



Kaohsiung American School

Kaohsiung American School challenges students to achieve academic excellence and prepares them to be balanced individuals, independent learners, and global citizens.

CEEB code 694251
UCAS center number 45991

274
HS students

64
seniors

13
nationalities

48%
U.S. citizens



HIGH SCHOOL
FACULTY

37

from 12 countries

80%

advanced degrees

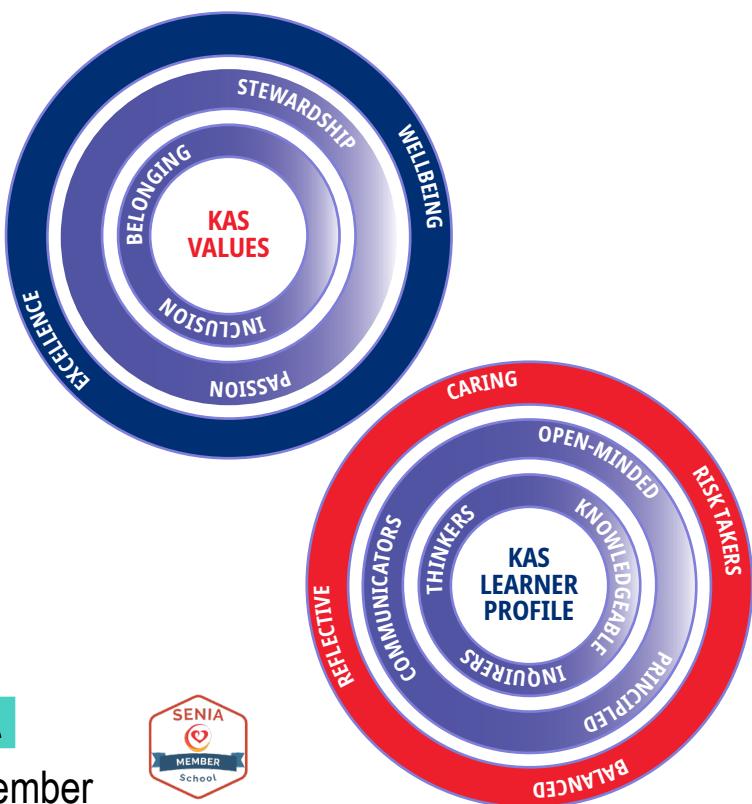
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ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Kaohsiung American School is one of two international schools in Taiwan assisted by the U.S. State Department's Office of Overseas Schools. KAS was founded in 1989 to serve expatriate and internationally-minded families in southern Taiwan. We are an independent, non-profit, co-educational K-12 school with 781 students, 268 of whom are in grades 9-12. We are governed by an elected Board of Directors which includes a representative of the American Institute in Taiwan, Kaohsiung Branch Office.

Through holistic, inclusive learning in academics, athletics, and the arts, we foster passionate and curious critical thinkers who grow into aware, ethical, and cooperative global citizens. Accredited by the Western Association of Schools & Colleges, we award an American high school diploma to all our graduates. In high school, learning is guided by the International Baccalaureate Middle Years and Diploma programs, and all students have the opportunity to earn the IB Diploma.



G O A
Proud Member



ACADEMIC PROGRAM

All KAS graduates earn a regionally accredited American high school diploma. In grades 11–12, students may elect to take IB courses or complete the IB Diploma Program, comprised of six academic courses in addition to the IB Extended Essay, Theory of Knowledge course (TOK), and Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS). Students also may opt out of the full IB Diploma for a more flexible or focused program of study.

ONLINE LEARNING FOR HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT

KAS is a member of the Global Online Academy (GOA) consortium of leading independent schools. KAS students in grades 9–12 have access to rigorous, diverse honors-level GOA online courses.

Students may take online AP courses or online IB courses (through Pamoja Education). These courses appear on the HS transcript for HS credit. They are offered on a pass/fail basis.

Candidates for the full IB Diploma in grades 11–12 may not take online courses outside of the IB Diploma Program.

GRADING SCALE

We do not rank students. We calculate a GPA on a 4.33 scale, A+ through F, for all classes completed on campus at KAS in grades 9 through 12. Students in grades 11 and 12 have the option to take IB courses. Only students who complete IB courses at Higher Level have a weighted GPA because we add one extra quality point for HL courses. Students without IB HL courses have an unweighted GPA.

COUNSELING PRACTICES

The KAS college counseling office follows the National Association for College Admission Counseling's Guide to Ethical Practice in College Admission. We hold memberships in the International Association for College Admission Counseling (IACAC) and the International School Counseling Association (ISCA).



