



WESTERN ACADEMY OF BEIJING

High School Profile 2019-2020

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School Description

Western Academy of Beijing (WAB) was **established in 1994** as an international, independent, English language, coeducational day school for foreign children in Beijing that offers a challenging, caring, and community-based educational experience from Early Years through Grade 12. English is the language of instruction. WAB is a school that confidently believes that excellence and inclusiveness can both thrive in the same place.

WAB is proud of its international reputation of being a global leader in innovation of learning and teaching. Our High School offers the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP), the IB Diploma Programme (IBDP) and an American accredited High School Diploma. Every graduate earns an accredited Western Academy of Beijing High School Diploma. **The Class of 2020 (104 students) will be the 14th graduating class in the 25-year history of the school.**



WAB HS

students

450

45%
USA, UK, Canada,
Australia & NZ

31%
Asia

23%
Europe
(excluding UK)

1%
Other

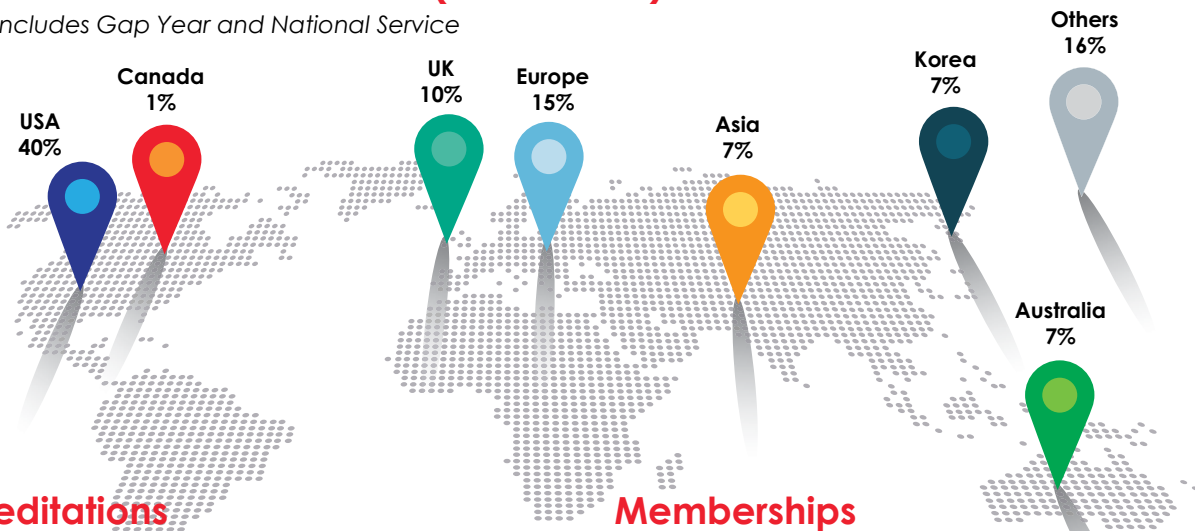
47 Nationalities | 37 Languages

WAB's diversity is reflected with no one nationality exceeding 20% of the student body.

67 Teachers | 28 Nationalities

Destinations for Class of 2019 (99 students)

Others: Includes Gap Year and National Service



Accreditations



Memberships

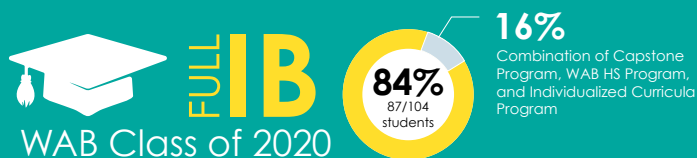


HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM (IB AND BEYOND)

WAB students are encouraged to take the most challenging courses in which they can be academically successful. English is the language of instruction. Each course meets for 70 minutes on an alternate rotating day schedule throughout the school year, which runs from August through June. The academic year is divided into two halves, with an interim and a final grade being reported on the transcript.

All Grade 9 and 10 students study eight courses each year. In Grade 10, students complete the MYP Personal Project outside of class time. The project exposes students early on to independent research and critical reflection.

