

GSIS Secondary School Profile

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GYEONGGI SUWON
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



The School

Gyeonggi Suwon International School (GSIS) opened its doors in 2006 as a result of a partnership between its Board of Trustees, Gyeonggi Province and Suwon City. The Mission of the School is as follows:

"Gyeonggi Suwon International School provides international students a high quality internationally based education within a Christian environment utilizing positive educational experiences and biblical foundations for spiritual growth."

Because each student is recognized as a person made in the image of God, Christian education should foster self-respect and self-worth as well as respect and esteem for others. For this reason, the goal of GSIS is to provide a quality educational environment in which each student's unique gifts of intellect, personality, stature, and spirit are given the best opportunities for development toward maturity. GSIS bases its philosophy on basic Christian beliefs.

Student Body

The GSIS Secondary School Division is a fully comprehensive 6-12 secondary school enrolling over 251 students from 14 countries. The Class of 2018 has 46 students from China, Netherlands, Ukraine, Korea and the United States.

Faculty

GSIS has over 90 faculty members, with over 50 in the secondary division. More than 77% of the secondary school staff have advanced degrees. The GSIS international faculty come from Australia, Brazil, Canada, India, Korea, Mauritius, New Zealand, Spain, United Kingdom, Taiwan, and the United States.

Calendar

The GSIS academic year consists of 180 instructional days where students attend five 65 minutes classes per school day. Students who take the IB Diploma Program courses have additional class meetings of 65 minutes for Higher Level courses per cycle. The school year is divided into two semesters for assessment purposes: August to December and January to June. First semester is reported as a cumulative progress report. Final course grades are reported at the end of the second semester.

University Applications

The school limits students to 10 applications. Thus, each application is the result of a thoroughly thought through process and is supported by the school. In addition, all recommendations are confidential.

Curriculum

The secondary school division provides a college preparatory program with the expectation that students will pursue higher education. GSIS believes offering the International Baccalaureate Programs give the students a holistic education where they will continue their growth as life long learners giving back to the global community. GSIS has been authorized since 2009 to deliver the Diploma Program and since 2012 to deliver the Middle Years Program. The first cohort in the Diploma Program was completed in May 2011. Other special programs offered at GSIS include: a 21st century education, where students experience learning through 1:1 laptop, an English Language Learner (ELL) program, and a special educational needs program for applicants that qualify.

Co-Curricular Activities

Co-curricular opportunities for student involvement include, but are not limited to: basketball, cheerleading, cross-country, Global Issues Network, Mission and service trips, Model United Nations, National Honor Society, newspaper, Praise Team, soccer, Student Council Association, swimming, tennis, volleyball, and yearbook. GSIS students have competed and travelled to various countries where they have received awards for their endeavors and service through these programs. A graduation requirement for all juniors and seniors is active participation, logging, and journaling to complete the Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) requirement.

- ACSI** – Association of Christian Schools International (Boarding Accreditation)
- ASCD** – Association for Supervision & Curriculum Development
- CBIS** – College Board International School
- CSPN** – Child Safety and Protection Network
- EARCOS** – East Asia Regional Council of Overseas Schools
- IBO** – International Baccalaureate Organization (IB Diploma Authorized)
- KAIAC** - Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Conference
- NACAC** – National Association for College Admission Counseling
- NAIS** – National Association of Independent Schools
- ROK Ministry of Education** – Korean Educational Certification (in-ga)
- WASC** – Western Association of Schools and Colleges (School Accreditation)

Reporting System

Achievement levels are recorded on student transcripts at the end of each course. Credits from previous schools attended are included on the transcript. Cumulative GPA, based on a 4.0 scale, is calculated for achievement levels earned only at GSIS. IB Higher Level (HL) courses receive an additional 0.5 weighting in the calculation of GPA, and MYP and IB Standard Level (SL) courses are weighted 0.25.

