Australia & Oceania
5%	Asia/Other



UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATION 2025 & 2026

A total of 168 students graduated from TKS during the 2025 and 2026 academic years. Below is the list of university acceptances for these two graduation years, as well as matriculations (*) for the Class of 2026.

Saudi Arabia

Alfaisal University, Riyadh*
Batterjee Medical College*
Effat University*
King Abdulaziz University*
King Fahd University of Petroleum & Minerals
Prince Mohammad University, Dharan*
Saudi Electronic University*
Taibah University-Jeddah*
Taibah University-Medina*
Umm Al-Qura University, Mecca*
University of Business and Technology*
University of Jeddah

United States

American University - District of Columbia
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Baylor University
Brigham Young University*
California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo
California State Polytechnic University-Long Beach
California State University-San Marcos
Case Western Reserve University
Colorado State University
Columbus College of Art & Design
DePaul University
Duke University
Eastern Illinois University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Prescott
Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University
Florida Institute of Technology
Foothill College
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia State University
Hesston College
High Point University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Iowa State University
Kansas City Art Institute
Kent State University At Kent
Long Island University
Loyola University Chicago
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science*
Michigan State University
Milwaukee School of Engineering
North Carolina A & T State University
Northeastern Illinois University
Norwich University
Notre Dame of Maryland University
Oregon State University-Cascades Campus
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Erie-Behrend College*
Purdue University Fort Wayne
Purdue University Northwest
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rochester Institute of Technology
San Diego State University*
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art and Design*
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Seton Hall University
Southern Methodist University

Spelman College
SUNY Buffalo State University
Texas A & M University-College Station
Texas Tech University
The College of Wooster
The Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus
The University of Texas At Arlington
The University of Texas At Dallas
Trinidad State Junior College
Trinity University
University of Arizona
University of California-Davis
University of California-Irvine
University of California-Riverside
University of California San Diego
University of California-Santa Cruz
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Illinois Chicago
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
University of Indianapolis
University of La Verne
University of Massachusetts-Amherst
University of Massachusetts-Boston*
University of Michigan-Dearborn
University of Michigan-Flint
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
University of New Hampshire-Main Campus
University of North Texas
University of San Francisco
University of South Carolina-Columbia
University of Toledo
University of Utah
University of Washington-Seattle Campus
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Utah State University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Wake Forest University
Wartburg College
Washington State University
Wayne State University
Western Michigan University
Western Washington University
Whittier College
William & Mary
York College of Pennsylvania

Canada

Algoma University
Algonquin College*
Brock University
Carleton University
Concordia University
Lakehead University
Laurentian University
McGill University
McMaster University**
Memorial University of Newfoundland
Mount Allison University*
Mount Royal University
Nipissing University
Queen's University
Simon Fraser University
The University of British Columbia
The University of British Columbia-Okanagan
The University of Winnipeg
Thompson Rivers University
Toronto Metropolitan University***

Trent University
University of Alberta
University of Calgary
University of Guelph*
University of Guelph-Humber
University of King's College
University of New Brunswick
University of Ottawa
University of Toronto*****
University of Victoria*
University of Waterloo*
University of Windsor
Western University*
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
Cardiff University
City St. George's, University of London
City, University of London
Coventry University
Durham University
Glasgow School of Art
Heriot-Watt University*
Imperial College London
Keele University
King's College London*
Kingston University
Lancaster University
Leeds Beckett University
Liverpool Hope University
Liverpool John Moores University
London Metropolitan University
Loughborough University*
Manchester City College
Manchester Metropolitan University
Newcastle University
Northeastern University London
Northumbria University, Newcastle
Nottingham Trent University
Queen Mary University of London
Robert Gordon University
Royal Holloway London*
Sheffield Hallam University
SOAS University of London
Swansea University
The University of Edinburgh
The University of Law
UCL (University College London)*
Ulster University
University for the Creative Arts
University of Aberdeen
University of Bath
University of Birmingham
University of Bradford
University of Brighton
University of Bristol
University of Cambridge
University of Chichester
University of Dundee
University of East London
University of Essex
University of Exeter
University of Glasgow
University of Hull
University of Leeds*
University of Leicester
University of Lincoln
University of Liverpool
University of Manchester***
University of Massachus
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 Stirling*
University of Surrey
University of Sussex
University of Warwick
University of Westminster, London
University of York*

European Locations

Amsterdam University College

Anglo-American University
Atlantic Technological University
Atlas University, Istanbul
Avans University of Applied Sciences
Breda University of Applied Sciences
Budapest Metropolitan University*
Charles University, Prague*
Constructor University
Ecole Polytechnique*
EDHEC Business School
Eindhoven University of Technology**
Emlyon Business School
HU University of Applied Sciences Utrecht
HZ University of Applied Sciences
INHOLLAND University of Applied Sciences
INSA - Lyon
Instituto Europea di Design Barcelona
IPSA Institut des Sciences Polytechniques et Aeronautiques
John Cabot University
Karadeniz Technical University*
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
Klagenfurt University
Lappeenranta-Lahti University of Technology
Leiden University
Maastricht University*
Polytechnic University of Milan*
Radboud University
Royal College of Surgeons*
Sabanci University*
Sciences Po
The American University of Rome
The Hague University of Applied Sciences
Tilburg University
Trinity College Dublin*
Universidad de Córdoba*
Universität Freiburg*
Universität Leipzig*
University College Dublin
University of Crete**
University of Deusto
University of Geneva
University of Groningen
University of Navarra
University of Twente
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam*
Wageningen University
Windesheim University of Applied Sciences

Other

American University of Bahrain
American University of Beirut*
Amity University, Uttar Pradesh*
Asia Pacific University of Technology & Innovation
British University of Bahrain
College of Engineering & Information Technology
Curtin University
Curtin University Dubai
De La Salle University
Heriot-Watt University Dubai
Hong Kong University*
Khalifa University of Science, Technology & Research
Korea Advanced Institute of Science & Technology
Kyushu University
Middlesex University Dubai
Monash University*
Princess Sumaya University for Technology
Royal College of Surgeons In Ireland (Medical University of Bahrain)
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology
Sunway University
Temple University, Japan Campus
The Australian National University
The Chinese University of Hong Kong
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
The University of Hong Kong
The University of Queensland
The University of Sydney
University of Balamand
University of Birmingham - Dubai
University of Hertfordshire-Global Academic Foundation (UH-GAF)*
University of Melbourne*
University of New South Wales
University of Nottingham Malaysia
University of Otago*
University of Tsukuba*
University of Wollongong in Dubai*
UNSW Sydney
Waseda University*