In Grades 11 and 12, students can participate in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, Capstone Program or the Individualized Curricula Program (a selection of IB and high school courses that best meets students future goals). **The full IB DP Diploma is open to all WAB students.**



Full IB Diploma students choose from six subject groups that include a broad range of courses with three at standard level and three at higher level. In addition, students must take the Theory of Knowledge (TOK) course, complete an Extended Essay, and fulfill Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) commitments outside of class time. **WAB expects full DP students to enroll in no more than three courses at higher level** and three courses at standard level.

WAB only allows 10 applications to universities each academic yearly cycle.

CAPSTONE PROGRAM

The Capstone program is selective and students must apply. The Capstone program is an academic self-directed learning program for students in Grades 11 and 12. Students take five IB or WAB courses and opt for a passion course as their sixth subject; the Capstone. Students determine their Capstone core learning areas for study, create an extended project, and are involved with an internship element over two years. Students have a teacher of record who monitors their progress on a weekly basis. In addition, students work with mentors who advise them in their areas of expertise. Four times over the two years, students must defend their learning before a committee (deputy director, principal, a counselor, teacher of record and at least one mentor). Students can earn credit each semester with a final determination of level of achievement made at the end of the two-year program.

WABX EXTRACURRICULARS, GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP, AND CHINA ENGAGEMENT

WAB expects all of the students to connect, inspire, and make a difference in their daily lives. In order for students to receive the WAB High School Diploma, all students commit to global citizenship projects. Students in Grades 11 and 12 participate in CAS projects with clearly defined IB learning objectives.

An annual China Studies field trip for each grade level is a key element in engaging students with our host country while supporting the High School curriculum.



COURSE OFFERINGS: 2019-2020 All courses are IB unless specifically denoted as High School (HS) courses.

ENGLISH

MYP: English A Language & Literature, English Language Acquisition

DP: English Literature (SL/HL), English Language & Literature (SL/HL), English B (HL), HS English

HUMANITIES

MYP: Individuals & Societies

DP: Economics (SL/HL), Geography (SL/HL), History (SL/HL), Information Technology in a Global Society (ITGS) (SL/HL), Psychology (SL/HL), HS Global Issues

MATHEMATICS

MYP: Mathematics (Studies, Standard, and Extended levels)

DP: IB Mathematics Analysis & Approaches (SL/HL), IB Mathematics Applications and Interpretation (SL/HL), HS Mathematical Applications

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

MYP: Science (Integrated Biology, Chemistry, and Physics lab sciences), Technology: Product Design & Digital Design

DP: Biology (SL/HL), Chemistry (SL/HL), Physics (SL/HL), Design Technology (DT) (SL/HL), Environmental Systems & Society (SL), Sports, Exercise & Health Science (SL), HS Integrated Science

LANGUAGES

MYP: Mandarin, Spanish, French Foundation, Standard, Advanced levels

DP: Mandarin Ab Initio SL, Mandarin Literature A (SL/HL), Mandarin Language and Literature A (SL/HL), Mandarin B (SL/HL), Spanish Ab Initio SL, Spanish B (SL/HL), IB French B (SL/HL), Self-Taught (SL) (School Supported), HS Conversational Chinese

THE ARTS

MYP: Art, Dance, Drama, Film, Music

DP: Visual Arts (SL/HL), Dance (SL/HL), Theatre (SL/HL), Film Studies (SL/HL), Music (SL/HL), HS Art & Design