GSIS awards a modified diploma to students that have an IEP and courses that have been adapted. Students who take a performance course (music, art, etc.) or students transferring into GSIS that have failed to complete a full quarter of assessed work will be given a mark of "S (Satisfactory)" or "U (Unsatisfactory)". Students who are taking online courses under a teacher's supervision at GSIS that is considered a Language support course, a required online course, School Supported Self Taught (SSST) in the Diploma Program, or Theory of Knowledge (TOK) who meet the requirements of a credit toward graduation will receive a "P (Pass)" or "F (Fail)".

GPA Equivalency Scale Based on the IB 1-7 Grading Scale for 2012 and Beyond			
1-7 Level	GRADE	IB MYP/SL Scale	IB HL Scale
7	4.00	4.25	4.50
6	3.75	4.00	4.25
5	3.25	3.50	3.75
4	2.75	3.00	3.25
3	2.25	2.50	2.75
2	1.25	1.50	1.75
1	0.00	0.00	0.00

SAT and Subject Test Results - Class of 2017

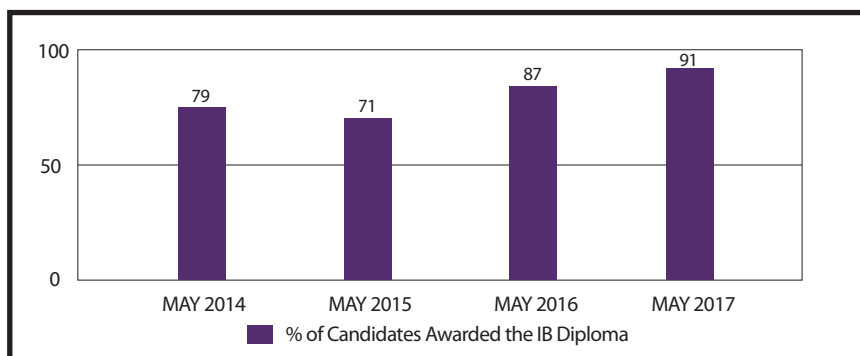
SAT Summary (2400)	Mean	Students tested
Critical Reading	590	
Math	732	
Writing	650	
Total	1972	20

SAT Summary (1600)	Mean	Students tested
EB Reading/Writing	620	
Math	670	
Total	1290	12

SAT Subject Test Score	Mean	Students tested
Biology - Ecology	590	3
Biology - Molecular	780	4
Chemistry	747	11
Chinese with Listening	780	2
English Literature	715	2
Japanese with Listening	780	1
Korean with Listening	795	4
Math Level II	764	25
Physics	700	3
U.S. History	658	6
World History	500	2

IB Diploma Results 2014-17

	Average Total Points Scored for IB DP Students	Average Grade Scored for IB DP Students	Number of Diploma Candidates	Number of Students Taking IB Exams
MAY 2014	31	5	43	72
MAY 2015	31	5.01	44	60
MAY 2016	32	5.17	46	52
MAY 2017	32	5.02	33	35



Course List 2017-2018 School Year

(GSIS Secondary Division Gr.9-12)

