



International School of Kenya

Empowering students to create solutions for tomorrow's challenges

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HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2020-2021

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

The International School of Kenya (ISK) is a non-profit, PreK-12, coeducational, independent day school serving the expatriate and Kenyan communities in Nairobi. The school was started by the United States Embassy and the Canadian High Commission in 1976 and is fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and the Council of International Schools. Approximately 33% of the school's 918 students are North Americans, and the remainder represent over 67 other nationalities.

The High School faculty is composed of 41 full and 8 part time professionals. 44% of the faculty are North Americans, 100% have a bachelor's degree and 93% have advanced degrees. The first semester begins in August and ends in December. The second semester begins in January and ends in June. The High School operates a schedule that includes eight blocks.

Each block in 9th and 10th grade meets five times in a

typical two-week period, with each block being 80 minutes in length. For 11th and 12th graders our student schedules provide the recommended hours for each IB standard and higher level subject and respects concurrency of learning.

There are 36 weeks (180 days) in the school year. All ISK students are required to complete an Intercultural trip, a service project and a creative and activity program each year of high school.

CREDITS AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In grades 9 through 12, one credit is awarded for each one-year ISK course completed with a passing mark of 3 or above. One half credit is earned for one semester. A minimum of 24 credits is required for graduation. Students transferring to ISK from another school may bring in a maximum of 8 credits per year.

Minimum Graduation Requirements

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| English | 4 credits |
| Social Studies, Math, Science | 3 credits, each |
| Second Language | 2 credits |
| Physical Education | 1.5 credits |
| Fine/Performing Arts | 1 credit |
| Health Education | 0.5 credit |
| Electives | 6 credits |
| Totals | 24 credits |

Creativity, Activity, Service & Leadership (CASL) Program

The CASL program provides a meaningful framework for co-curricular activities for students to initiate and reflect upon sustainable community projects that are mutually beneficial and cultivate personal and community growth. All ISK students are required to complete annual projects in the areas of creativity, activity, service and leadership followed by self-evaluation and reflection.

GRADE SCALE

| Grade | Descriptor | Honor Points |
|-------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| 7 | Exemplary Achievement | 8 |
| 6 | Excellent Achievement | 7 |
| 5 | Proficient Achievement | 6 |
| 4 | Basic Achievement | 5 |
| 3 | Limited Achievement | 4 |
| 2 | Very Little Achievement/No Credit | 0 |
| 1 | Minimal Achievement/No Credit | 0 |
| CR | Credit | 0 |

Note: The IB courses at ISK are designated as Honors by an "H" following the numeric grade. Honor Points are calculated into students' gpa.

| ISK 7-1 Grading Scale | Traditional USA A-F grading scale |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 7 | A+ |
| 6 | A |
| 5 | B |
| 4 | C |
| 3 | D |
| 2/1 | F |

Note: The table is a rough translation.

SAT MEAN SCORES FOR THE CLASS OF 2021

Total: 1234 | ERW: 616 | Math: 618
31 out of 92 test takers

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION [CLASS OF 2020]

USA 41% | UK 20% | Canada 17%
Gap 14% | Europe 6% | Other 2%

2020-2021 HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS SUMMARY

All courses listed below may not be offered for the 2020-2021 academic year. One-semester courses are denoted (s).

CREATIVE ARTS

Art 1 (s)
Art 2 (s)
Art 3-D Fabrication (s)
Ceramics Studio (s)
Emerging Media
IB SL Visual Arts 1, 2
IB HL Visual Arts 1, 2
Drama Performance (s)
Drama Playscripts & Directing (s)
Drama Technical Theatre (s)
IB SL Theatre 1, 2
IB HL Theatre Arts 1, 2
Concert Band
Concert Choir
IB SL Music 1, 2
IB HL Music 1, 2

ENGLISH

English 9
English 10
English 11
English 12
IB SL English A Lang. & Lit. 1, 2
IB HL English A Lang. & Lit. 1, 2
IB SL English A Literature 1, 2
IB HL English A Literature 1, 2
Creative Writing (s)

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

STEM 1 Digital Design (s)
STEM 2 Robotics (s)
STEM 2 Game Design (s)
STEM 2 Industrial Design (s)
IB SL/HL Design Technology 1, 2

INTERDISCIPLINARY / GENERAL ELECTIVES

iMe: Living and Learning for Digital Natives (s)
IB Theory of Knowledge 11,12
Education for Sustainable Development (s)
Yearbook
Topics in Cinema (s)
Personal Finance- You and Your Money (s)

