ASIA PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Nurturing Leaders of the New Pacific Century

# **ACADEMIC PROFILE** 2023-2024



SEOUL



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# ACCREDITATION

Asia Pacific International School (APIS) has established a global network of campuses under one school: our East Asia campus in Seoul, South Korea, and our West campus in Hawai'i, U.S. Shared curricular emphases across the Seoul and Hawai'i campuses ensure that APIS is one integrated learning community. At the same time, each campus has its own curricular specializations and emphases, allowing our students to draw from the advantages of both the East and West.

APIS Seoul and Hawai'i campuses are fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). APIS is also a member of EARCOS, International ACAC, NAIS, and NACAC.

### **APIS STUDENTS**

Among our students, 38% are Korean nationals; 37% are American citizens; and the remaining 25% are from 10 different countries.



45 Students who receive financial aid



is not English



Percentage of seniors expected to attend four-year colleges

### **APIS FACULTY**

APIS currently employs 39 full-time and 5 part-time faculty members recruited from top universities in North America and the world, of which 33 work in the high school. 80% have advanced degrees in their subject matter.

· Student-teacher ratio: 5 to 1

· APIS Faculty Profile: https://www.apis.org/about\_faculty.php

# SCHOOL CALENDAR

The APIS school year has two semesters beginning in mid-August and mid-January. The academic calendar follows a block schedule where each one credit course meets for two 85 minute periods and one 40 minute period per week. This allows more time for cooperative, experiential learning. Our course curriculum is paced to include the New Pacific Century Scholars Program. By the end of the year, each student completes a career exploration, service learning experience, or research and discovery project. This will be graded and transcripted at the end of the program.

# MAY 2023 AP EXAM SCORES (5 or more exams only)

| AP Exam                 | Average | Tested | AP Exam               | Average | Tested |
|-------------------------|---------|--------|-----------------------|---------|--------|
| Biology                 | 3.43    | 7      | English Lang. & Comp. | 3.33    | 21     |
| Calculus AB             | 3.86    | 7      | English Lit. & Comp.  | 3.88    | 8      |
| Calculus BC             | 4.06    | 18     | Psychology            | 3.59    | 29     |
| Chemistry               | 4.33    | 9      | Statistics            | 4.71    | 7      |
| Chinese Lang. & Culture | 3.33    | 6      | U.S. History          | 3.22    | 9      |

#### APIS MISSION Asia Pacific International School educates

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# The Hibiscus Model of APIS Education

| Core Curricular<br>Emphases                    | Key Character<br>Strengths        | New Pacific Century<br>Skills & Dispositions |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| East Asian Studies                             | <ul> <li>Aspiration</li> </ul>    | <ul> <li>Communication</li> </ul>            |
| <ul> <li>Performing and Visual Arts</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Perserverance</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Collaboration</li> </ul>            |
| STEM   | Integrity                         | <ul> <li>Critical Thinking</li> </ul>        |
| <ul> <li>Spiritual Growth</li> </ul>           | <ul> <li>Selflessness</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Citizenship</li> </ul>              |



Asia Pacific International School educates students in a loving and caring Christian environment to become globally enlightened citizens, who can bridge between East and West and embrace exciting challenges of the New Pacific Century. APIS mission sets the direction for our educational philosophy by asking "what will the New Pacific Century demand from our leaders?" The New Pacific Century refers to the growing importance of the linkage between the East and West. Moreover, we recognize the growing importance of the East in terms of economics, politics, and culture. In a loving and caring Christian environment, we strive to educate our students to be the bridge builders between the East and the West.

CORE CURRICULAR EMPHASES

- · East Asian Studies
- Performing and Visual Arts
- $\cdot$  STEM (Science, Technology,
- Engineering, and Math)
- Spiritual Growth

We believe literacy and fluency in the following four curricular or content areas are critical for readiness in the New Pacific Century.