DEPARTMENT	GSIS COURSES		DP COURSES	
English (4 credits required)	IB MYP English 4A HS IB MYP English Lang & Lit 9 IB MYP English Lang & Lit 10 Publications		IB DP English B HL IB DP English B HL2 IB DP English B SL IB DP English B SL2	IB DP English LangLit HL IB DP English LangLit HL2 IB DP English LangLit SL IB DP English LangLit SL2
Math (3 credits required)	IB MYP 3 Geometry IB MYP 4 Algebra 2 IB MYP 4 Algebra 2 Extended	IB MYP 5 Pre-Calculus IB MYP 5 Pre-Calculus Extended	IB DP Math HL IB DP Math HL2 IB DP Math SL IB DP Math SL2	IB DP Math Studies SL IB DP Math Studies SL2
Science (3 credits required)	IB MYP Biology IB MYP Chemistry IB MYP Physics		IB DP Biology HL IB DP Biology HL2 IB DP Biology SL IB DP Biology SL2 IB DP Chemistry HL IB DP Chemistry HL2 IB DP Chemistry SL IB DP Chemistry SL2	IB DP Design Technology HL IB DP Design Technology HL2 IB DP Design Technology SL IB DP Design Technology SL2 IB DP Env Sys and Soc SL IB DP Physics HL IB DP Physics HL2 IB DP Physics SL IB DP Physics SL2
Social Studies (3 credits required)	IB MYP Economics IB MYP US History & Governments IB MYP World History Psychology		IB DP Bus & Management SL IB DP Bus & Management SL2 IB DP Economics SL IB DP Economics SL2 IB DP Psychology HL IB DP Psychology SL	IB DP World History HL IB DP World History HL2 IB DP World History SL IB DP World History SL2
World Language (2 credits required)	IB MYP Korean 3B IB MYP Korean 4A IB MYP Korean 4B IB MYP Korean 5 IB MYP Korean Lang & Lit 9 IB MYP Korean Lang & Lit 10 IB MYP Mandarin 1 HS IB MYP Mandarin 2 HS IB MYP Mandarin 3B	IB MYP Mandarin 4A IB MYP Mandarin 4B IB MYP Mandarin 5 IB MYP Spanish 1 HS IB MYP Spanish 2 HS IB MYP Spanish 3B IB MYP Spanish 4A	IB DP Dutch Lit SL IB DP Japanese Lit SL IB DP Korean B HL IB DP Korean B HL2 IB DP Korean B SL IB DP Korean B SL2 IB DP Korean LangLit HL IB DP Korean LangLit HL2 IB DP Korean LangLit SL IB DP Korean LangLit SL2	IB DP Mandarin Ab initio IB DP Mandarin B HL IB DP Mandarin B HL2 IB DP Mandarin B SL IB DP Mandarin B SL2 IB DP Mandarin Lit SL2 IB DP Spanish Ab initio IB DP Spanish Ab initio 2 IB DP Spanish B HL IB DP Spanish B HL2 IB DP Spanish B SL IB DP Spanish B SL2
Religious Studies (3 credits required)	Bible 9 Bible 10 Bible 11 Bible 12		IB DP Theory of Knowledge 1 IB DP Theory of Knowledge 2	
Fine Arts (1 credit required)	IB MYP Drama 9 IB MYP Drama 10 IB MYP Music 9 IB MYP Music 10 IB MYP Visual Arts 9 IB MYP Visual Arts 10 2D Design 1 2D Design 2	3D Art Choir Concert Band Drawing and Painting 1 Strings Symphonic Band Theater Arts	IB DP Music HL IB DP Music HL2 IB DP Music SL IB DP Theatre HL IB DP Theatre HL2 IB DP Theatre SL IB DP Theatre SL2	IB DP Visual Arts HL IB DP Visual Arts HL2 IB DP Visual Arts SL IB DP Visual Arts SL2
PE/Health (1.5 credit required)	IB MYP Physical & Health Education 9 IB MYP Physical & Health Education 10	Individual Sport Team Sports		
Tech (0.5 credit required)	IB MYP Design 9 IB MYP Design 10			

Graduation Requirements

A diploma will be granted to each student who has completed the following:

- Attended GSIS for at least the entire final semester of his/her 12th grade year
- Satisfactorily completed 27 credits during his/her 9th to 12th grade career
- Satisfactorily reflects a record that meets the behavior management code of conduct
- Satisfactorily has met the attendance requirements for obtaining credit
- Paid in-full fees and tuition owed to GSIS
- Completion of the CAS Program as prescribed by IB DP

Subject Area and Graduation Requirements for GSIS

Subject Area	Credit
English	4
Math	3
Science	3
Social Studies	3
World Language	2
Religious Studies	3
Fine Arts	1
PE/Health	1.5
Design Technology	0.5
Electives	6
Total	27

Transferred-in Students

Students who enter GSIS and have an average of fewer than 7 high school courses per year are subject to the following requirements:

Subject Area	Credit
English	4
Math	3
Science	3
Social Studies	3
World Language	2
Religious Studies	0
Fine Arts	1
PE/Health	1
Design Technology	0
Electives	10
Total	27

* Bible or IB DP Theory of Knowledge is required as part of elective credits.

