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**International  
School Dhaka**

# Academic Profile

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## *Centers of Excellence*

The Academy

Performing & Visual Arts

Innovation & Design

Athletics

Service Learning

### **MISSION**

We are building a community of responsible and compassionate lifelong learners who are committed to a sustainable future.

### **COMMUNITY**

International School Dhaka (ISD) was founded in 1999 to serve international and local families. Approximately 520 students are enrolled at ISD from Playgroup (age 2+) through grade 12 with 20 different nationalities represented. ISD employs 125 professional educational staff representing 22 nationalities. The language of instruction at ISD is English.

### **ACCREDITATION**

ISD is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and the Council of International Schools (CIS). The International Baccalaureate Organization has authorized ISD as an IB World School.

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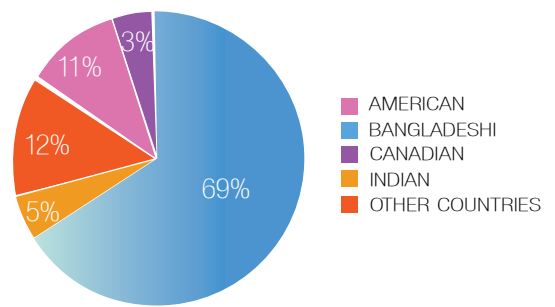
## SCHOOL CALENDAR

The academic year begins in August and concludes in June. School is in session from Sunday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## APPLICATION PRACTICES

Students are limited to a maximum of 10 university applications. ISD uses BridgeU for online submission of transcripts and recommendations.

ISD student nationalities



## HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDY

### The IB Continuum

ISD is distinguished as an IB continuum school, offering all three IB programs: the Primary Years Program (PYP, Playgroup-grade 5), the Middle Years Program (MYP, grades 6-10) and the Diploma Program (DP, grades 11 and 12).

### The IB Diploma Program (DP)

Students in grades 11 and 12 may pursue the IB Diploma which requires them to complete studies in languages and literature, language acquisition, individuals and societies, sciences, and mathematics, with the option of studying the arts. Across these subject groups, students must complete three courses at higher level and three courses at standard level. Students also complete the DP core requirements: the Theory of Knowledge (TOK) course, the Extended Essay (EE), and Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS).

### The ISD High School Diploma

The ISD Diploma is accredited in the United States by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. To earn the ISD Diploma, students must complete 12 academic years of study and achieve 24 credits in grades 9 through 12. Credit requirements for the the ISD High School Diploma include:

- 4 credits of English
- 3 credits of Mathematics
- 3 credits of Humanities
- 3 credits of Sciences
- 2 credits of languages other than English
- 9 credits of electives

## SERVICE LEARNING AT ISD

Service learning provides opportunities to build empathy, be involved in the community, and develop a mindset for innovation. Students investigate global issues and study social innovations that address real-world needs. International School Dhaka partners with UTSHO Bangladesh, Solmaid School, Abinta Kabir Foundation and other social organizations to run student-led projects that measurably impact the immediate community. Students have to meet minimum service learning requirements to receive the ISD High School Diploma.

## CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

ISD's setting in Bangladesh offers extensive opportunities for students to initiate projects with non-governmental organizations. Students take part in community service experiences which focus on education, the environment, and leadership skills. ISD offers a wide range of co-curricular programs including after school clubs for drama, music and visual arts. Outside Bangladesh, students participate in Model United Nations conferences and international service projects.

ISD students participate in team and intramural sports including varsity football (soccer), swimming, cricket, tennis, badminton, basketball, and volleyball. ISD is a member of DISA (Dhaka International Schools Association), a sports league for international schools in Dhaka.

## SAT TEST CENTER

The College Board has authorized ISD as a center for the PSAT and SAT.

## REPORTING ACADEMIC PROGRESS

All grades at ISD are reported as scores on the IB 1-7 scale. In grades 11 and 12, academic grades are also reported as a percentage. All courses are year-long. Credit is awarded in accordance with NEASC requirements. Cumulative grade point average (GPA) values are weighted. ISD does not rank students. Courses taken at other high schools are not incorporated into a student's transcript or cumulative GPA.

### Grade Point Average (GPA) Scale

% RANGE	REGULAR CLASS	SL CLASS	HL CLASS	% RANGE	REGULAR CLASS	SL CLASS	HL CLASS
93-100	4.0	4.5	5.0	70-72	1.7	2.2	2.7
90-92	3.7	4.2	4.7	67-69	1.3	1.8	2.3
87-89	3.3	3.8	4.3	63-66	1.0	1.5	2.0
83-86	3.0	3.5	4.0	60-62	0.7	1.2	1.7
80-82	2.7	3.2	3.7	BELOW 60	0.0	0.5	1.0
77-79	2.3	2.8	3.3	INCOMPLETE	0.0	0.0	0.0
73-76	2.0	2.5	3.0				

The following percentage grades may be approximately converted to the IB 1-7 scale.

7 = 96-100	6 = 90-95	5 = 80-89	4 = 70-79	3 = 60-69	2 = 50-59	1 = 0-49
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### IB COURSE OFFERINGS: CLASS OF 2020

<b>STUDIES IN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE</b> Bengali A Literature SL/HL English A Language & Literature SL/HL Self-Taught Language A Literature SL	<b>INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETIES</b> Business Management SL/HL Economics SL/HL History SL/HL	<b>MATHEMATICS</b> Mathematics SL/HL
<b>LANGUAGE ACQUISITION</b> English B HL French B SL/HL French ab initio SL Spanish ab initio SL	<b>SCIENCE</b> Biology SL/HL Chemistry SL/HL Environmental Systems & Societies SL Physics SL/HL	<b>THE ARTS</b> Music SL/HL Theatre SL/HL Visual Arts SL/HL
		<b>IBDP CORE</b> Theory of Knowledge

### IB DIPLOMA AND SAT/ACT DATA (2009-2019)

Students at ISD consistently perform above the world average. In the class of 2019, 20 students earned the full IB Diploma and 9 earned the IB Bilingual Diploma.

