



Shanghai American School Academic Profile

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PUXI
CAMPUS

FOUNDED IN 1912, SHANGHAI AMERICAN SCHOOL IS A PRIVATE, NOT-FOR-PROFIT, CO-EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL THAT OFFERS A CHALLENGING AMERICAN CORE CURRICULUM WITH AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE.

THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

SAS has enjoyed rapid growth in the past decade and today has two purpose-built, state-of-the-art campuses, on the east (Pudong) and west (Puxi) sides of the city of Shanghai. Together, the campuses educate some 2,844 students from more than 40 different nations.

- SAS, Puxi Campus, High School Enrollment: 676
- Graduating Seniors: 175

SAS FACULTY

SAS High School, Puxi is composed of 108 faculty members. Eighty-four percent (84%) are foreign nationals representing fourteen countries. All faculty are certified teachers, with nearly half of the members holding advanced degrees.

- Student Teacher Ratio 8:1
- Maximum class size: 20 students

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students can choose from more than 60 sporting, cultural, service, and personal enrichment activities. Among them: Student Council, Model United Nations, National Honor Society, and community service with thriving chapters of Habitat for Humanity and Roots & Shoots.

Varsity and Junior Varsity athletic teams compete in multiple conferences with schools from China, Korea, Japan, Vietnam and the Philippines.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The SAS school year has two semesters, beginning mid-August and mid-January with a total of 180 school days. We have an eight-period rotating block schedule where four periods meet each day for 80 minutes.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

At SAS, English is the language of instruction. Twenty-four credits are required for graduation, with one credit earned for a year of passing work in a course. Students may transfer a maximum of seven credits per year from another school. Students must attend SAS for at least their entire senior year in order to graduate. Specific credit requirements are as follows:

English	4	Foreign Language	2
Mathematics	3	PE/Health	2
Science	3	Fine Arts	2
Social Studies	3	Electives	5

COLLEGE ADMISSION INFORMATION

Limit on Applications – Seniors are limited to a maximum of ten college applications. Schools that receive an application for a SAS senior can be assured that the student is a serious applicant. SAS does not tick rating boxes on recommendation forms.

ACCREDITATION

SAS is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and is an IB World School. SAS is also a member of CIS, EARCOS and NACAC.

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INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA

SAS strongly believes in offering a well-rounded, demanding curriculum. Students enrolled in IB classes must take the external exams. **Enrollment in this program is open to all students.** SAS offers more than thirty IB subjects at standard and higher level. In the past four years SAS students' IB scores have exceeded the world average by at least five points each year.

Year	2016	2015	2014	2013
Diploma candidates	55	65	78	49
Pass rate	96%	97%	99%	100%
SAS average score	36	35	35	34
World average	30	30	29	29

ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMA

SAS is equally committed to AP, offering twenty subjects as well as the AP Capstone Diploma. Students enrolled in AP classes must take the external exams. **Enrollment in AP courses is open to all students.** SAS is one of the first international schools in the world to offer the AP Capstone Diploma. AP scores on a 5-point scale, with minimum passing score of 3.

Year	2016	2015	2014	2013
Exams	815	767	696	827
Scores 3 or above	90%	90%	87%	91%
Students	325	307	317	353

SAT and ACT

The scores below represent the range of the middle 50th percentile of students. Scores include both native and non-native English speakers.

SAT (prior to March 2016)

Class of	2017	2016	2015	2014
Critical Reading	570-720	580-700	580-690	590-700
Math	670-780	600-760	640-760	660-770
Writing	600-740	600-720	580-710	600-740
Total	1870-2200	1860-2170	1820-2150	1870-2190

Redesigned SAT

Class of	2017
EBRW	560-690
Math	600-700
Total	1140-1370

ACT

Class of	2017	2016	2015	2014
English	26-34	26-33	25-32	26-33
Math	29-34	28-35	28-34	29-35
Reading	25-32	25-33	23-31	25-32
Science Reasoning	26-33	25-31	24-31	25-31
Composite	27-32	26-32	26-31	26-32

GPA DISTRIBUTION / QUINTILES - Class of 2017

Quintile ranges are provided for cumulative GPA through the end of grade 11.

Quintile	Cumulative GPA
First	3.88-4.00
Second	3.74-3.87
Third	3.55-3.73
Fourth	3.24-3.54
Fifth	2.19-3.22

GRADE DISTRIBUTION: The following chart represents grades earned in all courses attended by the Class of 2017 last year. Note that chart includes grades for all students attending those classes, despite grade level. SAS also offers Virtual High School courses (not listed).