University Acceptances & Matriculations 2015-2017

Australia

The Australian National University
The University of Sydney

Canada

McGill University
McMaster University
Queen's University
Simon Fraser University
Trinity Western University
University of Alberta
University of British Columbia
University of Toronto
Western University
York University

France

Ecole de Design Nantes Atlantique
International Fashion Academy - Paris

Germany

Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg
Georg-August-Universität Göttingen
Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main
Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn
Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg

Hong Kong

City University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong Design Institute
The Chinese University of Hong Kong
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
The Hong Kong University of Science & Technology
The University of Hong Kong

Italy

Polimoda International Institute of Design and Marketing

Japan

Akita International University
Keio University
Meiji University
University of Tokyo
Waseda University

Netherlands

Amsterdam Fashion Institute
Amsterdam University
ArtEZ University of the Arts
Maastricht University
Royal Academy of Art, The Hague
Utrecht University

Singapore

Yale - NUS College

South Korea

Ewha Womans University
Ghent University Global Campus
Korea University
Kyunghee University - Global Campus
Sookmyung Women's University
SUNY Korea
Yonsei University

Sweden

KTH Royal Institute of Technology

Switzerland

École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne

Thailand

Stamford International University - Bangkok Campus

U.K.

Coventry University
Hult International Business School
Imperial College London

Kingston University
London College of Fashion
Queen Mary, University of London
The London School of Economics and Political Science
The University of Edinburgh
The University of Manchester
The University of Nottingham
The University of Sheffield
The University of Warwick
University College London
University of Bath
University of Birmingham
University of Bristol
University of Glasgow
University of Kent
University of Leeds
University of Southampton

USA

Albany College of Pharmacy
Alfred University
Arizona State University
Art Center College of Design
Bard College
Baylor University
Binghamton University
Biola University
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
California College of the Arts
California Institute of the Arts
California State University, Long Beach
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
City College of New York
Claremont McKenna College
Colgate University
College of William and Mary
Cornell University
Davidson College
Drexel University
Duquesne University
Eastern Michigan University
Emerson College
Emory University
Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, Los Angeles
Fashion Institute of Technology
Fordham University
Fullerton College
George Mason University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia State University
Grinnell College
Hampton University
Hofstra University
Indiana University at Bloomington
Irvine Valley College
Johns Hopkins University
Kalamazoo College
Kansas State University
Kenyon College
Lehigh University
Lewis & Clark College
Loyola Marymount University
Marquette University
Maryland Institute College of Art
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
Miami University, Oxford
Michigan State University
Minerva Schools at KGI
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Ohio Northern University
Oregon State University
Otis College of Art and Design
Pace University, New York City
Pennsylvania State University, Erie
Pennsylvania State University, University Park
Pepperdine University
Pitzer College
Pratt Institute
Purdue University
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rice University
Rutgers University
San Francisco Art Institute
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
School of Visual Arts
Seattle Pacific University
Simon Fraser University
Southern California Institute of Architecture
Southern Methodist University
St. Bonaventure University
State University of New York at Albany
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stony Brook University
Suffolk University
Syracuse University
Texas A&M University
The Culinary Institute of America - NY
The George Washington University
The New School
The Ohio State University
The Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University
The University of Arizona
The University of Georgia
The University of Iowa
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
The University of Texas, Austin
The University of the Arts
The University of Vermont
University at Buffalo The State University of New York
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Merced
University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Connecticut
University of Denver
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Kentucky
University of Maryland, Baltimore Country
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Massachusetts, Lowell
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of Northern Iowa
University of Oregon
University of Rhode Island
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
University of the Pacific
University of the Sciences in Philadelphia
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin, Madison
University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Wake Forest University
Washington State University
Washington University in St. Louis