The four emphases are deliberate in design to address the unique challenges facing the New Pacific Century. We believe certain core knowledge or expertise simply cannot be fully outsourced to machines or to others. They can only be useful and serve a basis for further innovation if we possess the appropriate literacy and fluency in these content areas.

KEY CHARACTER STRENGHS

- Aspiration
- Perseverance
- Integrity
- Selflessness

The virtue of character is the most important reason why our students will succeed in the New Pacific Century. The following four character strengths are named after our school's acronym, APIS: Aspiration, Perseverance, Integrity and Selflessness.

We are pioneers who hold the highest aspirations for ourselves and each other, while persevering through every failure knowing that it is a step closer to success. Honesty and truthfulness guides our conviction and we strive to lead a life of the highest passion in the service of others, contributing to the betterment of humanity.

# NEW PACIFIC CENTURY (NPC) SKILLS & DISPOSITIONS

- Communication • Collaboration
- · Critical Thinking
- · Citizenship

Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, and Citizenship are skills that are essential for success in the New Pacific Century. They cut across content and extend beyond the academic standards. Innovation and creativity are sewn into each category, as students will need to be producers, taking an active role in the world to be successful global citizens.

# New Pacific Century Scholars

The New Pacific Century Scholars program is a required, signature program highlighting APIS' personalized educational approach. Students spend time identifying passions, selecting a topic, and then diving into a several week long, rigorous learning experience. This generally follows one of three categories; Research and Discovery, Service Learning or Career Explorations. Students share their experiences with the community and are assessed on their growth on their high school transcript.





| HIGH SCHOOL (                   | OURSE OFFERINGS 2023-2024   |   |   |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---|
| English                         | Honors English 9-12<br>AP English Language<br>AP English Literature<br>Journalism<br>Publications<br>Creative Writing   | Computer Science/<br>Technology                   | Digital Explorations<br>Digital Fabrication<br>Robotics<br>Advanced Robotics<br>Computer Science 1<br>Advanced Computer Science   |
| Foreign Language                | Chinese I-IV<br>Japanese I-IV<br>AP Chinese<br>AP Japanese  |   | AP Computer Science A<br>Art I  |
| Korean Language &<br>Literature | Korean Language & Literature 9<br>Korean Language & Literature 10<br>Korean Modern History & Literature 11<br>Korean Studies & Perspectives of East Asia 12<br>Korean as an Additional Language | Fine Arts   | Art II<br>Recording Arts<br>Advanced Recording Arts<br>Advanced Orchestra<br>Advanced Band<br>Advanced Chorus<br>AP Music Theory  |
| Mathematics                     | Honors Algebra II<br>Honors Geometry<br>Honors Precalculus<br>Honors Statistics<br>Honors Calculus  | _   | Art Portfolio<br>AP Studio Art - Drawing<br>AP Studio Art - 2D Design<br>AP Studio Art - 3D Design  |
|                                 | AP Calculus<br>AP Statistics  | Physical Education                                | Physical Education 9, 10  |
| Science                         | Honors Biology<br>Honors Chemistry<br>Honors Physics<br>Honors Environmental Science<br>STEAM<br>AP Biology<br>AP Chemistry<br>AP Environmental Science<br>AP Physics                           | Advanced Topic<br>Independent<br>Research Courses | Advanced students are able to take advantage<br>of an Advanced Topic Independent Research<br>course if they want to pursue an area of study<br>that is not offered in Advanced Placement<br>selections at APIS or is beyond the scope of an<br>Advanced Placement course.<br>Students are responsible for designing,<br>proposing, and executing their research under<br>the guidance of a mentor.<br>Their research must reach beyond the scope of<br>an Advanced Placement course and must<br>culminate in a tangible product, program,<br>publication, or project that will be scored by an<br>academic panel. |
| Social Studies                  | Honors U.S. History<br>Honors World History<br>AP U.S. History<br>AP World History<br>AP Psychology<br>AP Economics (Micro and Macro)   | _   |   |

\* APIS limits students to taking a maximum of 3 AP courses in a given year. Only our most academically capable students are sometimes able to appeal to our administration to take 4. Students are only allowed a total of 7 AP courses during their APIS High School career. All students must meet strict requirements before being allowed to enroll in an AP class.

