



WESTERN ACADEMY OF BEIJING

High School Profile 2020-2021

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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 as a global leader in innovation of learning and teaching. Our High School offers the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP), the IB Diploma Programme (IB DP) and an American accredited High School Diploma. Every graduate earns an accredited Western Academy of Beijing High School Diploma. **The Class of 2021 (99 students) will be the 15th graduating class in the 26-year history of the school.**



422
students

38%
Australia, NZ,
USA, UK, &
Canada.

41%
Asia

20%
Europe
(excluding UK)

1%
Other

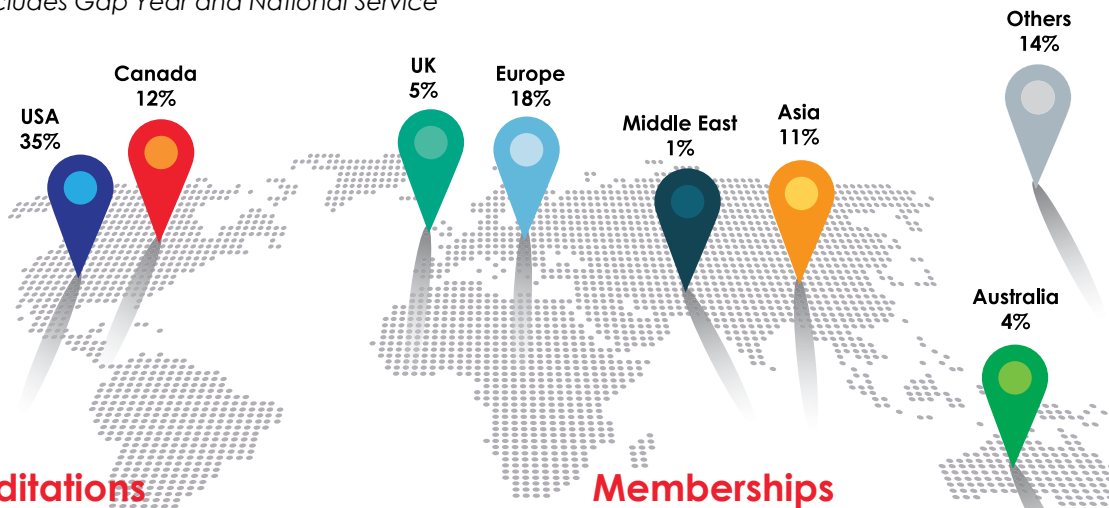
WAB HS
DEMOGRAPHICS

44 Nationalities | 37 Languages
WAB's diversity is reflected with no one nationality exceeding 20% of the student body.

63 Teachers | 15 Nationalities

Destinations for Class of 2020 (104 students)

Others: Includes Gap Year and National Service



Accreditations



Memberships



HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM (IB AND BEYOND)

WAB started the 2020-2021 school year in a hybrid model of online and face to face teaching for both students and faculty. On September 1st, 53% of IB teachers and 70% of student were on campus. WAB additionally has plans in place to adjust our learning experience to respond to any changes in the health and safety requirements for our community.

WAB students are encouraged to take the most challenging courses in which they can be academically successful.

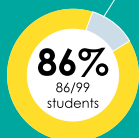
English is the language of instruction. Each course meets for 70 minutes on an alternate rotating day schedule throughout the school year, which runs from August through June. The academic year is divided into two halves, with an interim and a final grade being reported on the transcript.

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.**



THE
IB



14%

Combination of Capstone Program, WAB HS Program, and Individualized Curricula Program

WAB Class of 2021

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 student to enroll in no more than three course at high level and three courses at standard level.

WAB only allows 12 applications to universities each academic cycle.

WAB reports student disciplinary infractions that include academic malpractice, as well as suspensions and/or expulsions to institutions which require this information.

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 can earn credits with a final determination of level of achievement made at the end of the one or two-year program.

WABX EXTRACURRICULARS, GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP, AND CHINA ENGAGEMENT

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.

240
ACTIVITIES
16 SPORTS
39 TEAMS

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.