Health & Sports Exercise Sciences 1, 2

MATHEMATICS

Math 1
Math 2
Math 3
Math 11/12
Math Applications
IB SL Math St. 1, 2
IB SL Math 1, 2
IB HL Math 1, 2
Math Bridge 1
Math Bridge 2
Math Studies (Non-IB/Non-Honors)
STEM Statistics (s)
IB Math Analysis HL 1
IB Math Analysis SL 1
IB Math Applications HL 1
IB Math Applications SL 1

MODERN LANGUAGES

Spanish 1
Spanish 2
IB Spanish ab initio 1, 2
Spanish 3
Spanish 4/IB SL Spanish B 1
IB SL Spanish B2 / HL Spanish B1
IB HL Spanish B2 French 1
French 2
French 3
French 4 / IB SL French B1
IB SL French B 2 / HL French B1
IB HL French B2
IB SL French A Language & Literature 1
IB SL French A Language & Literature 2
Kiswahili 1
Kiswahili 2
IB Kiswahili ab initio 1, 2

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH

Advanced Physical Education (s)
Integrated PE & Health 9-10

SCIENCE

Introductory Biochemistry 10
IB SL Biology 1, 2
IB HL Biology 1, 2
Introductory Physics 9
IB SL Physics 1, 2
IB HL Physics 1, 2
IB SL Chemistry 1, 2
IB HL Chemistry 1, 2
IB Environmental Systems & Societies SL
STEM Engineering (s)
Environmental Science: Terrestrial Ecosystems (s)
Environmental Science: Aquatic Ecosystems (s)

SOCIAL STUDIES

World Civilizations 1
World Civilizations 2
IB SL Psychology 1, 2
IB HL Psychology 1, 2
IB SL History 1, 2
IB HL History 1, 2
IB SL Economics 1, 2
IB HL Economics 1, 2
IB SL Geography 1, 2
IB HL Geography 1, 2
IB SL Global Politics 1
IB HL Global Politics 1
World Religions (s)
Psychology (s)
International Relations (s)
Entrepreneurship & Business Studies (s)
A History of the World in 25 Questions (s)
Africa in the World System (s)

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Learning Support
Study Skills

INDEPENDENT STUDY & ONLINE ACADEMY

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELL) PROGRAM

UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

Due to the mobile nature of our students and our small class sizes, ISK does not rank our students. ISK reports information related to a student's disciplinary history when asked on applications.

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.

COVID-19 DISRUPTION

In the 2019-2020 school year, ISK moved to virtual learning from March 23 through the end of the school year. Students continued to receive grades but were largely unable to participate in extracurricular activities. All sports, performances, and other gatherings were prohibited. We have started the 2020-2021 school year virtually.

THE IB PROGRAM AT ISK

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program at ISK provides high school students with a diploma and certificates recognized by universities throughout the world. Students may enroll in the full IB Diploma Program, requiring six externally administered exams, Extended Essay, and Theory of Knowledge course, or they may also take specific individual IB courses for IB certificates. The maximum score possible in each IB course is 7. ISK has an inclusive policy in regards to the IB Diploma Program; it is open to all students who satisfactorily complete prerequisite courses.



MAY 2020 IB DIPLOMA STATISTICS

| | |
|-------------|---|
| 85 | Number of candidates registered in the session |
| 51 | Number of diploma and retake candidates registered in the session |
| 536 | Number of subject entries in the session |
| 50 | Number of candidates who passed the diploma |
| 35 | Average points obtained by candidates who passed the diploma |
| 42 | Highest diploma points awarded to a candidate |
| 5.48 | Av. grade obtained at the school by candidates who passed the diploma |

