

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

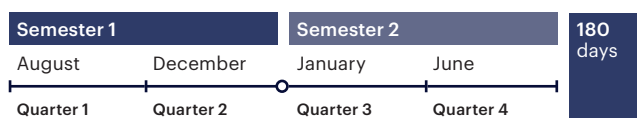
International School of Qingdao is situated on the edge of Qingdao, Shandong. Located in the Licang district, we enjoy a peaceful neighborhood. We have 59 full-time teachers with an average of 12 years' experience. Our faculty is comprised of teachers from various countries with many coming from the USA and China. All faculty have a bachelor's degree and over half have pursued post-baccalaureate studies. The average class size for high school is 15, ensuring 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 honors courses, and Advanced Placement® courses. 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.



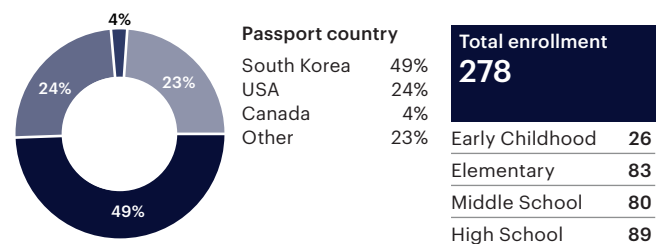
Graduation + credit requirements

- 24 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 20 countries and regions throughout the world.



*Accurate as of August 15, 2024

Co-curricular activities

In Athletics, we offers boys' and girls' competitive volleyball, basketball, ping pong and soccer. Students also have the opportunity to participate in Model United Nations (MUN), the National Honors 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

For students graduating in 2025, honors courses receive an additional 0.33, AP courses and dual enrollment receive an additional 0.66. The cumulative GPA on the transcript is only from courses completed at International School of Qingdao and 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%	2022	2023	2024
Total	1,155–1,428	1,355–1,525	1,230–1,500
Reading and writing	610–695	630–730	590–700
Math	580–738	710–800	660–800

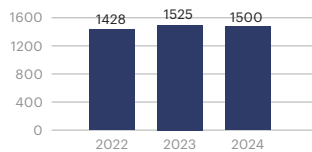
AP® scores



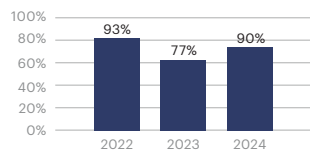
	2022	2023	2024
Total AP students	46	50	52
Number of exams	108	129	175
% students scores 3+	93%	77%	90%
% students scores 4+	81%	62%	74%

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

3 year SAT® summary



3 year AP® % students 4+



Accreditations + memberships

International School of Qingdao was accredited by Western Association of Schools & Colleges (WASC) from summer 2005 to summer 2021. In summer 2021, International School of Qingdao 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). International School of Qingdao is 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® College-level courses on an annual or rotating basis

- AP 2-D Art and Design
- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB + BC
- AP Chemistry
- AP Chinese Language and Culture
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Microeconomics
- AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based
- AP Physics C: Mechanics
- AP Precalculus
- AP Psychology
- AP Statistics

Additional AP® Courses through LifePlus Online Academy

- AP Computer Science A
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP English Language and Composition
- AP English Literature and Composition
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Human Geography
- AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
- AP Research
- AP Seminar

College + university acceptances

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

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| Australia
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology
University of Melbourne
University of New South Wales (UNSW Sydney)
University of Sydney | UAE
American University RAK
American University Sharjah
RAK Medical University
UAE University
University of Sharjah | New York University (NYU)
North Texas University
Northeastern University
Parsons School of Design
Pennsylvania State University
Pratt Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Ringling College of Art and Design
Rutgers University
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
School of Visual Arts (New York)
Temple University
The Ohio State University
UC Berkeley
University of California, (Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Diego and Santa Barbara)
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Maryland
University of Pittsburgh
University of Southern California
University of Texas at Austin
University of Texas at Dallas
University of Washington
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Tech
Washington University |
| Canada
McMaster University
University of Alberta
University of British Columbia
University of Calgary
University of Toronto
Western University | UK
Goldsmith University London
Kingston University
Loughborough University
University of Glasgow
University of Manchester | |
| China
Chinese University of Hong Kong
HKUST (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology) | USA
American University
Art Center College of Design (California)
Asbury University
Belmont University
Biola University
Boston University
Cairn University
California College of the Arts
Carnegie Mellon University
Cedarville University
Eastern University
Georgia Institute of Technology (GA Tech)
Grand Canyon University
Iowa State University
Kansas City Art Institute
Los Angeles College of Music
Messiah University
Michigan State University
Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts
Mississippi College
Montana State University
Mt. San Antonio College | |
| Czech Republic
Czech Technical University | | |
| France
Rennes School of Business | | |
| South Korea
Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)
Korea University
Seoul National University
Yonsei University | | |
| Singapore
National University of Singapore (NUS) - Computer Science
Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts
Nanyang Technological University | | |