Graduation requirements

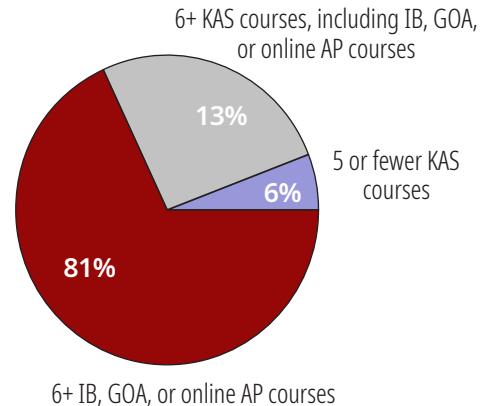
Subject area	Credits
English	4
Mathematics	3
Science	3
Social studies	3
World languages	3
Physical education	1
Art	1
Electives	5

Curriculum rigor, grades 11–12

Most demanding	Full IB Diploma; or 6+ IB, GOA, or AP courses, including some courses at IB Higher Level
Very demanding	6+ KAS high school courses, including some IB, AP, or GOA courses
Demanding	5 or fewer courses offered at high school grade level

Curriculum choices

Class of 2026, anticipated



Course list, Class of 2026 (not including online options)

Language & literature	English 9; English 10; English 11; English 12; IBDP Language A: Chinese Language & Literature HL/SL*; IBDP Language A: English Language & Literature HL/SL*; IBDP Language A: English Literature HL/SL*; Pre-DP Chinese
Language acquisition	High School ELL; Japanese 3; Japanese 4; IBDP Chinese <i>ab initio</i> SL*; IBDP Japanese B SL*; IBDP Spanish <i>ab initio</i> SL*; IBDP Spanish B SL*; Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4
Individuals & societies	19th Century Humanities; Business Studies; Global Studies; IBDP Business Management HL/SL*; IBDP Economics HL/SL*; IBDP Environmental Systems & Societies HL/SL*; IBDP History HL/SL*; U.S. History
Science	Biology; Chemistry; Physics; IBDP Biology HL/SL*; IBDP Chemistry HL/SL*; IBDP Computer Science HL/SL*; IBDP Environmental Systems & Societies HL/SL*; IBDP Physics HL/SL*; Forensic Science
Mathematics	Algebra 1; Algebra 2; Geometry; IBDP Mathematics: Analysis & Approaches HL/SL*; IBDP Mathematics: Applications & Interpretation HL/SL*; Precalculus
Visual & performing arts	Advanced Art*; Chamber Music; Choir Ensemble; High School Art; Music Appreciation; IBDP Music HL/SL*; IBDP Visual Arts HL/SL*; Theatre Arts (available 2025-26 only)
Electives & physical education	Advanced Communication; Design Technology; Digital Media; Film Studies; IBDP Theory of Knowledge*; Introduction to Computer Science; Lifetime Fitness; Personal Fitness; Physical Education & Health

*An asterisk denotes Advanced or IB courses which represent our highest level of rigor.

IB courses score distribution, Class of 2025

Averages are by individual course, weighted to students per course

Score	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	KAS average	World average
Language & literature	6	19	21	13	0	0	0	5.31	5.00
Language acquisition	5	7	9	1	0	0	0	5.73	4.97
Individuals & societies	9	22	13	7	8	1	0	5.23	4.96
Science	7	19	10	23	7	3	1	4.68	4.49
Mathematics	9	12	14	11	1	0	0	5.35	4.42
Arts	0	5	3	1	0	0	0	5.44	4.33

44%
bilingual diplomas

34
average
DP score

45
highest
DP score

SAT, Class of 2025

	Median	25th–75th percentile
Evidence-based reading & writing	590	540-700
Math	670	690-740
Composite	1280	1160-1430

We do not have significant ACT data to report.

COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

KAS students complete service in the community before graduation; IB Diploma candidates must complete 20 hours in addition to their CAS requirement. Over 75% of students participate in a student-led service club. Examples of service in recent years include cleaning beaches, teaching English at a local middle school, and contributing to infrastructure projects in an Indigenous Taiwanese community.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Future Leader Program (FLP): The FLP is a groundbreaking program that roots KAS students within the broader community of southern Taiwan. Students apply to a selective program for internships at educational and health institutions, NGOs, universities, and companies. A mentor guides them through a substantive internship experience. Students must complete 40 hours and participate in evaluation and reflection.

Diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice: In accordance with our school values, we are proud of our institutional commitment to inclusion and social justice. Our community is a safe place for LGBTQ+ individuals and people of color to celebrate their identities; they are represented within our students, families, faculty, and administration.