MAY 2020 IB SCORES

| IB Course | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | Avg. |
|-----------------------------------|---|----|----|---|---|---|---|------|
| DUTCH A: Lang and Literature SL | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6.00 |
| ENGLISH A: Lang and Literature HL | 4 | 18 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.69 |
| ENGLISH A: Lang and Literature SL | 1 | 17 | 15 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.37 |
| ENGLISH A: Literature HL | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.43 |
| FRENCH A: Lang and Literature SL | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6.00 |
| POLISH A: Literature SL | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7.00 |
| SPANISH A: Lang and Literature SL | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6.00 |
| FRENCH AB. SL | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.40 |
| FRENCH B HL | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.60 |
| FRENCH B SL | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6.30 |
| GERMAN B SL | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6.00 |
| SPANISH AB. SL | 4 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.93 |
| SPANISH B HL | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6.00 |
| SPANISH B SL | 2 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6.00 |
| SWAHILI AB. SL | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.55 |
| BUSINESS MANAGEMENT HL in ENGLISH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.00 |
| ECONOMICS HL in ENGLISH | 2 | 4 | 11 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5.09 |
| ECONOMICS SL in ENGLISH | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.00 |
| GEOGRAPHY HL in ENGLISH | 4 | 8 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5.44 |
| GEOGRAPHY SL in ENGLISH | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.50 |
| HISTORY SL in ENGLISH | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.50 |
| HISTORY EUROPE HL in ENGLISH | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.29 |
| PHILOSOPHY SL in ENGLISH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.00 |
| PSYCHOLOGY HL in ENGLISH | 1 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5.53 |
| BIOLOGY HL in ENGLISH | 1 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5.12 |
| BIOLOGY SL in ENGLISH | 3 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.24 |
| CHEMISTRY HL in ENGLISH | 2 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5.00 |
| CHEMISTRY SL in ENGLISH | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.29 |
| DESIGN TECH. HL in ENGLISH | 1 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.07 |
| DESIGN TECH. SL in ENGLISH | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4.25 |
| PHYSICS HL in ENGLISH | 1 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5.36 |
| PHYSICS SL in ENGLISH | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4.50 |
| MATH.STUDIES SL in ENGLISH | 0 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 4.24 |
| MATHEMATICS HL in ENGLISH | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4.50 |
| MATHEMATICS SL in ENGLISH | 6 | 16 | 18 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 5.36 |
| MUSIC HL in ENGLISH | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.29 |
| MUSIC SO.PERF SL in ENGLISH | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.00 |
| THEATRE HL in ENGLISH | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.33 |
| THEATRE SL in ENGLISH | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6.00 |
| VISUAL ARTS HL in ENGLISH | 0 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4.18 |
| VISUAL ARTS SL in ENGLISH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3.00 |

SAMPLE COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES CLASSES 2018-2020

USA

Adelphi University
 Agnes Scott College
 Allegheny University
 American University
 Arizona State University
 Augustana University
 Barnard College
 Barry University
 Bates College
 Baylor University
 Belmont University
 Bentley University
 Berklee College of Music
 Bethel College
 Binghamton University SUNY
 Boston University
 Brandeis University
 Brenau University
 Brigham Young University
 Brown University
 Bucknell University
 Butler University
 California State University-Long Beach
 California State University-Northridge
 Carleton College
 Carnegie Mellon University
 Case Western Reserve University
 Clark Atlanta University
 Clark University
 Coastal Carolina University
 College of Saint Benedict
 College of Saint Scholastica
 College of William & Mary
 Colorado State University
 Concordia College
 Concordia College Moorhead
 Dartmouth College
 Davidson College
 DePaul University
 Drexel University
 Duke University
 Emerson College
 Florida Atlantic University
 Florida International University
 Florida State University
 Fordham University
 Full Sails University
 George Mason University
 George Washington University
 Georgetown University
 Georgia Institute of Technology
 Georgia State University
 Gonzaga University
 Goucher College
 Gustavus Adolphus College
 Harvard University
 Hawaii Pacific University
 Hendrix College
 Hofstra University
 Hult International Business School
 Indiana University
 Iowa State University
 Kenyon College
 Lafayette College
 Lawrence Technological University
 Lawrence University
 Lehigh University
 Lesley University
 Lewis and Clark College
 Longwood University
 Loyola Marymount University
 Loyola University Chicago
 Lynn University
 Macalester College
 Maine Maritime Academy
 Maryland Institute College of Arts
 Massachusetts College of Art & Design
 McKendree University
 Mercer University
 Miami International School of Art and Design
 Michigan State University
 Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design
 Mitchell College
 Morehouse College
 New York University
 North Carolina Center University
 North Carolina State University
 Northeastern University
 Northwestern University
 Oberlin College
 Ohio State University
 Old Dominion University
 Oregon State University
 Otis College of Arts and Design
 Pace University
 Pennsylvania State University
 Pepperdine University
 Pratt Institute
 Pratt/WMP College of Art & Design
 Purdue University
 Quinnipiac University
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Ringling College of Art and Design
 Rochester Institute of Technology
 Rollins College
 Rutgers University
 Saint Louis University
 San Diego State University
 San Francisco State University
 San Jose State University
 Santa Clara University
 Sarah Lawrence University
 Savannah College of Art and Design
 Schiller University
 School of the Art Institute of Chicago
 School of Visual Arts
 Seattle University
 Seton Hall University
 Simmons University
 Skidmore College
 Smith College
 Southwestern University