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

MYP: Health and Physical Education

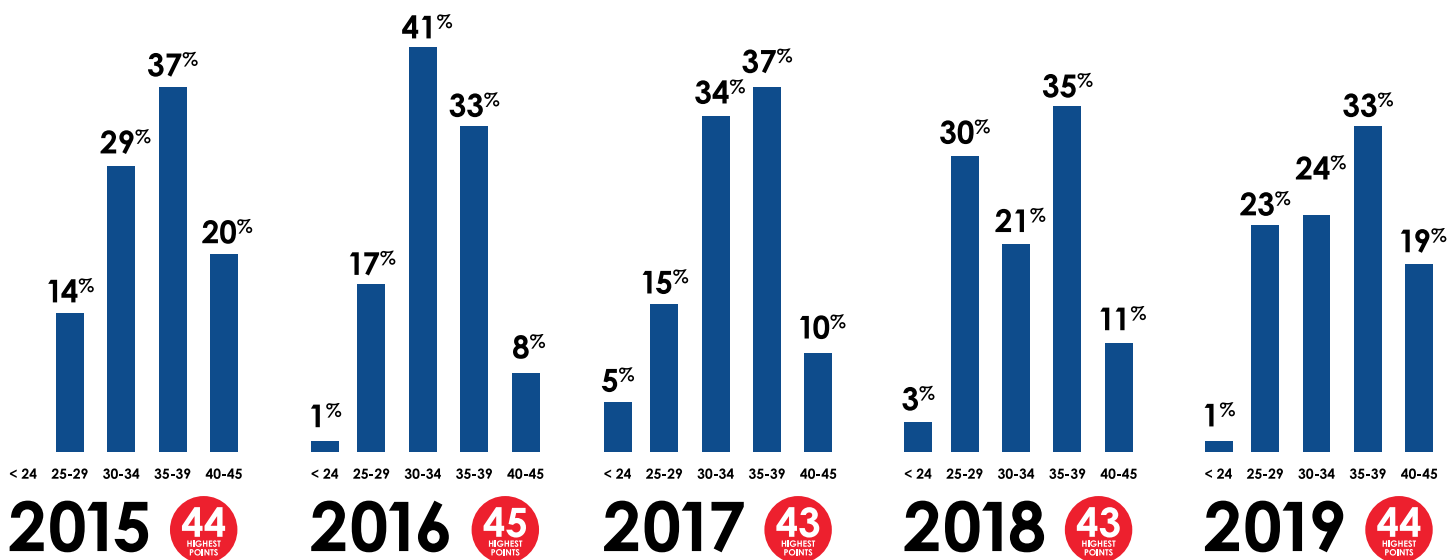
OTHER

DP: Theory of Knowledge (TOK), HS Capstone

Students who are non-native English language speakers are assessed to determine whether **EAL support** is required.

Western Academy of Beijing IB Diploma Results

WAB is inclusive with regard to admission to the IB Diploma Programme. Approximately 80% of students choose the full IB Diploma Programme.



Graduating Class	IB DP Candidates	WAB Mean	World Mean	Percentage of WAB DP Candidates Who Earned the Diploma	Number of WAB Students Who Earned a Bilingual Diploma
2019	83	34	29.63	94%	29
2018	97	34	29.76	90%	15
2017	84	34	29.78	95%	19
2016	103	34	30.06	98%	23
2015	91	35	30.02	99%	21

WAB Graduation Requirements

College Preparatory Diploma (minimum 24 credits)

- 4 English
- 3 Science
- 3 Mathematics
- 3 Humanities
- 2 Arts
- 2 Health and Physical Education
- 2 Technology
- 3 Electives
- 2 Other Language

General Studies Diploma (minimum 14 credits)

- 3 English
- 2 Science
- 2 Mathematics
- 2 Humanities
- 2 Health and Physical Education
- 3 Electives

Credit is given at the end of a school year with a grade of 3 or higher. Transfer students will have their previous transcript verified and credit is awarded (not stated on WAB transcript). Students may be waived certain requirements only if transferring in mid-way through high school. **WAB does not rank or calculate Grade Point Averages (GPA).**

Grading System (1-7 Scale)

The WAB assessment system follows the established IB criteria and conversion table, whose descriptors are noted below:

Grade	North American Conversion	Descriptor
7	A+	Excellent
6	A	Very Good
5	B	Good
4	C	Satisfactory
3	D	Mediocre
2	F	Poor
1	F	Very Poor

Standardized Tests & External Exams

WAB offers the following external exams on site:



Testing Restrictions on International Students & US Citizens Abroad

In recent years, and particularly this year, our students have had less access to SAT/SAT Subject and ACT tests because of fewer test dates abroad, fewer sites offering the test, score cancellations, technology difficulties, and higher fees. We ask that all higher education institutions take this into account when evaluating our students' applications.

