

MISSION,
PHILOSOPHY + POLICIES

The College Counseling Offices at Shanghai American School empower each student by providing comprehensive and individualized university counseling to support varied and flexible pathways. We partner with school counselors, faculty and parents to create a visible framework for success and healthy transition into life after SAS.

Our program is built on the premise that a process of informed decision making grounded in personal values, self-reflection, and autonomous expression is an essential capstone of the senior year. Therefore, SAS limits each student to colleges/universities to which they may apply.

AP/IB classes and the IB diploma are open to all students.

SAS advises students to take a maximum of 3 HL or 3 AP courses in grades 11 and 12, though you may see some students with more, as they sought permission to add additional rigor to their course load.

SAS reports disciplinary action in the case of suspensions or separations from school.

2023-24 PROFILE FOR COLLEGES

SAS MISSION

Shanghai American School inspires in all students:

- A lifelong passion for learning
- A commitment to act with integrity and compassion
- The courage to live their dreams

HIGH SCHOOL AT SAS

Founded in 1912, Shanghai American School (SAS) is the oldest international school in China. It is a private, not-for-profit, coeducational, nondenominational school offering a comprehensive college preparatory experience to a wide international population. Today, our mission-driven school brings innovative pedagogy to distinct campuses in Pudong and Puxi, enrolling over 2800 students PK-12.

CURRICULUM

Nearly all students who attend SAS hold foreign passports, and they come from a wide variety of previous school environments. To accommodate and prepare a broad range of students, we offer core college preparatory curriculum through both the Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate programs. Students can choose to pursue the IB Diploma, the AP Capstone Diploma, or a combination of AP and IB courses.

INFORMATION ON SPRING OF 2022 EXAM CANCELATIONS

All external exams that SAS students might use as credentials for their university applications were canceled for all students in Shanghai, China, in Spring 2022. Shanghai American School went to distance learning from March 12, 2022, through June 2022, as the city of Shanghai was locked down, and all external exams, including AP exams, were canceled. Make-up testing was not made possible given the scale and uncertainty of the situation in China, therefore students in the Class of 2024 (in grade 10 at the time) do not have AP exam scores for any AP courses taken during the 2021 - 2022 school year unless they could find a seat in an exam center outside Mainland China.

SAS does not allow students to sit AP exams for any subject in which the student has not taken the attendant SAS AP course, with the exception of the AP Chinese exam. We do not encourage self-study of AP content for courses outside our curriculum.

Thank you for your understanding and flexibility in recognition of this unprecedented experience for our communities. Please contact the College Counseling offices at either SAS campus with any questions or concerns.

TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS

1072

CLASS OF 2024

93

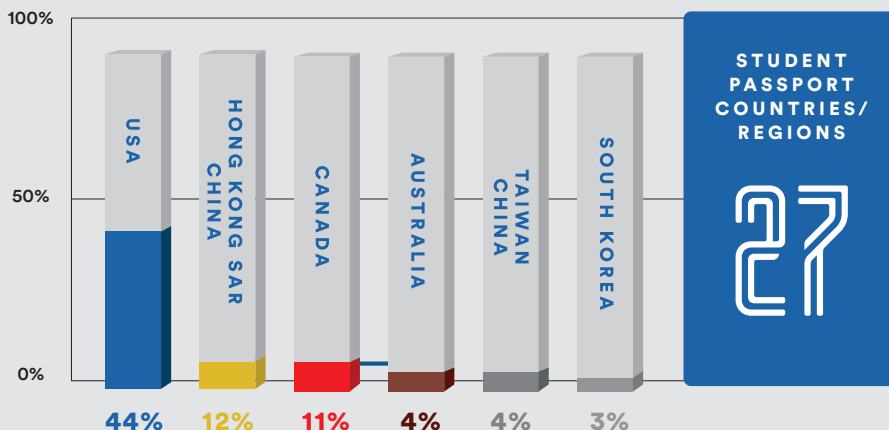
HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

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FACULTY PASSPORT COUNTRIES/REGIONS

