

High School profile 2025–26

International School of Qingdao

We are a vibrant international community that provides transformative, holistic Pre K–12 education to develop globally minded individuals who learn, love and lead. As a LifePlus international school, we inspire our students to go and make a life-changing difference for the common good.

School + community

International School of Qingdao is situated on the edge of Qingdao, Shandong. Located in the Licang district, we enjoy a peaceful neighborhood. We have 61 full time teachers with an average of 6 years teaching experience. Our faculty is comprised of teachers from various countries with many coming from the USA and China. All faculty have a minimum of a bachelor's degree and over half have pursued post-baccalaureate studies. The average class size for high school is 11, ensuring that students receive individual attention from our highly qualified faculty.

Curriculum

Our high school program offers a balanced approach, preparing students for university academically, socially and emotionally. We follow American standards of education. Except for our foreign language classes, instruction is delivered in English. We offer Advanced Placement® courses as well as advanced courses beyond AP level in both Chinese and Math. We encourage our students to take courses that meet their individual goals, and our faculty provides an environment of active learning to prepare students for university level work. Grades 9–12 have 1:1 laptops.

School calendar

One school year has approximately 180 days. Classes meet for an average of 225 minutes per week.



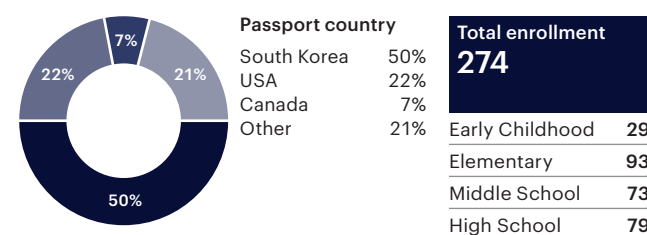
Graduation + credit requirements

- 24 *high school credits* are required for graduation. Most high school students take seven to eight courses each semester.
- One half-credit is given for each full semester of a course successfully completed in Grades 9–12. Specific credit requirements include:

English	4	Science	3	Health & Wellness	2
Math	3	Social Studies	3	Fine Arts	1
Philosophy	3	Foreign Language	2	Electives	3

School enrollment

Qingdao has a diverse student body representing 17 countries and regions throughout the world.



*Accurate as of May 24, 2026

Co-curricular activities

In Athletics, we offer boys' and girls' competitive volleyball, basketball, ping pong, badminton and soccer. Students also have the opportunity to participate in Model United Nations (MUN), the National Honor Society (NHS), the LifePlus Fine Arts Festival, choir, band, drama and service trips to various locations in Asia. In addition, students can lead their own clubs and develop projects that make a positive impact on the community, building valuable leadership skills along the way. Annual spring trips provide students with opportunities for out-of-class learning.

Grading + GPA

High school courses are graded using an unweighted 4.0 scale. The cumulative GPA (grade point average) reported on the transcript is only from courses completed at International School of Qingdao as well as our online partner schools. We do not report class rank due to the transient nature of the student body and the diversity of educational backgrounds.

Grading Scale

%	98–100	93–97	90–92	88–89	83–87	80–82	78–79	73–77	70–72	68–69	63–67	60–62	00–59
Grd	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
Pts	4.0	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.3	2.0	1.7	1.3	1.0	0.7	0

SAT® scores



Middle 50%	Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Total	1,397.5–1,522.5	1,482.5–1,547.5	1,095–1,532.5
Reading and Writing	662.5–730	692.5–750	470–742.5
Math	700–797.5	780–800	632.5–790

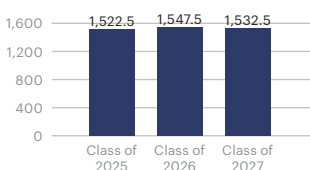
AP® scores



	2024	2025	2026
Total AP students	52	66	62
Number of exams	173	195	194
% of exams scores 3+	90%	83%	88%
% of exams scores 4+		69%	71%

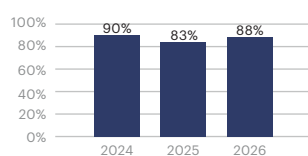
Data includes scores from study with teachers, study through LifePlus Online Academy and self-study.

3 year SAT® summary



Scores shown represent the upper quartile of SAT scores for each graduating class.

3 year AP® % of exams 3+



Accreditations + memberships

International School of Qingdao was accredited by Western Association of Schools & Colleges (WASC) from summer 2005 to summer 2021. In summer 2021, we transferred to Cognia accreditation, along with the other LifePlus schools, and we were accredited with distinction by Cognia in summer 2026. Cognia is the parent organization for North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC), and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI). In this season of transition, depending on the date of print, students may have documents with either accreditation seal. We are also a member of the Association of China and Mongolia International Schools (ACAMIS), Qingdao International Schools Network (QISN) and the East Asia Regional Council of Schools (EARCOS).



Advanced Placement® courses

Grade 9 students may take 2 AP courses. Grade 10 students may take up to 3 AP courses. Grade 11 students may take a maximum of 4 AP courses. Grade 12 students may take a maximum of 4 AP courses.

AP 2D Art and Design	AP Microeconomics
AP Biology	AP Physics 1
AP Calculus AB + BC	AP Physics C: Mechanics
AP Chemistry	AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism*
AP Chinese Language and Culture	AP Pre-Calculus
AP Computer Science Applications*	AP Psychology
AP Computer Science Principles*	AP Research*
AP English Language and Composition	AP Seminar*
AP English Literature and Composition	AP Statistics
AP Environmental Science*	Pre-AP Biology
AP Human Geography	Pre-AP Chemistry
AP Macroeconomics	Pre-AP World History and Geography

*indicates AP courses offered through LifePlus Online Academy.

We also offer Advanced Calculus which is more advanced than AP Calculus. Our Chinese Native course is also more advanced than AP Chinese.

College + university acceptances

Students at International School of Qingdao and other schools in the LifePlus family, have been accepted at colleges and universities this academic year including:

Australia	Dongguk University	Northeastern University
Australian Catholic University	Ewha Womans University	Ohio State University
University of Queensland	Hanyang University	Pennsylvania State University
University of Melbourne	KAIST	Purdue University
Canada	Konkuk University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
McGill University	Korea University	Rutgers University
McMaster University	National Korea Maritime & Ocean University	Santa Clara University
Simon Fraser University	Seoul National University	Southern Methodist University
University of Alberta	Sogang University	Stony Brook University
University of British Columbia (UBC)	Sookmyung Women's University	Temple University
University of Toronto	Sungkyunkwan University	Texas A&M University
University of Victoria	Yonsei University	Texas Christian University
China	United Kingdom	The Ohio State University
Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)	King's College London	Trinity University (Texas)
City University of Hong Kong (CityU)	University College London	University of California, (Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Cruz and Santa Barbara)
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	University of Edinburgh	University of Central Florida
NYU Shanghai	University of Manchester	University of Connecticut
University of Hong Kong	United States	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
France	Baylor University	University of Michigan
ESCP Business School	Bethel University (Mishawaka)	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Japan	Boston University	University of Notre Dame
Hosei University	Cairn University	University of Pittsburgh
Philippines	California State University, Chico	University of Rochester
Ateneo de Manila University	Calvin University	University of Texas at Dallas
Singapore	Drexel University	University of Washington
Nanyang Technological University	Fordham University	University of Washington-Seattle
National University of Singapore	Indiana University Bloomington	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Singapore Management University	Kenyon College	Wheaton College
South Korea	Liberty University	Whitman College
Chung-Ang University	Macalester College	
	Miami University	
	New York University	
	North Carolina State University	