IB DIPLOMA	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
ISD average score	31	33	30	32	30	30	31	29	30	32	31
World average score	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
ISD highest score	44	43	38	41	38	35	40	38	38	43	40

SAT	2016-2018
Average Math	536-585
Average English reading & writing	539-570

ACT	2017-2019
Average composite score	29-30

# UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCE AND MATRICULATION 2013-2019

The Class of 2019 is attending universities highlighted in **bold**.

 AUSTRALIA	 THAILAND	 USA
Australian National University Macquarie University Monash College Monash University University of Melbourne University of Sydney University of New South Wales RMIT University	Bangkok University International King Mongkut's University of Technology Suan Sunandha Rajabhat University Webster University Thailand	Drexel University, PA Emory University, GA Fordham University, NY Foothill College, CA George Mason University, VA The George Washington University, DC Guilford College, NC <b>Hofstra University, NY</b> Hudson Valley Community College, NY Hult International Business School, CA Illinois Institute of Technology Indiana University Bloomington Indiana University-Purdue, IN Ithaca College, NY Johnson & Wales University-Providence, RI La Salle University, PA Manhattan College, NY Marist College, NY Marymount California University Marymount Manhattan College, NY Mount Holyoke College, MA Mt. San Antonio College, CA Musicians Institute, CA New York University Northern Virginia Community College Northeastern University, MA Pace University, NY Parsons School of Design, NY Pennsylvania State University-University Park Reed College, OR Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, NY Rochester Institute of Technology, NY Rutgers University-New Brunswick, NJ San Diego State University, CA Santa Monica College, CA Sarah Lawrence College, NY St. John's University, NY Salt Lake Community College, UT Salve Regina University, RI Seton Hall University, NJ Shoreline Community College, WA Simmons College, MA <b>Suffolk University, MA</b> <b>Stony Brook University, NY</b> SUNY Plattsburgh, NY Syracuse University, NY Temple University, PA The Art Institute of New York City, NY The Citadel, SC The New School, NY The University of Tampa, FL Tufts University, MA University at Albany SUNY, NY University at Buffalo SUNY, NY University of California, Berkeley University of California, Santa Barbara University of California, Davis University of California, Los Angeles University of Houston, TX University of Idaho University of Maryland, Baltimore County University of Massachusetts, Boston University of Miami, FL University of Michigan-Ann Arbor University of Pittsburgh, PA University of Rochester, NY University of San Francisco, CA University of Southern California University of Texas at Arlington University of Washington University of Wisconsin-Madison Virginia Commonwealth University West Liberty University, WV Wesleyan University, CT Wheaton College, MA
 BANGLADESH	 UK	
BRAC University <b>Dhaka University</b> East West University Independent University Bangladesh University of Dhaka North South University	Anglia Ruskin University Aston University Bellerbys College London Birkbeck, University of London <b>Brunel University London</b> <b>City, University of London</b> Coventry University Goldsmiths, University of London Heriot-Watt University Imperial College London Kaplan International College London Kings College London Lancaster University Manchester University Norwich University of the Arts Nottingham Trent University Oxford Brookes University Queen Mary University of London Royal Holloway, University of London SOAS, University of London University of Edinburgh University of Liverpool University Arts London University College London University of Aberdeen University of Birmingham University of Bristol University of Central Lancashire University of East Anglia University of Exeter University of Glasgow University of Hertfordshire University of Kent University of Leeds University of Nottingham University of St. Andrews University of Southampton University of Surrey University of Sussex University of Warwick <b>University of Westminster</b>	
 CANADA		
Brock University Carleton University Concordia University Emily Carr College of Art Fraser International College Humber College Huron University College <b>Lawrence University</b> McGill University <b>Ontario College of Art and Design</b> <b>Queen's University</b> <b>Ryerson University</b> Simon Fraser University St. Francis Xavier University <b>St. Mary's University</b> Trent University <b>University of British Columbia</b> University of Alberta University of Guelph <b>University of Toronto</b> University of Waterloo University of Windsor <b>Western University</b> Wilfrid Laurier University <b>York University</b>		
 CHINA		
New York University Shanghai The Chinese University of Hong Kong Hong Kong Polytechnic University		
 EUROPE	 SINGAPORE	
Les Roches International School of Hotel Management University College Maastricht	James Cook University Nanyang Technological University Raffles Institute Singapore	
 INDIA	 USA	
<b>Shri Shikshayatan College</b> SRM University Indian Institute of Technology Delhi International Institute of Management, Engineering & Technology Jabalpur Engineering College Ramkrishna College Sikkim Manipal University St. Joseph's College, Bangalore Vellore Institute of Technology	Adelphi University, NY American University, DC <b>Augsburg University, MN</b> Bard College, NY Bates College, ME Babson College, MA Bennington College, VT Bentley University, MA Berkeley City College, CA Berklee College of Music, MA Boston University, MA Brown University, RI Bryant University, RI California State Poly U., Pomona California State University, East Bay California State University, Fullerton California State University, Los Angeles California State University, Sacramento City College of San Francisco, CA Clark University, MA Colby College, ME Colorado State University, CO Concordia University-Ann Arbor, MI	
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Monash University Malaysia Taylor's University Sunway University		