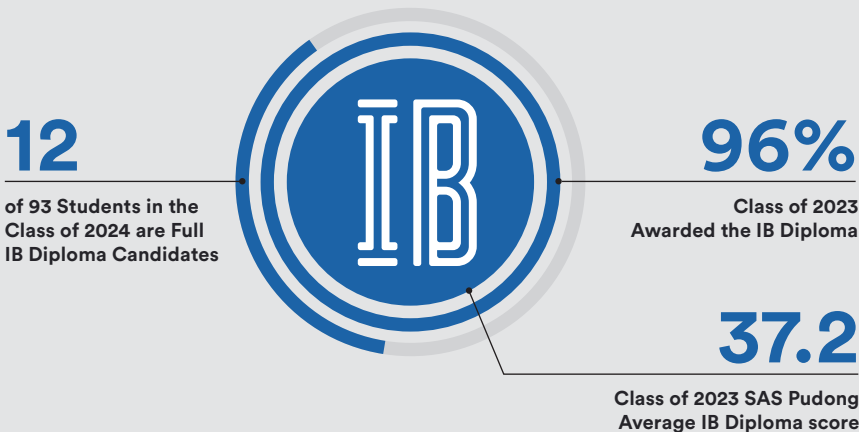
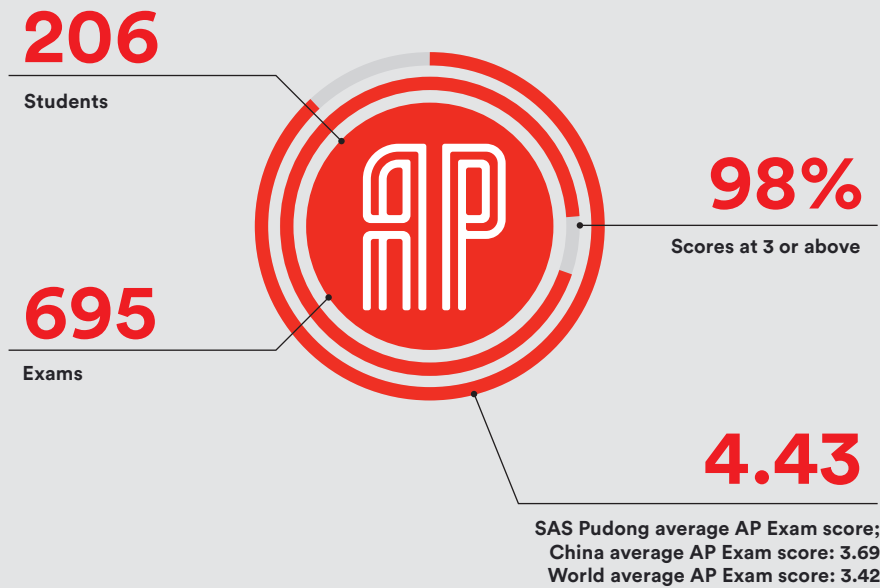
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PASSPORT COUNTRIES/REGIONS MOST REPRESENTED IN OUR STUDENT BODY



Testing + Grades

2023 EXAM RESULTS



CLASS OF 2024

GPA MID-50% RANGES FOR CLASS OF 2024

3.57 - 3.93

Letter-based 4.0 grading scale is outlined on our transcript. We do not weight grades or rank students. Reported GPA only reflects courses taken at SAS; previous school or semester away transcripts will be provided.

SAT MID-50% RANGES FOR CLASS OF 2024

READING + WRITING

660-760

MATH

720-790

COMPOSITE

1380-1550

ACT MID-50% RANGES FOR CLASS OF 2024

COMPOSITE

32-35

Only a few students from the Class of 2024 have been able to sit the ACT at time of writing.

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ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

1923-1949

Most advanced courses in each discipline

MOST ADVANCED COURSES: ENGLISH

IB English A: Literature SL Y1-Y2
IB English A: Literature HL Y1-Y2
IB English A: Language & Literature SL Y1-Y2
IB English A: Language & Literature HL Y1-Y2
AP English Language & Composition
AP English Literature & Composition

MOST ADVANCED COURSES: SOCIAL STUDIES

IB Economics SL Y1-Y2
IB Economics HL Y1-Y2
IB Business Management SL Y1-Y2
IB Business Management HL Y1-Y2
IB Environmental Systems & Societies SL Y1-Y2
IB Global Politics SL Y1-Y2
IB Global Politics HL Y1-Y2
IB Psychology SL Y1-Y2
IB Psychology HL Y1-Y2
AP US History
AP Psychology
AP Economics
AP Human Geography
AP World History
AP Capstone Seminar
AP Capstone Research

MOST ADVANCED COURSES: GLOBAL LANGUAGES

IB Mandarin ab initio Y1-Y2
IB Mandarin B SL Y1-Y2
IB Mandarin B HL Y1-Y2
IB Chinese A: Language & Literature SL Y1-Y2
IB Chinese A: Language & Literature HL Y1-Y2
IB French ab initio Y1-Y2
IB French B SL Y1-Y2
IB French B HL Y1-Y2
IB Spanish ab initio Y1-Y2
IB Spanish B SL Y1-Y2
IB Spanish B HL Y1-Y2
IB Self Taught Language A1 SL Y1-Y2

MOST ADVANCED COURSES: VISUAL + PERFORMING ARTS

IB Visual Arts SL Y1-Y2
IB Visual Arts HL Y1-Y2
IB Film SL Y1-Y2
IB Film HL Y1-Y2
IB Dance SL Y1-Y2
IB Dance HL Y1-Y2
IB Music SL Y1-Y2
IB Music HL Y1-Y2
IB Theatre SL Y1-Y2
IB Theatre HL Y1-Y2
AP Design: Photography

