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School Description

Western Academy of Beijing (WAB) was **established in 1994** as an international, independent, non-profit, English-language, co-educational day school for foreign children in Beijing, offering a challenging, caring, and community-based educational experience from Early Years through Grade 12. English is the language of instruction. WAB is a school that confidently believes excellence and inclusiveness can coexist and thrive in the same place.

WAB is proud of its international reputation as a global leader in innovation in learning and teaching. Our High School offers the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP), the IB Diploma Programme (IB DP), and an American-accredited High School Diploma. Every graduate earns an accredited Western Academy of Beijing High School Diploma. **The Class of 2027 (101 students) will be the 21st graduating class in the school's 32-year history.**

WAB HS
DEMOGRAPHICS

404
students

24%
North America

33%
Asia

29%
Europe

7%
Oceania

2%
Others

44 Nationalities | 32 Languages

WAB's diversity is reflected in the fact that no single nationality exceeds 20% of the student body.

60 Teachers | 18 Nationalities

Destinations for Class of 2026 (98 students)

Others: Includes Gap Year and National Service



Accreditations



Memberships



HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM (IB AND BEYOND)

WAB students are encouraged to take the most challenging courses in which they can excel academically.

English is the language of instruction, with 70-minute classes on an alternate rotating schedule from August to June. Grades 9–10 students take eight courses annually, with options including the Capstone Program and MYP Personal Project for independent research.

In Grades 11–12, students may pursue the full IB Diploma Program (non-selective) or the WAB High School Diploma, which offers an individualized curriculum combining IB courses and school-based high school courses, with the option to complete a capstone project.

Students may not repeat a course in a subsequent year.

WAB supports 12 applications to universities each academic cycle (University of California and UCAS schools count as one application).

WAB reports disciplinary and academic integrity violations, suspensions, and expulsions when required by institutions.

WAB is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and upon successful completion of WAB's graduation requirements, students graduate with a WAB High School Diploma, the equivalent of a U.S. high school diploma.

Class of 2026 SAT Scores Summary



Standardized Tests & External Exams

WAB offers the following external exams on-site:

- IB
- MAP
- PSAT
- SAT

WAB Graduation Requirements

College Preparatory Diploma (minimum 24 credits)	General Studies Certificate (minimum 14 credits)
4 English	3 English
3 Science	2 Science
3 Mathematics	2 Mathematics
3 Humanities	2 Humanities
2 Arts	2 Health and Physical Education
2 Health and Physical Education	2 Arts
2 Technology	1 Elective
3 Electives	
2 Other Language	

Credit is given at the end of a school year with a grade of 3 or higher. Transfer students will have their previous transcript verified and credit is awarded (not stated on WAB transcript). Students may be waived certain requirements only if transferring mid-way through high school. Students must fulfill CAS requirements for WAB graduation. WAB does not rank or calculate Grade Point Average (GPA).

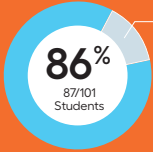
P (Pass) indicates insufficient assessment data for the grade level to award a numeric grade. Required mastery was subsequently demonstrated through summer assessments, earning course credit without a grade value.



FULL

IB

WAB Class of 2027



14% Individualized Curriculum (WAB HS Diploma)

CAPSTONE PROGRAM

The Capstone program is a selective high school opportunity where students design projects, conduct research, intern, and develop skills to earn credits over one or two years.

WABX EXTRACURRICULARS, GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP, AND CHINA ENGAGEMENT

To earn the WAB High School Diploma, students commit to global citizenship and community projects meeting IB learning objectives (CAS). Annual China Studies trips deepen engagement with the host country, enriching their educational experience.

Class of 2026 (in USD) Average

\$4.5M \$18.5k

in scholarships

240

ACTIVITIES

16 SPORTS

39 TEAMS

UNIVERSITY APPLICATION GRADES (UAG)

University Application Grades are shared with our students and parents. University Application Grades are developed using the following factors:

- Grade 11 final grade.
- Student's best sustained performance for their course to this point in Year 2 (Formative or Summative).
- Teacher's professional understanding of the IB grade descriptors for the course and the course requirements and their judgement of the student's ability to achieve these standards.
- IB Core is based on student progress and engagement in the Extended Essay and Theory of knowledge, including the quality of work completed by the end of Grade 11.