Course	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
Advanced Chinese (a)	9	1										
Advanced Pre-Calculus	18	8	3	18	4	2	3					
Algebra 2/Trigonometry & Algebra 2					1	5	2	4	1	1		
AP Biology	22	17	15	14	9	4	7	1		1		
AP Calculus AB/BC	16	6	2									
AP Capstone Research	8	2										
AP Capstone Seminar	12	11	12	12	5	8	2					
AP Chemistry	4	2										
AP Comparative Gov. & Politics	1	1	4	4	5	1	1	3				
AP Computer Science	6	3	2	1								
AP Design	2	4	5	1								
AP Economics	8	2	3	4	2	1					1	
AP English Lang. and Composition	22	12	9	5	4	1		2	1			
AP European History	12	4	5			1						
AP Music	6	2		1	1							
AP Physics 1	7	7		5	2	1						
AP Psychology	59	18	7	11	1	4	8	3	1	1	1	
AP Statistics	7	4	3	4								
AP US History	2		2	4								
Applied Economics & Business	19	7	2									
Art III Advanced Art Studio	16	4	2		2							
Chemistry	30	15	11	9	1							
Concert Band 2	12											
Concert Choir 2	10											
Contemporary Nonfiction	16	14	30	12	7	9	2	2	1		1	
Core Pre-Calculus	40	16	11	7	5	3	8					1
Earth and Space Science	20	4	5	3	2	3	2	3	1	1		
Foundation & Foundation High Chinese	4	2		1	1							
French 2/3	4		1	1		1	1	1	1	2		
Genres in Literature	15	14	9	5	1	1	1					
IB Biology SL/HL Y1	49	18	13	11	4	1	3	1				
IB Chemistry SL/HL Y1	51	12	5	9		2	2		1			
IB Chinese Lang. and Lit. SL/HL Y1	16	10	3	2	1							
IB Computer Science SL/HL Y1	4	5	4	1	1		2	1				
IB Economics SL/HL Y1	11	44	33	9	1					2		
IB English Lang. and Lit. SL/HL Y1	53	54	27	5	1							
IB English Literature SL/HL Y1	3	4	4	2	1							
IB Env. Systems and Society SL Y1	7	1			4	1		1				
IB Film HL Y1	9	5	2				1					
IB French Ab Initio Y1	10		1				1					
IB French B SL/HL Y1	15	5	1	2	1							
IB History SL/HL Y1	5	3	3	1								
IB Mandarin B SL/HL Y1	111	29	11	10		1		1	1			
IB Mathematical Studies Y1	4	2	1	1			1					
IB Mathematics HL Y1	36	11	4	1						1		
IB Mathematics SL Y1	51	16	7	10	3	1	3	1			1	
IB Physics SL/HL Y1	20	9		3		1		2				
IB Psychology SL/HL Y1	28	9	9	9	4	3	2					
IB Social/Cultural Anthropology SL	2	4	3	1								
IB Spanish B SL/HL Y1	7	4		1		2				1		
IB Sports, Health, and Science SL Y1	3	4	4	3	2	1	1					
IB Theatre SL/HL Y1	15	1	2									
IB Theory of Knowledge Y1	39	22	5	4				1				
IB Visual Arts SL/HL Y1	5	6	1	3			1					
Ideologies in International Relations	3	1	1	3	2	2	2					
Intermediate Chinese	7	1										
Intermediate High Chinese (a)	11	5	2	1	4	1						
Orchestra 2	10											
Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4	10	3	1			1	1					
Stagecraft/Theatre Production A/B	5		1	2								

CLASS RANK AND GPA

SAS calculates GPA on a 4.0 scale as follows:

Letter	Percent	GPA
A	92.5–100	4.00
A-	89.5–92.49	3.67
B+	86.5–89.49	3.33
B	82.5–86.49	3.00
B-	79.5–82.5	2.67
C+	76.5–79.49	2.33
C	72.5–76.49	2.00
C-	69.5–72.5	1.67
D+	66.5–69.49	1.33
D	62.5–66.49	1.00
D-	59.5–62.5	0.67
F	0–59.49	0

- GPA is calculated solely on coursework completed at SAS.
- SAS does not rank.
- Grades are not weighted.

COURSE RIGOR CHART

SAS has designated this scale as the guideline for rigor in our school. We recommend a maximum of three HL or three AP courses in grades 11 and 12.

	Certificates
Most Demanding	7 over 4 years or IB Diploma
Very Demanding	5–6
Demanding	3–4
Average	2
Below Average	Under 2

Note:

- Certificate count includes AP Courses and IB Higher Level courses.
- Independent AP exams do not count into rigor.
- Students can earn up to 2 Elective credits of Internship. Grades are Pass or Fail and credit does not apply toward graduation requirements.
- Courses on transcript tagged as AUD have been audited. No credit or grade is given.

UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION 2013–2016

Ninety-seven percent of SAS graduates matriculate to universities. Recent alumni are studying at schools and colleges in sixteen different countries. Three percent of our graduates are serving in obligatory military/national service or are taking a Gap Year. Numbers in parenthesis () indicate more than one graduate currently studying at that institution.

Asia/Other

City University of Hong Kong (2)
Emirates Academy of Hospitality Management
Ewha Womans University
Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (5)
Korea University (12)
Monash University
National University of Singapore (3)
Peking University
Savannah College of Art and Design Hong Kong (2)
Seoul National University (7)
Shanghai JiaoTong University
Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine
Singapore Management University
Sungkyunkwan University (3)
Temple University Japan
The Catholic University of Korea
The Chinese University of Hong Kong (2)
The Hong Kong University of Science & Technology (3)
The University of Melbourne
University of Hong Kong (9)
Waseda University (2)
Yale-NUS College
Yonsei University (12)
Yonsei University-Underwood (2)

Canada

McGill University (5)
Queen's University (3)
Simon Fraser University
University of British Columbia (16)
University of British Columbia - Okanagan Campus
University of St. Thomas
University of Toronto (18)
University of Waterloo (4)
Western University (2)

Europe/UK

Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design
Hult International Business School in San Francisco and London
Imperial College London (3)
Newcastle University
Northumbria University
Queen Mary University of London
Royal Holloway, University of London (2)
Royal Veterinary College
School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
The London School of Economics and Political Science (2)

Europe/UK, cont'd

The University of Edinburgh (2)
The University of Nottingham
University College London (6)
University of Bristol
University of Cambridge
University of Exeter (2)
University of Salford
University of Southampton
University of the Arts London (2)
Copenhagen Business School
Danish Technical University
Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne (6)
Glon Institute of Higher Education
IE University
Les Roches International School of Hotel Management (2)
The American University of Paris
University College Maastricht

USA

Albany College of Pharmacy
American University
Amherst College
Art Center College of Design (2)
Babson College (2)
Bard College (2)
Barnard College
Bates College
Bentley University (3)
Boston College (7)
Boston University (16)
Bowdoin College (3)
Brandeis University (2)
Brigham Young University (2)
Brown University (3)
Bryant University (2)
Bryn Mawr College (2)
California College of the Arts (San Francisco)
California Institute of Technology
California Institute of the Arts
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University (11)
Chapman University (6)
Claremont McKenna College (5)
Colby College (2)
Colorado College (2)
Columbia College Chicago
Columbia University (4)
Cornell University (5)
Dartmouth College
Davidson College (3)
DePaul University
Drexel University (3)
Duke University (4)
Eckerd College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Daytona Beach
Emerson College (2)
Emory University (9)
Emory University - Oxford College
Fashion Institute of Technology
Finger Lakes Community College
Florida Institute of Technology
Fordham University
Georgetown University (6)
Grinnell College (2)
Harvard University (2)
Haverford College
Illinois Institute of Technology
Johns Hopkins University (3)
Kalamazoo College
Knox College
Lawrence University
Lehigh University
Lewis & Clark College (2)
Lone Star College
Lynn University
Maryland Institute College of Art
Michigan State University (2)
Middle Tennessee State University
Middlebury College (3)
Musicians Institute
New York University (45)
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University (9)
Northwestern University (8)
Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences
Occidental College (2)
Ohio Wesleyan University
Otis College of Art and Design
Pennsylvania State University (4)
Pepperdine University (3)
Pitzer College (3)
Pratt Institute
Princeton University (5)
Purdue University (5)
Reed College (6)
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (3)
Rhode Island School of Design (5)
Rice University (2)
Roanoke College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rutgers University-New Brunswick (5)
San Francisco Art Institute
Saint Mary's College of California
Santa Clara University (12)
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago (3)
School of Visual Arts
Scripps College (4)
Simmons College
Springfield College
St. John's College, Annapolis (2)

St. John's College, Santa Fe (6)
Stevens Institute of Technology
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
The College of Wooster (2)
The George Washington University
The Los Angeles Film School
The New School (5)
The University of Alabama at Birmingham
The University of Georgia
The University of North Carolina
The University of Texas
Trinity University
Tufts University (4)
Union College
University of California, Berkeley (15)
University of California, Davis (3)
University of California, Irvine (3)
University of California, Los Angeles (7)
University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego (6)
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz (5)
University of Chicago (9)
University of Florida (2)
University of Hawaii
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (18)
University of Miami (3)
University of Michigan (9)
University of Notre Dame (2)
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania (7)
University of Pittsburgh
University of Redlands
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco (3)
University of South Florida
University of Southern California (21)
University of the Pacific
University of Virginia (2)
University of Washington (10)
University of Wisconsin (2)
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College (6)
Villanova University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Washington University in St. Louis (9)
Wellesley College (8)
West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Whitman College (4)
Williams College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University