#### **CREDITS & GRADUATION**

APIS students must have a minimum of 24 units of credit for graduation, distributed among the following subject areas:

| Subject Area                    | Graduation Requirements  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| English                         | 4 units of credit (4 years)  |
| Korean Language &<br>Literature | 2 units of credit (.5 unit of credit for each year for 4 years)        |
| Social Studies                  | 2 units of credit (2 years)  |
| Mathematics                     | 3 units of credit (3 years)  |
| Science                         | 3 units of credit (3 years)  |
| Foreign Language                | 3 units of credit (3 years)  |
| Fine Arts/<br>Technology        | 1 unit of credit from Fine Arts or<br>1 unit of credit from Technology |
| Physical Education              | 1 unit of credit   |
| Electives                       | 5 units of credit  |
| Total                           | 24 units of credit   |

\* Transfer Students: Transfer students who are unable to fulfill the total credit requirements for foreign language, Korean Language & Literature, and/or Physical Education will have these specific requirements waived. The same minimum credit requirement of 24 units still must be completed for graduation.

\* Given the rigorous nature of our curriculum, all our college prep classes are considered honors classes due to their fast pace.

\* Korean is a required course for all students whether it is their native language or not. For some it is a foreign language; for others it is an in-depth study of the literature, language, history and culture of their people.

### **GRADING SYSTEM**

GPA calculation is based solely on coursework completed at APIS. Honors courses will be weighted with an additional .33 grade point. AP courses will be weighted an additional .5 grade point if the student earns a grade of 70% or higher AP course.

At APIS, we do not rank our students.

| A+ | 97-100 | 4.33 |
|----|--------|------|
| А  | 93-96  | 4.00 |
| A- | 90-92  | 3.67 |
| B+ | 87-89  | 3.33 |
| В  | 83-86  | 3.00 |
| B- | 80-82  | 2.67 |
| C+ | 77-79  | 2.33 |
| С  | 73-76  | 2.00 |
| C- | 70-72  | 1.67 |
| D+ | 67-69  | 1.33 |
| D  | 63-66  | 1.00 |
| D- | 60-62  | 0.67 |
| F  | <60    | 0.00 |
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# COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCE HISTORY

**SINCE 2012** 

Adelphi University Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Albany University - SUNY Allegheny College American University Amherst College Arizona State University Art Center College of Design Arts University Bournemouth Azusa Pacific University Babson College Bard College Barnard College Baylor University Beloit College Berklee College of Music Binghamton University Biola University Boston College Boston University Bowdoin College Brandeis University Brown University Bryn Mawr College Bucknell University California College of the Arts California Institute of the Arts California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo California State University - Fullerton Carleton College Carleton University Calvin College Carnegie Mellon University Case Western Reserve University Chapman University China Medical University Chinese University of Hong Kong Chuo University Claremont McKenna College Clark University Colby College Colgate University College of New Jersey College of the Holy Cross College of William and Mary College of Wooster Colorado Christian University Colorado College Colorado State University Columbia College, Chicago Columbia University Columbus College of Art and Design Connecticut College Cornell University CUNY Hunter College Dartmouth College Davidson College Dean College Denison University DePaul University Dickinson College Drexel University Duke University Duke University Kunshan Durham University Eastern Mennonite University École Hôtelière de Lausanne Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Emerson College Emily Carr University of Art and Design Emory University Eugene Lang College at the New School Ewha Womans University Fairfield University Fashion Institute of Technology Florida State University Fordham University Fu Ien Catholic University George Mason University George Mason University Korea George Washington University