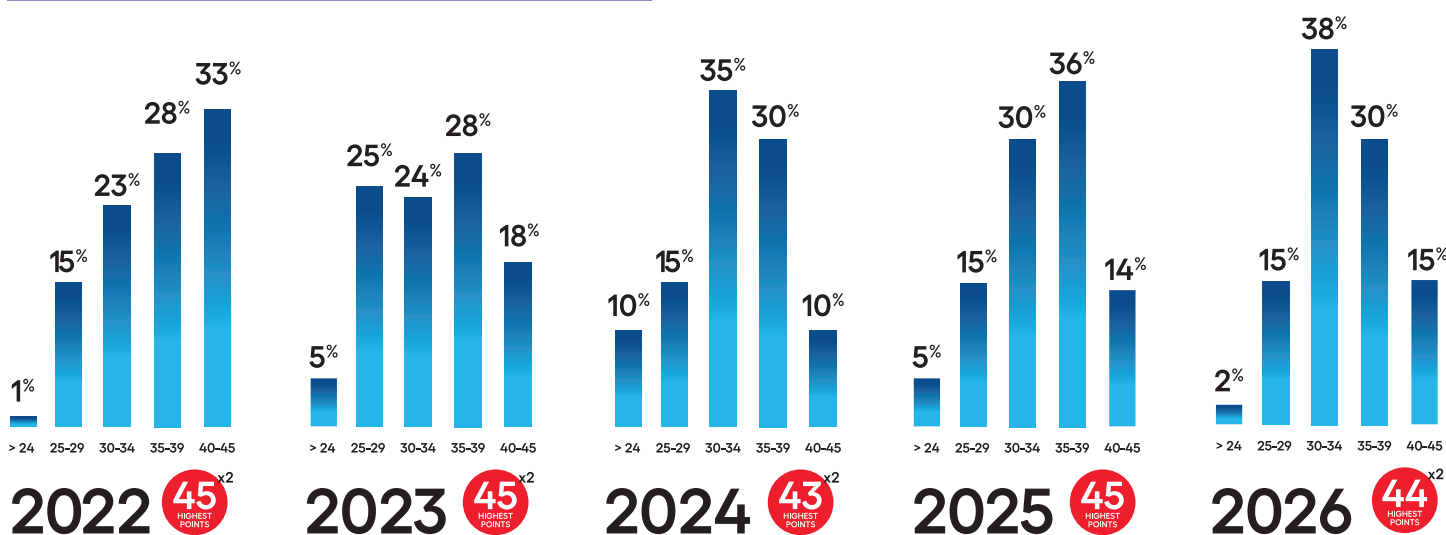
Grading System (1-7 Scale)

This table is a reference to support the interpretation of IB Diploma Program grades with descriptors. It should be viewed as general guidance.

Grade	North American Conversion	Descriptor
7	A+	Excellent
6	A	Very Good
5	B	Good
4	C	Satisfactory
3	D	Mediocre
2	F	Poor
1	F	Very Poor
P	Pass	Basic Mastery
N	No Grade	Insufficient Evidence
W	Withdraw	Withdrew Before Grading

Western Academy of Beijing IB Diploma Results

WAB is inclusive with regarding admission to the IB Diploma Programme. WAB expects full DP students to enroll in no more than three higher-level courses and three standard-level courses.



Graduating Class	IB DP Candidates	WAB Mean	World Mean	Percentage of WAB DP Candidates Who Earned the Diploma	Number of WAB Students Who Earned a Bilingual Diploma
2026	80	34	30.8	98%	16
2025	73	34	30.6	95%	12
2024	69	33	30.3	93%	21
2023	74	34	30	93%	18
2022	82	37	31.98	96%	24

COURSE OFFERINGS 2026-2027

All courses are IB unless specifically denoted as High School (HS) courses. HS courses are WAB-developed courses aligned with U.S. high school curricular expectations.