From February 2020 to February 2021, WAB students had limited access to school-based co-curricular activities; many student-led activities had to be canceled or postponed. Despite this, students were able to develop independent and individual ways to continue their involvement in sports, service, and the creative arts.

COURSE OFFERINGS: 2020-2021 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

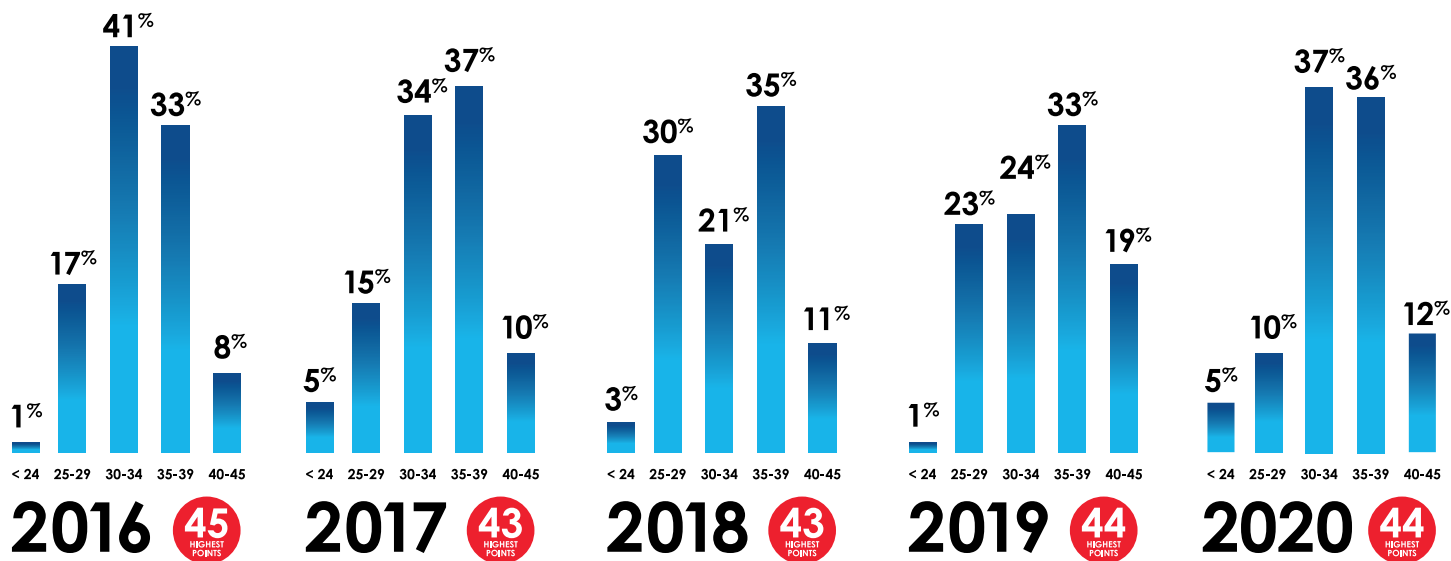
OTHER

DP: Theory of Knowledge (TOK), HS Capstone

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

Western Academy of Beijing IB Diploma Results

WAB is inclusive with regard to admission to the IB Diploma Programme. Approximately 86% 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
2020	83	34	29.92	96%	22
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

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
- 2 Arts
- 1 Elective

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).**

During online learning, from February 3 to June 13, 2020, WAB adopted an assessment policy that allowed students to earn a P (Pass) for demonstrated learning in a given course.

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

Class of 2021 SAT Scores Summary

Mean ERW **663**

Mean MATH **706**

Standardized Tests & External Exams

WAB offers the following external exams on site:

IB MAP ACT PSAT SAT SAT SUBJECT TEST

Due to the global effects of the pandemic, standardized testing options for International students were severely curtailed for the class of 2021. Even where testing was available, sudden test cancellations, center closures, and poorly-functioning registration systems adversely affected students' abilities to follow their planned or ideal testing schedules.