Georgetown University Georgia Institute of Technology Georgia Institute of Technology (Dual Degree Program with Emory University Georgia State University **Glion Institute of Higher Education** Gordon College Grinnell College Hamilton College Haverford College Hawaii Pacific University Hitotsubashi University Hobart and William Smith College Hofstra University Hong Kong Polytechnic University Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Hongik University Hope College Hult International Business School IE University Illinois College Illinois Institute of Technology Illinois State University Indiana University Bloomington International Christian University Iowa State University Ithaca College Jacobs University John Cabot University Johns Hopkins University Johns Hopkins University - Peabody Institute Juniata College Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences Keio University Kenyon College King's College London Kingston University Knox College Korea University Lawrence University Lehigh University Les Roches International School of Hotel Management Lewis & Clark College Liberty University London College of Fashion London School of Economics and Political Loyola Marymount University Loyola University Chicago Lynn University Macalester College Maryland Institute College of Art Massachusetts College of Art and Design Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Massachusetts Institute of Technology McMaster University Mercer University Miami University Michigan State University Middlebury College Mount Holyoke College Muhlenberg College New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music New York University (2) New York University, Abu Dhabi New York University, Shanghai North Carolina State University Northeastern University (2) Northwestern University Nova Southeastern University Oberlin College Occidental College Ohio University Ohio Northern University Ohio State University Ontario College of Art and Design Otis College of Art and Design Oxford College of Emory University Pace University Pacific Northwest College of Art Parsons School of Design

Pennsylvania State University, University Park

Pepperdine University Pomona College Pratt Institute Purdue University Queen's University Radboud University Nijmegen Reed College Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Rhode Island School of Design (2) Rice University Rider University Ringling College of Art and Design Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Rochester Institute of Technology Roger Williams University - Mario J. Gabelli School of Business Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Rutgers University, New Brunswick Rverson University St. Bonaventure University St. George's University School of Medicine St. John's University St. Lawrence University Saint Louis University San Francisco Art Institute Santa Clara University Sarah Lawrence College Savannah College of Art and Design School of the Art Institute of Chicago School of the Museum of Fine Arts Boston School of Visual Arts Scripps College Smith College Sophia University Southern Adventist University Stanford University Stevens Institute of Technology Stony Brook University, SUNY Suffolk University Sungkyunkwan University SUNY Korea Swarthmore College Syracuse University Temple University Temple University, Japan Texas A&M University Trinity College Tsinghua University Tufts University Tulane University Union College Unity College University at Buffalo, SUNY University College London University of Adelaide University of Albany, SUNY University of Alberta University of Arizona University of Bristol University of British Columbia 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 Calgary University of Chicago University of Cincinnati University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music University of Colorado Boulder University of Connecticut University of Denver University of Detroit Mercy University of Edinburgh University of Essex University of Exeter University of Georgia University of Hawaii at Manoa

\* Class of 2023 matriculations in bold

University of Hong Kong

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign University of Iowa University of Kentucky University of Maryland University of Massachusetts Amherst University of Massachusetts Lowell University of Miami University of Michigan University of Michigan - Dearborn University of Minnesota Twin Cities University of Missouri University of New South Wales University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill University of North Dakota University of Notre Dame University of Oregon University of Ottawa University of Pennsylvania University of Pittsburgh University of Oueensland University of Redlands University of Rhode Island University of Richmond University of Rochester University of St. Andrews University of San Diego University of San Francisco University of South Florida University of Southern California (2) University of Sydney University of Tampa University of Texas, Austin University of the Arts London University of the Pacific University of the Sciences University of Toledo University of Toronto University of Utah University of Utah - Asia Campus University of Vermont University of Victoria University of Virginia University of Warwick University of Washington University of Waterloo University of Western Australia University of Windsor University of Wisconsin-Madison Ursinus College Vanderbilt University Vassar College Villanova University Virginia Commonwealth University Virginia Tech Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam Wake Forest University Waseda University Washington & Jefferson College Washington State University Washington University in St. Louis Webster University Wellesley College Weslevan University Westfield State University West Virginia University Western University Westminster College Wheaton College, IL Wheaton College, MA Whitman College Whitworth University Williams College Wilson College Worcester Polytechnic Institute Yale University Yale-NUS Yokohama National University Yonsei University Yonsei University - Underwood York University