ENGLISH

MYP: English A Language & Literature, English Language Acquisition

DP: English Literature (SL/HL), English Language & Literature (SL/HL), English B (HL)

HS: English, Academic Reading & Writing Skills

HUMANITIES

MYP: Individuals & Societies, Global Crisis & Sustainability

DP: Economics (SL/HL), Geography (SL/HL), Global Politics (SL/HL), History (SL/HL), Digital Society (SL/HL), Psychology (SL/HL)

HS: Global Issues

MATHEMATICS

MYP: Mathematics (Standard and Extended levels)

DP: Mathematics Analysis & Approaches (SL/HL), Mathematics Applications and Interpretation (SL/HL)

HS: HS Essential Math (*Applies mathematical concepts to real-world contexts: quantitative reasoning, data analysis, financial mathematics, and practical problem-solving*)

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

MYP: Science (Integrated Biology, Chemistry, and Physics lab sciences), Design, Robotics & Software Development, Nature of Science (lab science)

DP: Biology (SL/HL), Chemistry (SL/HL), Physics (SL/HL), Design Technology (DT) (SL/HL), Environmental Systems & Society (SL/HL), Sports, Exercise & Health Science (SL)

HS: Integrated Science

LANGUAGES

MYP: Mandarin, Spanish, French Foundation, Standard, Advanced levels

DP: Mandarin Ab Initio SL, Chinese Literature A (SL/HL), Chinese Language and Literature A (SL/HL), Chinese B (SL/HL), Spanish Ab Initio SL, Spanish B (SL/HL), IB French B (SL/HL), Self-Taught (SL) (School Supported)

HS: Conversational Chinese

THE ARTS

MYP: Art, Dance, Film, Music, Theatre

DP: Visual Arts (SL/HL), Dance (SL/HL), Theatre (SL/HL), Film Studies (SL/HL), Music (SL/HL)

HS: Art & Design

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

MYP: Health and Physical Education

OTHER

DP: Theory of Knowledge (TOK)

HS: Capstone, Internship, HS Life Skills, EI-Math, EI-Literacy

INDEPENDENT LEARNING

MYP: Personal Project

DP: Extended Essay

Pamoja IB Online Courses

Students who are non-native English language speakers are assessed to determine whether **ELA support** is required.

MATRICULATION - UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE: CLASSES OF 2023-2026

ASIA



Beihang University (CN)*
 Beijing Foreign Studies University (CN)*
 Beijing Institute of Technology (CN)
 Beijing Language & Culture University
 Delhi Pharmaceuticals Science and Research University (IN)*
 Ewha University (KR)
 Fudan University (CN)*
 Hokkaido University (JP)
 Kanda University of International Studies (JP)
 Keio University Shonan Fujisawa Campus (JP)
 Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) (KR) (2)
 Korean National University of Arts (KR)
 Korea University (KR) (3)*
 Malaviya National Institute of Technology (IN)*
 Nagoya University (JP)
 National University of Singapore (SG)
 New York University Shanghai (CN)
 Peking University (CN)
 Seoul National University (KR) (8)*
 Shoolini University (IN)
 Sogang University (KR) (2)
 Sophia University (JP)
 The Chinese University of Hong Kong (HK)
 The University of Hong Kong (HK) (3)
 The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (HK) (3)***
 The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HK) (4)
 University of International Business and Economics (CN)
 Waseda University (JP)
 Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University (CN)*
 Yonsei University (KR) (5)

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND



Australian Catholic University
 Australia National University
 Deakin University
 Monash University
 Swinburne University of Technology*
 University of Adelaide*
 University of Auckland (3)*
 University of Brisbane
 University of Canberra
 University of Melbourne (3)*
 University of New South Wales
 University of Otago*
 University of Queensland (2)
 University of Sunshine Coast, Queensland
 University of Sydney (3)*
 Victoria University of Wellington (2) *

CANADA



Algonquin College
 Carleton University
 Concordia University
 Lakehead University
 McGill University (4)**
 McMaster University
 Queen's University*
 Toronto Metropolitan University (2)
 Trent University
 University of British Columbia (12)**
 University of Calgary
 University of Ottawa
 University of Toronto (15)*****
 University of Victoria
 University of Waterloo
 York University

EUROPE



Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences (NL)*
 Anglo-American University Prague (CZ)*
 Berlin-Weissensee School of Art (DE)*
 Bocconi University (IT)

