



# BISHKEK INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

## HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

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### VISION AND MISSION

- BIS' Vision is to be the best international school in Central Asia providing inspirational education in a happy environment for globally minded students who are the leaders of the future.
  - Our Mission is to enable our students to:
    - Develop their intellectual curiosity and achieve their academic, sporting and creative potential;
    - Be confident in their abilities and respectful of others;
    - Learn about local and global issues and prepare to tackle common challenges.
- In a school which:
- Delivers and celebrates excellent teaching for internationally accredited education;
  - Values diversity;
  - Contributes positively to development of the Kyrgyz Republic.

### SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

- Bishkek International School (BIS) is a liberal secular non-profit community school, founded in 2010 and opened in September 2011.
- Current enrolment is 250 students, with a High School comprising of approximately 60 students.
- BIS is a candidate school for –New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), with full accreditation expected in the Fall of 2018.
- BIS employs 54 part-time and full-time teachers. This provides the learning community with a 5-1 student-teacher ratio.
- BIS' student body includes representatives of over 30 nationalities, with 44% Kyrgyz Citizens and 56% from countries worldwide.
- Mother tongue: 33 different mother tongues amongst our school's student body, with English as the main language of communication in the school.

- Students are offered 7 foreign language choices across the entire school, with French and Russian offered K-12, and options for Spanish, German, Mandarin, Japanese, and Kyrgyz languages in certain grades and levels.
- Purpose built, secure, campus, with 3 fully equipped Science laboratories, drama hall, indoor sports court, Computer laboratory, 12,000+ book library, outdoor football field and basketball court, wi-fi accessible campus, common areas, etc.

### SPORTS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Junior Varsity and Varsity Sports are offered to both male and female teams in Soccer, Basketball, Cross Country, and Badminton.
- BIS is a member of both the Central Asia Federation of Activities, Athletics and Art (CAFA) and Bishkek International Schools Association (BISA).
- High School students enjoy Drama productions, Jazz Band, Varsity Sports, Debate Tournaments, Student Council, Ski Club, International Educational Visits, etc.

### CURRICULUM AND ACCREDITATION

- BIS is a Cambridge Assessment International Education Accredited School preparing students aged 14-16 for the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE)
- BIS is an authorized International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, offering IB Diploma Programme to students aged 16-19.
- The average number of IGCSE courses taken by high school students is 7.
- Preparation for Cambridge IGCSE exams is normally offered in the following subjects:
  - International Mathematics
  - Additional Mathematics
  - Coordinated Sciences
  - Computer Science
  - Art & Design
  - Geography
  - History



- o Economics
- o English First Language
- o Russian First Language
- o French Foreign Language
- o German Foreign Language

with additional IGCSE subjects offered according to demand, and optional Kyrgyz Language, Geography and History offered to meet national curriculum requirements.

- The average number of IB Diploma Program courses by high school students is 6.
- Preparation for IB Diploma Program exams is offered in the following subjects:
  - o Mathematics (SL & HL)
  - o Biology (SL & HL)
  - o Physics (SL & HL)
  - o Computer Science (SL & HL)
  - o Visual Arts (SL)
  - o English A (SL & HL)
  - o English B (SL & HL)
  - o Russian A (SL & HL)
  - o Russian ab-initio (SL)
  - o Russian B (SL)
  - o French B (SL & HL)
  - o French ab-initio (SL)
  - o Spanish B (SL & HL)
  - o Geography (SL & HL)
  - o History (SL & HL)
  - o Economics (SL & HL)

Additional options are available for self-study Language A and for online courses with Pamoja Education. In the first year of the Diploma Program, local students are offered Kyrgyz Language, Geography and History to meet national curriculum requirements.

## GRADING AND RANKING

- Grade Point Average for IGCSE and IB DP courses are calculated on a weighted scale. Conversion charts can be found below.
- The school year is divided into three academic terms. Evaluations are given each term.
- BIS' high school uses two grading scales. A\*-U for IGCSE Courses and 1-7 for IB Diploma Program Courses.
- Small class sizes prevent BIS from using a ranking system for High School students.