St. Lawrence University

St. Louis University
 St. Mary's College of CA
 St. Olaf College
 Suffolk University
 SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
 SUNY Maritime College
 SUNY Plattsburgh
 SUNY Purchase
 Syracuse University
 Temple University
 Texas A&M University
 Texas State University
 The King's College
 The New School
 Thomas Jefferson University
 Trinity University
 Tufts University
 Tulane University
 University of Arizona
 University of Bridgeport
 University of California Davis
 University of California Irvine
 University of California Los Angeles
 University of California Merced
 University of California Riverside
 University of California San Diego
 University of California Santa Barbara
 University of California Santa Cruz
 University of Central Florida
 University of Cincinnati
 University of Colorado Boulder
 University of Connecticut
 University of Delaware
 University of Denver
 University of Detroit Mercy
 University of Florida
 University of Georgia
 University of Hawaii-Manoa
 University of Illinois Chicago
 University of Illinois Urbana Champaign
 University of Iowa
 University of La Verne
 University of Maryland College Park
 University of Massachusetts Amherst
 University of Massachusetts Boston
 University of Miami
 University of Michigan
 University of Minnesota, Duluth
 University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
 University of Montana
 University of New England
 University of New Hampshire
 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
 University of North Florida
 University of Notre Dame
 University of Oklahoma
 University of Oregon
 University of Pennsylvania
 University of Pittsburgh
 University of Portland
 University of Puget Sound
 University of Rhode Island
 University of Richmond
 University of Rochester
 University of San Francisco
 University of South Florida
 University of Southern California
 University of Tampa
 University of Texas at Dallas
 University of Vermont
 University of Virginia
 University of Washington
 University of West Florida
 University of Wisconsin Madison
 Utah State University
 Virginia Commonwealth University
 Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
 Wake Forest University
 Washington State University
 Washington University in St. Louis
 Wentworth Institute of Technology
 Wesleyan University
 Western Washington University
 Wheaton College Massachusetts
 Whitman College
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute
 Yale University
 Yale-NUS College

Northumbria University
 Norwich University of the Arts
 Oxford Brookes University
 Queen Mary University of London
 Richmond The American International University in London
 Royal Holloway University
 SOAS University of London
 St. Andrews University
 Sussex University
 University College London
 University of Aberdeen
 University of Bath
 University of Bedfordshire
 University of Birmingham
 University of Brighton
 University of Bristol
 University of Dundee
 University of East Anglia
 University of East London
 University of Edinburgh
 University of Exeter
 University of Glasgow
 University of Greenwich
 University of Hull
 University of Kent
 University of Leeds
 University of London
 University of Manchester
 University of Northumbria
 University of Nottingham
 University of Oxford
 University of Plymouth
 University of Portsmouth
 University of Reading
 University of Sheffield
 University of Southampton
 University of St. Andrews
 University of Stirling
 University of Suffolk
 University of Surrey
 University of the Arts London
 University of the Creative Arts
 University of the West of England Bristol
 University of Warwick
 University of West London
 University of Westminster
 University of York
 Westminster Kingsway College
 York St. John University

Canada

Brock University
 Capilano University
 Carleton University
 Columbia College Vancouver
 Concordia University
 Emily Carr University of Art and Design
 Lakehead University
 McGill University
 McMaster University
 OCAD University
 Queen's University
 Ryerson University
 Simon Fraser University
 Trent University
 University of Alberta
 University of British Columbia
 University of Calgary
 University of Guelph
 University of New Brunswick
 University of Ottawa
 University of Toronto
 University of Victoria
 University of Waterloo
 Vancouver Island University
 Western University
 Wilfrid Laurier University
 York University

Europe

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 American University of Paris
 Delft University of Technology
 Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne
 Erasmus University
 EU Business School
 Fontys University of Applied Sciences
 Gothenburg University
 Hanze University of Applied Sciences
 John Cabot University
 Leiden University
 Leiden University College
 Maritime University Poland
 The Hague University of Applied Sciences
 University College Groningen
 University College Utrecht
 University of Amsterdam
 University of Groningen
 University of Nicosia
 University of Nicosia Medical School
 Vrije Universiteit Brussel

Other

Seoul National University
 African Leadership Academy - Mauritius
 Carnegie Mellon University - Qatar
 Emirates Aviation University
 International Medical University
 Macquarie University
 Nanyang Technological University
 University of Singapore
 Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
 The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
 United States International University - Africa
 University of Technology Sydney
 Western Sydney University