MATRICULATION - UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE: CLASSES OF 2017-2020

ASIA

Beijing Language & Culture University (China) (9) ***
Central University of Finance & Economics (China) *
Communication University of China (China)
Hokkaido University (Japan)
Hong Kong University of Science & Technology (5) (Hong Kong)
Mahidol University (Thailand)
Nanjing University (China)
Nagoya University (Japan)
New York University (Shanghai Campus) (China)
The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong)
Tsinghua University (China)
University of Hong Kong (HK)
Waseda University (Japan) (4) **
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

Carleton University *
Fraser International College
McGill University (3) *
McMaster University
Memorial University of Newfoundland *
Queen's University (1)
University of British Columbia (11) *****
University of Toronto (9) *
University of Waterloo (4) **
Western University *

EUROPE

Aalto University (FN) (1)
Delft University of Technology (NL) *
Dutch Filers Academy (NL)
Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne (CH)
Erasmus University College *
Erasmus University Rotterdam (NL) (2) *
Fontys University of Applied Science (NL) *
Haaga-Helia University (SE)
Hanzse University of Applied Sciences, Groningen (NL) (2) *
IE University (SP)
IESEG School of Management (FR)
Kedge Business School (FR)
Les Roches Schools of Hotel Management, (CH) (2) *
Lund University (SE)
NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences *
Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University (NL)
Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm (KTH) (SE)
The American University of Paris (FR)
The Complutense University of Madrid
The Hague University of Applied Sciences (NL)

University College Twente (NL)
University of Amsterdam (NL) (5) *****
University of Groningen (NL) *
University of Maastricht (NL)
University of Navarra (SP)
University of New York in Prague, S.r.o (CZ)
University of Szeged Medicine (HU)
Vrije University Amsterdam (4) **

KOREA

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

UNITED KINGDOM

Arts University Bournemouth (2)
Birkbeck University of London
Imperial College, London (3) *
King's College of London (3)
Loughborough University (2)
Newcastle University
Nottingham Trent University
Royal Holloway, University of London
Sussex University *
University College London (7)
University of the Arts London
University of Bath
University of Bristol
University of Cambridge - Medicine
University of Edinburgh (3) *
University of Glasgow (3) *
University of Leeds
University of London (1)
University of Manchester (2)
University of Oxford
University of Sheffield *
University of Warwick

UNITED STATES

American University
Arizona State University
Austin College
Barnard College (2)
Berklee College of Music (3) *
Boston College (3)
Boston Conservatory
Boston University (6) *
Brandeis University (2) *
Brown University (5)
Brigham Young University
Bryant University
California College of the Arts *
California Institute of the Arts
Carleton College (2) *
Carnegie Mellon University *
Chapman University (2)
Colorado State University - Fort Collins *
Columbia University
Concordia College at Moorhead *
Cornell University (2)
Emory University (3) **
Emory University, Oxford College (2)
Fordham University
Full Sail University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Grand Canyon University *
Grinnell College
Illinois Institute of Technology

James Madison University *
Lafayette College
Lewis & Clark College
Loyola University, Chicago
Loyola Marymount University *
Lynn University
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences University *
New York University (9) ***
New York University Abu Dhabi (2) *
NYU Tisch School of the Arts
Northampton Community College
Northeastern University (4) *
Northwestern University
Ohio State University
Ohio University
Otis College of Art and Design
Parsons School of Design - The New School (7) **
Pennsylvania State University
Pitzer College
Pratt Institute - Main *
Princeton University *
Purchase College, SUNY
Purdue University (2)
Rhode Island School of Design *
Ringling College of Art and Design
Rochester Institute of Technology *
San Francisco State University
Santa Monica College
Savannah College of Art and Design (3) *
School of Visual Arts (5) *
Stanford University (2)
St. Edward's University
Stony Brook University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University (2) *
Trinity College (2) *
Tufts University (3)
University of California, Berkeley (5)
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles (5) *
University of California, San Diego (3)
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Chicago *
University of Colorado Colorado Springs
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (5)
University of Hawaii at Manoa *
University of La Verne (2) *
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Michigan - Ann Arbor *
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (2)
University of North Carolina, Charlotte
University of Pennsylvania
University of Rochester
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California (9) *
University of Texas, Austin (2)
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Commonwealth University *
Washington University in St. Louis
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
Westminster College
Yale University

*** Denotes Class of 2020 (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.