CAMBRIDGE IGCSE GRADE	DESCRIPTOR	GPA CONVERSION	
A*	Outstanding	4.3	
A	Excellent	4.0	
B	Very Good	3.75	Credit given
C	Good	3.0	
D	Satisfactory	2.25	
E	Average	1.25	
U	Ungraded	0.0	Credit not given

IB DIPLOMA PROGRAM GRADE	DESCRIPTOR	GPA CONVERSION HL/SL	
7	Outstanding	5.0/ 4.5	
6	Excellent	4.5/ 4.0	
5	Very Good	4.0/ 3.75	Credit given
4	Good	3.5/ 3.25	
3	Satisfactory	3.0/ 2.5	
2	Below Average	2.0/ 1/0	
1	Unsatisfactory	0.0/ 0.0	Credit not given

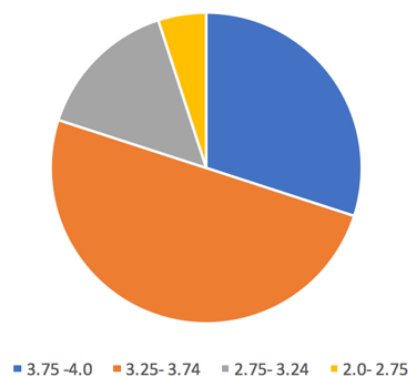
## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A total of 28 credits is needed to earn a BIS High School Diploma. A breakdown of those credits can be found below.

Department	Credit
English	4.0
Social Studies (History, Geography, Economics)	4.0
Mathematics	4.0
Science	4.0
Foreign Language	4.0
Physical Education	1.0
Elective Courses offered 2017/18	7.0
IGCSE Computer Sciences	
World Literature	
IB Visual Arts	
IGCSE Art	
TOK (Required for IB Diploma) 1.0 credits for 2 years	
Extended Essay (Required for IB Diploma) 1.0 credits for 2 years	
CAS (Required for IB Diploma) 1.0 credits for 2 years	
Additional Maths	
IGCSE Physical Education	
*You may count additional department credits towards elective credits*	

## AVERAGE GRADE POINT AVERAGE FOR BIS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

High School GPA Distribution

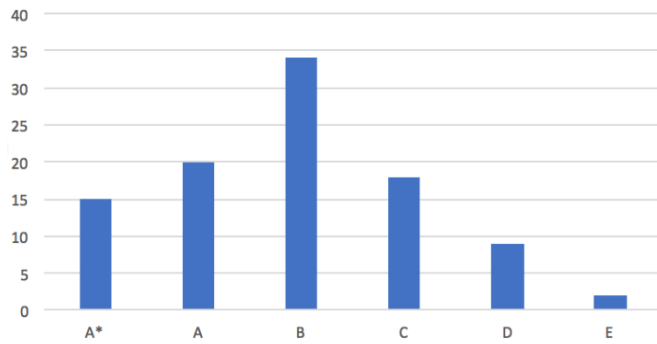


## EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS

### CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS

- Testing session lasts from late April to the middle of June. 100% of Cambridge IGCSE students took 5 exams or more.
- 15 students took the IGCSE exams and 100% passed with an E or above; 90% passed with a C or above, 36% received an A or A\*.

### CAMBRIDGE IGCSE EXAM RESULTS 2016 & 2017



### INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE EXAMINATIONS

Testing session lasts from late April to the middle of May. Spring 2018 will be our school's first IB Diploma Program examination year.

### FURTHER SCHOOLING OF GRADUATES

Students from the Class of 2018, our first IB DP graduating class, are currently waiting for admission responses for colleges, universities, professional schools.

Some students choose to leave BIS after completing IGCSE examinations, instead of taking the IB Diploma Programme. Our first IGCSE graduating class was in 2016. The few students who chose not to stay for the IB Diploma Programme, are now studying in:

#### CANADA

- Coquitlam College

#### UAE

- Rochester Institute of Technology

#### KYRGYZSTAN

- American University in Central Asia