MOST ADVANCED COURSES: SCIENCE

IB Biology SL Y1-Y2
IB Biology HL Y1-Y2
IB Chemistry SL Y1-Y2
IB Chemistry HL Y1-Y2
IB Environmental Systems & Societies SL Y1-Y2
IB Physics SL Y1-Y2
IB Physics HL Y1-Y2
IB Computer Science SL Y1-Y2
IB Computer Science HL Y1-Y2
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Environmental Science
AP Physics 1
AP Physics C
AP Computer Science A
AP Computer Science Principles

MOST ADVANCED COURSES: MATH

IB Math: App + Interpretation SL Y1-Y2
IB Math: App + Interpretation HL Y1-Y2
IB Math: Analysis + Approaches SL Y1-Y2
IB Math: Analysis + Approaches HL Y1-Y2
AP Pre-Calculus
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
Multivariable Calculus

VISUAL + PERFORMING ARTS, ATHLETICS + CO-CURRICULARS

SAS Pudong presents students with outstanding facilities and invested mentorship outside the classroom. SAS students oversee nearly 100 different clubs, organizations, and leadership committees. SAS is a founding member of the Asia Pacific Athletic Conference (APAC), fielding strong athletic, dance, forensics, theater, and instrumental teams/ensembles. Additionally, our students host other schools and travel to perform as part of the Association of Music in International Schools (AMIS) as well as the International Schools Theatre Association (ISTA).

ONLINE ELECTIVE COURSES

Students in grades 11 and 12 may request to take an online course through the Virtual High School Global Online Consortium, Global Online Academy, or IBO-authorized IB Pamoja courses for SAS credit. Courses are marked with an asterisk on the student's transcript.

FACILITIES

We support our rigorous academic program with state-of-the-art facilities that include maker spaces, robotics and digital design centers, science labs, dance studios, recording studios, music and art rooms, playing fields, an outdoor track, a performing arts center, black box theaters, and an aquatic center. Our combined libraries contain the largest English-language collection of books in China.

INNOVATION INSTITUTE

The Innovation Institute is a two-year transdisciplinary project-based learning program for grades 9-10 wherein students grapple with a series of complex, real world questions. Through each discipline's unique content and skills, as well as through meaningful points of integration between history, English, science, and art, students develop the 21st Century skills needed to design and iterate creative solutions to the challenges facing modern society.

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT AFFECTED BY COVID-19

Due to local COVID-19 restrictions and lockdowns from 2020 through 2022, the number of performances, events, and athletic competitions were inconsistent and restricted substantially, but our students demonstrated resilience and participated in activities locally, as well as in many international competitions and events hosted online. Additionally, SAS Pudong students modeled adaptability by supporting each other and the local community with many new initiatives, learning opportunities, and student activities.

ABOUT PUDONG CAMPUS

Shanghai American School Pudong is located at the edge of the city on the coastline of the sea. Since there are no boarding accommodations, students commute from one to two hours round trip daily between school and home. After co-curricular activities, they may not arrive home until after 6pm. As such, students learn to manage their time and prioritize well so that they can both maintain academic rigor and participate in arts, activities and sports.

University Matriculation 2021-2023

ASIA/PACIFIC

City University of Hong Kong
Korea University
Nanyang Technological University
Seoul National University
Sophia University
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
The University of Hong Kong
The University of Utah Asia Campus
Tsinghua University
Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University
Yonsei University

EUROPE

Sciences Po La Havre Campus
University College Utrecht
University of Amsterdam
University of Navarra

U.K.

Canterbury Christ Church University
King's College London, University of London
Loughborough University
UCL (University College London)
University of Leeds
University of Oxford
University of Warwick

CANADA

Alberta College of Art and Design
McGill University
Queen's University
The University of British Columbia
The University of British Columbia - Okanagan
University of Toronto
University of Waterloo
York University

U.S.A.

Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art
Cornell University
Duke University
Emerson College
Emory University
Emory University-Oxford College
Fordham University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Grand Valley State University
Grinnell College
Guilford College
Hamilton College
Hampton University
Harvard University
Indiana University-Bloomington
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University
Lehigh University
Loyola Marymount University
Macalester College
Manhattan School of Music
Marquette University
Michigan State University
New York University
North Carolina Central University
North Carolina State University at Raleigh
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College | Conservatory of Music
Oregon State University
Parsons School of Design
Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus
Pomona College
Pratt Institute-Main
Princeton University
Purdue University-Main Campus
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rhode Island School of Design
San Diego State University
Santa Clara University
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
School of Visual Arts
Scripps College
Smith College
Southern Utah University
Stanford University
Stony Brook University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
The New School
The University of Texas at Austin
Tufts University
University at Buffalo
University of California-Berkeley
University of California-Davis
University of California-Irvine
University of California-Los Angeles
University of California-San Diego
University of California-Santa Barbara
University of California-Santa Cruz
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
University of Miami
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus
University of Portland
University of Rochester
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
University of Washington-Seattle Campus
Vassar College
Washington University in St Louis
Wellesley College
Williams College

U.S.A.

Arizona State University Campus Immersion
Babson College
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brigham Young University
Brigham Young University-Idaho
Brown University
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Claremont McKenna College

POST-GRADUATE DESTINATIONS 2021-2023