Class of 2019 SAT Scores Summary



MATRICULATION - UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE: CLASSES OF 2016-2019

ASIA

Beijing Language & Culture University (China) (6)
Communication University of China (China)
Hokkaido University (Japan)
Hong Kong University of Science & Technology (5) (Hong Kong)
Mahidol University (Thailand)
Nanjing University (China) *
Nanyang Technological University (Singapore)
Nagoya University (Japan)
Sophia University (Japan)
The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong)
Tsinghua University (China) *
University of Hong Kong (HK) *
Waseda University (Japan) (2) **
Yale-NUS College (Singapore)

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Australia National University
Blue Mountains International Hospitality School
Monash University
University of Adelaide
University of Auckland
University of Brisbane
University of Canberra
University of Melbourne
University of Queensland (2)
University of Sydney (2)
Queensland University of Technology

CANADA

Fraser International College
McGill University (5)
McMaster University
Queen's University (2)
Quest University
Simon Fraser University
University of British Columbia (13) *
University of Toronto (11)
University of Waterloo (2)
York University

EUROPE

Aalto University (FN) (2)
Delft University of Technology (NL)
Dutch Filers Academy (NL)
Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne (CH) (3)
Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam (NL) (2)
Haaga-Helia University (SE)
Hanzehogeschool Groningen (NL)
Hotel School den Haag (NL)
IE University (SP) *
IESEG School of Management (FR)
Kedge Business School (FR) *
Les Roches Hospitality, (CH) (1)
Lund University (SE)
Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University (NL) (2)
The American University of Paris (FR) *
The Hague University of Applied Sciences (NL) *
University College Twente (NL) *
Universidad Complutense de Madrid (SP)
Universiteit van Amsterdam (NL)
Universiteit van Maastricht (NL)
Universidad de Navarra (SP) *
University of Oslo (NO)

University of Szeged Medicine (HU)
Uppsala University (SE)
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (NL) (2) *

KOREA

Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) (3) *
Korean National University of Arts
Korea University (2)
Seoul National University (6)
Sogang University (2)
Yonsei University (5)

UNITED KINGDOM

Arts University Bournemouth (3)
Birkbeck University of London
Brighton and Sussex Medical School
Imperial College, London (2)
King's College of London (4)
London School of Economics
Loughborough University (2) *
Newcastle University
Nottingham Trent University
Royal Holloway, University of London *
UCFB Wembley (2)
University College London (7) (medicine) *
University of the Arts London *
University of Bath
University of Bristol
University of Cambridge - Medicine
University of Dundee (1) (medicine)
University of East Anglia
University of Edinburgh (2) *
University of Exeter
University of Glasgow (2)
University of Leeds
University of London (1)
University of Manchester (2)
University of Oxford *
University of Warwick (3)

UNITED STATES

American University (2)
Arizona State University
Austin College
Barnard College (2) *
Bates College
Berklee College of Music (2) *
Biola University
Boston College (3)
Boston Conservatory
Boston University (6) **
Brandeis University
Brown University (5)
Brigham Young University *
Bryant University (2)
California Institute of the Arts
Carleton College
Chapman University (2)
Columbia University
Cornell University (2) *
Duke University
Emory University (4)
Emory University, Oxford College (2) *
Fordham University (2) *
Full Sail University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Grinnell College
Hamilton College
Illinois Institute of Technology *
Indiana University-Bloomington
Kalamazoo College

Lafayette College
Lewis & Clark University
Loyola University, Chicago
Lynn University
New York University (11) **
New York University Abu Dhabi *
NYU Tisch School of the Arts (4)
Northampton Community College
Northeastern University (3)
Northwestern University (2)
Ohio State University
Ohio University
Otis College of Art and Design
Pennsylvania State University *
Pitzer College *
Purchase College, SUNY
Purdue University (3) *
Reed College
Rhode Island School of Design
Ringling College of Art and Design (2)
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University *
Santa Monica College (2)
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design (3) *
School of Visual Arts (4) ****
Seattle University
Stanford University (2)
St. Edward's University
Stony Brook University
Syracuse University
The New School (6) **
Trinity College
Tufts University (3)
University of California, Berkeley (6)
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine (3) *
University of California, Los Angeles (5) **
University of California, San Diego (3) *
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Colorado Colorado Springs *
University of Illinois, Chicago
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (5) *
University of Hawaii at Manoa *
University of La Verne (2)
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Michigan
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (2)
University of North Carolina, Charlotte
University of Pennsylvania
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California (8) ****
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
University of Texas, Austin (2) *
University of Virginia (2)
University of Washington *
University of Wisconsin, Madison (2)
Vanderbilt University *
Washington University in St. Louis
Wellesley College (2)
Wesleyan University
Westminster College
Yale University

* Denotes Class of 2019 (one * per matriculation)

Australian, European, and Korean matriculation numbers are still being processed - offers continue to arrive, and student disclosure contributes to a tracking challenge.