Central European University, Vienna Campus (AT)
 Copenhagen Business School (DK)
 Corvinus University of Budapest (HUN)*
 Duale Hochschule Baden-Wuerttemberg Stuttgart (DE)*
 Ecole de l'Image Les Gobelins (FR)
 Erasmus University Rotterdam (NL) (2)
 ESCP Business School (FR, IT, ES)
 Fontys University of Applied Sciences (NL)
 Gerrit Rietveld Academy (NL)
 Haaga-Helia University (SE)
 Hanzse University of Applied Sciences, Groningen (NL)
 Lahti University of Applied Sciences (FI)
 Leiden University (NL) (2)
 Leiden University College The Hague (NL) (2)*
 Lund University (SE)
 Maastricht University (NL)
 Munich Business School (DE)
 Oulu University of Applied Sciences (NL)
 Paris College of Art (FR)*
 Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University (NL)
 Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm (KTH) (SE)
 TH Köln - University of Applied Sciences (DE)
 Tilburg University (NL)
 University College Maastricht (NL) (2) **
 University College Utrecht (NL) (2)
 University of Amsterdam (NL) (6)**
 University of Groningen (NL)
 University of New York in Prague, S.r.o (CZ)
 University of Szeged (HU)
 University of Veterinary Medicine, Budapest (HU)

UNITED KINGDOM



Arts University Bournemouth
 Bournemouth University
 Hartpury University
 Imperial College, London (3)*
 Loughborough University*
 King's College of London (3)
 Ulster University*
 Leeds Arts University Loughborough
 University Newcastle University
 Northeastern University (London Campus)
 Nottingham Trent University
 Royal Holloway, University of London
 Salem College
 University of Aberdeen*
 University of the Arts London (2)
 University of Cambridge
 University College London (2)*
 University of East London
 University of Glasgow
 University of Leeds
 University of London
 University of Manchester (2)*
 University of Sunderland
 University of St Andrews*
 University of Oxford (2)
 University of the Arts London (3)
 University of Warwick
 University of Surrey

UNITED STATES



Austin College
 Barnard College (2)
 Berklee College of Music (2)*
 Binghamton University
 Biola University
 Boston College
 Boston Conservatory
 Boston University
 Brandeis University (3)
 Brigham Young University-Idaho
 Brown University (3)
 Carleton College (2)**
 Carnegie Mellon University (3)*
 Chapman University
 Columbia University in the City of New York
 Cornell University (2)

Emerson College (5)**
 Emory University
 Emory University, Oxford College
 Fashion Institute of Technology
 Fort Lewis College
 George Mason University*
 George Washington University
 Indiana University - Bloomington
 James Madison University (3)**
 John Cabot University
 Knox College
 Linfield University*
 Michigan State University
 Mount Holyoke College (4)
 Nebraska University
 New Mexico State University*
 New York University (8)*
 NYU Tisch School of the Arts (9)*
 Northeastern University (2)
 Northwestern University*
 Occidental College (2)*
 Old Dominion University
 Oral Roberts University*
 Oregon State University
 Parsons School of Design - The New School (7)
 Pratt Institute - Main
 Pratt Munson
 Purdue University (3)*
 Randolph Macon Academy
 Rhode Island School of Design (2)
 Ringling College of Art and Design
 Savannah College of Art and Design (3)
 School of the Art Institute of Chicago
 Smith College
 Swarthmore College
 The New School (5)**
 Tufts University (5)*
 University of California, Berkeley (7)*
 University of California, Davis *
 University of California, Irvine*
 University of California, Los Angeles (3)
 University of California, San Diego (4)*
 University of Chicago
 University of Colorado - Colorado Springs
 University of Florida
 University of Hawaii at Manoa
 University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (2)*
 University of La Verne (2)
 University of Maryland
 University of North Carolina, Charlotte
 University of Pittsburgh
 University of Richmond
 University of Rochester*
 University of Southern California (9)***
 University of Virginia - Main Campus (3)
 University of Washington - Seattle (6)**
 Vanderbilt University
 Villanova University*
 Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
 Washington University in St Louis
 Weber State University
 Wellesley College
 Wesleyan University
 Whitman College
 Williams College
 Yale University

*** Denotes Class of 2026 (one * per matriculation)**

Australian, European, and Korean matriculation numbers are still being processed - offers continue to arrive, and student disclosure contributes to a tracking challenge.