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.

TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS

1072

CLASS OF 2024

93

HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

369

FACULTY PASSPORT COUNTRIES/REGIONS

17

PASSPORT COUNTRIES/REGIONS MOST REPRESENTED IN OUR STUDENT BODY

100%

50%

0%

USA 44%

HONG KONG SAR 12%

CANADA 11%

AUSTRALIA 4%

CHINA 4%

SOUTH KOREA 3%

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 CANCELLATIONS

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.
Testing + Grades

2023 EXAM RESULTS

206 Students

98% Scores at 3 or above

695 Exams

SAS Pudong average AP Exam score; China average AP Exam score: 3.69
World average AP Exam score: 3.42

12 of 93 Students in the Class of 2024 are Full IB Diploma Candidates

96% Class of 2023 Awarded the IB Diploma

37.2 Class of 2023 SAS Pudong Average IB Diploma score

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.

GPA MID-50% RANGES FOR CLASS OF 2024

SAT MID-50% RANGES FOR CLASS OF 2024

SAT

660-760 COMPOSITE

720-790

1380-1550

ACT MID-50% RANGES FOR CLASS OF 2024

ACT

32-35

COMPOSITE

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

CLASS OF 2024

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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.

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 University of Hong Kong  
The University of Utah Asia Campus  
Tsinghua University  
Xian 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.**
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  
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  

**POST-GRADUATE DESTINATIONS 2021-2023**

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