ATHLETICS

Badminton
Basketball (JV/Varsity)
Cross Country
Soccer (JV/Varsity)

Tennis
Swimming (JV/Varsity)
Volleyball (JV/Varsity)
Ultimate Frisbee

KAS teams compete in the Association of International Schools in Asia (AISA) and the Taiwan International School Sports Association (TISSA).

8
athletic teams

80+
varsity positions
available, 9-12

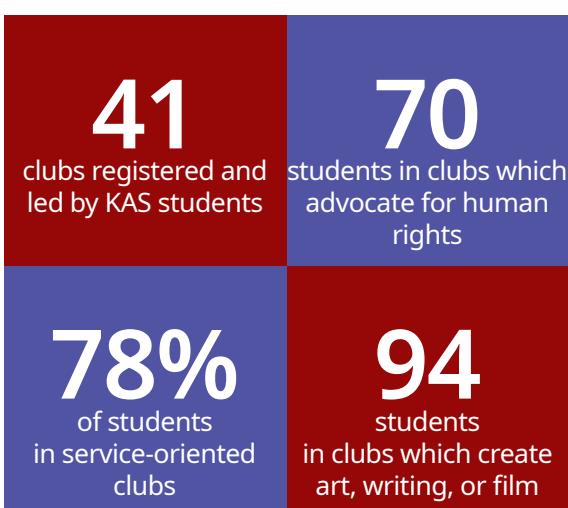
30+
multi-school
athletic events



90%
student
participation
in clubs

300+
delegates at two
multinational Model
UN conferences

17
Future Leader
Program partner
organizations





Higher education institutions attended, 2023–2025

We have included the past three years of matriculations to indicate the diversity of institutions KAS students attend. We indicate the number of matriculated students per institution over three years. We do not list offers of admission.

UNITED STATES

Arizona State University (5)
 Baylor University (2)
 Beloit College
 Berklee College of Music
 Boston College (2)
 Boston University (2)
 Bowdoin College
 Brandeis University
 Brigham Young University
 California Institute of Technology
 Carleton College (4)
 Carnegie Mellon University
 Claremont McKenna College
 College of the Holy Cross
 Connecticut College
 Cornell University (2)
 Davidson College
 Denison University
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
 Emory University (4)
 Grinnell College (4)
 Lawrence University
 Lehigh University
 New York University (8)
 Northeastern University (8)
 Parsons School of Design (4)
 Pennsylvania State University (3)
 Pomona College
 Pratt Institute
 Purdue University
 Rhode Island School of Design (2)
 Rutgers University–New Brunswick
 Santa Clara University
 Southern California Inst. of Architecture

Southern Methodist University (3)
 Stanford University
 Syracuse University
 Tufts University (2)
 University of California, Berkeley
 University of California, Davis (3)
 University of California, Irvine (3)
 University of California, Riverside (2)
 University of California, San Diego (4)
 University of California, Santa Cruz
 University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (5)
 University of Iowa
 University of Miami
 University of Michigan–Ann Arbor (2)
 University of Minnesota–Twin Cities (2)
 University of Notre Dame
 University of Pennsylvania
 University of Richmond
 University of South Dakota
 University of Southern California (5)
 University of Washington–Seattle (4)
 University of Wisconsin–Madison
 Villanova University
 Virginia Tech (2)
 Wake Forest University
 Washington & Lee University
 Washington University in St. Louis
 Wellesley College (2)
 Wentworth Institute of Technology

CANADA

Brock University
 McGill University (2)
 University of British Columbia (5)
 University of Toronto (15)

Western University (4)
 York University (2)

EAST ASIA

Ming Chuan University
 Nagoya University of Commerce & Business
 Nanyang Technological University
 Temple University Japan (2)
 University of Hong Kong
 Waseda University

CONTINENTAL EUROPE

CREAPOLE École de Création Management
 Medical University of Warsaw
 University College Maastricht
 University College Utrecht
 University of Debrecen

UNITED KINGDOM

King's College London
 Queen Mary University of London
 University of Bath
 University of Birmingham
 University of Bristol
 University of Cambridge
 University of Liverpool

AUSTRALIA (2022–2024)

Australian National University
 James Cook University
 Monash University
 Queensland University of Technology
 University of Melbourne (3)
 University of New South Wales (3)
 University of Queensland (3)
 University of Sydney

Class of 2025
 destinations

69%
 USA

10%
 Canada

4%
 UK

10%
 Australia

2%
 Europe

4%
 Asia



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