

High School profile 2024–25

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.



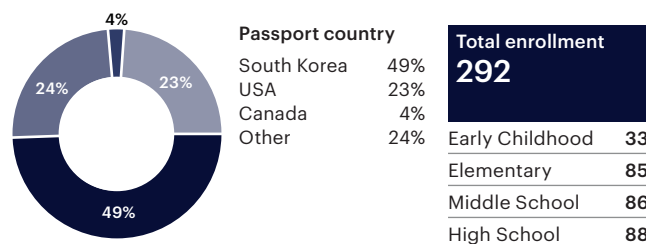
Graduation + credit requirements

- 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 21 countries and regions throughout the world.



*Accurate as of May 14, 2025

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. Annual spring trips provide students with the 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	59–00
Grd	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
Pts	4.0	4.0	3.7	3.3	3	2.7	2.3	2	1.7	1.3	1	0.7	0

SAT® scores



Middle 50%	2023	2024	2025
Total	1,422.5–1,515	1,390–1,530	1,405–1,540
Reading and writing	675–730	660–730	667.5–742.5
Math	730–800	690–800	732.5–790

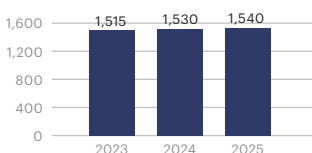
AP® scores



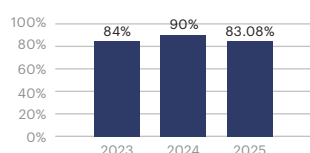
	2023	2024	2025
Total AP students	50	52	66
Number of exams	129	173	195
% of exams scores 3+	84%	90%	83.08%
% of exams scores 4+			68.72%

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

3 year SAT® summary



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

AP Biology	AP Microeconomics
AP Calculus AB + BC	AP Physics 1
AP Chemistry	AP Physics C: Mechanics
AP Chinese Language and Culture	AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism*
AP Computer Science Applications*	AP Pre-Calculus
AP Computer Science Principles*	AP Psychology
AP English Language and Composition*	AP Research*
AP English Literature and Composition*	AP Seminar*
AP Environmental Science*	AP Statistics*
AP Human Geography	Pre-AP Biology
AP Macroeconomics	Pre-AP Chemistry
	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 Griffith University James Cook University (JCU) Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT)	Singapore LaSalle College of the Arts Nanyang Technological University Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA) Singapore University of Social Sciences	Purdue University Purdue University Fort Wayne Rivier University Rutgers University Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) Seattle University State University of New York, Stony Brook (Stony Brook University) Syracuse University Texas A&M University University at Buffalo (SUNY Buffalo)
Canada University of British Columbia University of Northern British Columbia University of Toronto University of Toronto Mississauga	UK University of Oxford	University of California, (Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara and Santa Cruz)
China Hong Kong Polytechnic University Hong Kong University of Science and Technology The Chinese University of Hong Kong The Education University of Hong Kong The University of Hong Kong Shenzhen University	USA Air Force Academy Arizona State University ArtCenter College of Design Boston College Brigham Young University Cairn University Case Western Reserve University Central Washington University California College of the Arts (CCA) Drake University Emory University Faith Baptist University Fordham University Iowa State University Loyola University Michigan State University Northeastern University Occidental College Ohio State University Parsons School of Design, New York Pennsylvania State University (University Park) Pepperdine University Pratt Institute (Communications Design)	University of Colorado Boulder University of Connecticut University of Houston University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign University of Michigan University of Michigan–Dearborn University of Michigan–Flint University of Miami University of Nevada, Las Vegas University of Northern Iowa University of Portland University of Texas at Austin University of Texas at Dallas University of Washington Bothell Virginia Tech
Malaysia Universiti Putra Malaysia Universiti Sains Malaysia		
South Korea Choongang University Hanyang University Korea University Kyonggi University Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) Seoul National University Sungkyunkwan University Sungsil University Yonsei University		