

School Profile

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BCIS is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School authorized to offer all levels of the IB curriculum through the Diploma Programme.

BCIS is accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS) and Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and is a member of Mastery Transcript Consortium (MTC).



School and Community

Beijing City International School (BCIS) is a non-profit private school. With the approval of the Education Committee of Chaoyang District, Beijing, BCIS acts as a pilot school offering educational reform and innovation through international educational practices that incorporate 16 grades of schooling, from pre-school to Grade 12. The language of instruction at BCIS is English.

BCIS was founded in 2005 and has grown rapidly from a small elementary school to a comprehensive international school. The current enrollment of 1,350+ students is from 27 different nationalities. The largely expatriate faculty is mainly from the US, Canada, Australia and the UK as well as from a number of other countries and regions around the world.

BCIS is unique in that it is the first international school invested by a Chinese national, whose vision for the school sees BCIS as a bridge between China and the World. As a result the school is permitted to enroll students who hold passports from Mainland China. The school's Central Business District city location serves families who are employed by embassies, multinational corporations and other businesses.

Accreditation

With the approval of the Education Committee of Chaoyang District, based on creatively and authentically implementing the Chinese national curriculum, the school curriculum consists of Early Childhood, Primary Years Programme, Middle Years Programme and Diploma Programme, all

accredited and authorized by the International Baccalaureate Organization. We also offer the BCIS IDEATE Diploma, our bespoke alternative to the IB Diploma. BCIS is accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). As a member of the East Asia Regional Council of Schools (EARCOS), the Association of China and Mongolia International Schools (ACAMIS), and the International Schools Athletic Conference, Beijing-Tianjin (ISAC), the school is an active participant in various activities among the member schools and communities.

School Calendar

BCIS operates a two-semester school year – August to January and February to June respectively for Semesters One and Two. There are over 180 school days in the teaching year.

School Curriculum

As an IB World School, BCIS offers all three IB programs that innovatively incorporate the requirements of the Chinese national curriculum into the school program. Students can begin to choose courses in Grade 9 to personalize their pathway to a BCIS High School Diploma through the IB Diploma Programme (IB DP) and the IDEATE Program.

The IB DP is an internationally recognized, rigorous university preparation program, the graduates from which are keenly sought after by many prestigious universities around the world.

The IDEATE Program is a selective, eligibility-based opportunity for driven students. Designed to be both academically rigorous and self-directed, the program empowers learners to chart their own educational journey through a dynamic blend of pathways — including IBMYP, IBDP, AP, high school subjects, and university courses, some of which are online.

The IDEATE Program also offers competency-based courses designed in collaboration with the Global Impact Diploma.

Throughout high school, IDEATE students may design and complete extended projects, engage in meaningful internships, and gain hands-on experience that transfers classroom learning to real-world impact. Credits are earned not only by passing academic requirements but also by demonstrating the ability to apply knowledge and skills in authentic, real-world contexts.



Personalization at BCIS

Grade 9-12 students can earn graduation credits in their coursework in a variety of ways

Grade	North American Conversion	Descriptor	Grade 6-8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
7	A+	Excellent					
6	A	Very Good					
5	B	Good					
4	C	Satisfactory					
3	D	Adequate					
2	E	Poor					
1	F	Very Poor					

	Grade 6-8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
IB MYP					
Global Online Academy					
VHS Learning					
Global Impact Diploma					
IB DP					
Arizona State University					
Savannah College of Art & Design					

Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) and the Graduation Portfolio & Defense are required in order to graduate with a BCIS High School Diploma.

The Global Impact Diploma (GID) is an international collaboration for impact and innovation. The GID curriculum is designed for student agency, meaningful learning, and well-being, and BCIS offers four GID courses this year.

Grading System

BCIS reports academic progress twice each year and the reports are comprehensive documents based on the assessment guidelines of the IB or IDEATE.

BCIS uses a 7-point grading system where 7 represents the highest grade possible and 1 represents the lowest grade possible.

Graduation Requirements

Our High School Diploma requirements include a total of 24 credits. These credits are distributed across the following areas: English (4 credits), Mathematics (3+ credits), Sciences (4 credits), Humanities (3+ credits), Arts (2+ credits), Additional Language (2+ credits), Physical Education (2 credits), Electives (4 credits), and Creativity, Activity, and Service. All students who fulfill the credit requirements above graduate with the BCIS High School Diploma. In addition, BCIS offers programmatic diplomas (IB Diploma and IDEATE Diploma) to students who successfully complete their respective program's diploma requirements.

IB DP Class Results Class of 2026		
	World Average	BCIS
Mean (max 45)	30.88	32
Pass Rate (%)	82.61%	95.2%

University Acceptances 2024-2026

University names in **bold red text** are university acceptances for Class of 2026

AUSTRALIA

Murdoch University
The University of Queensland
The University of Sydney
University of Melbourne
Western Sydney University

CANADA

Durham College
Fraser International College
Humber College
Huron at Western University
McGill University
McMaster University
Queen's University
Saint Mary's University (Halifax)
Simon Fraser University
Southern Alberta Institute of Technology
The University of British Columbia
University of Alberta
University of Guelph
University of New Brunswick
University of Ottawa
University of Toronto
University of Toronto - Scarborough
University of Victoria
University of Waterloo
University of Western Ontario
Vancouver Island University
Western University
Wilfrid Laurier University

CHINA MAINLAND

Beijing Foreign Studies University
Duke Kunshan University

CHINA HONG KONG

City University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong Academy of Performing Arts
Hong Kong Baptist University
Lingnan University
The Chinese University of Hong Kong
The Education University of Hong Kong
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
The University of Hong Kong

FRANCE

Paris Fashion School - Institut Français de la Mode
The American University of Paris

GERMANY

Constructor University
Lancaster University Leipzig

GREECE

Aristotle University, School of Medicine

ITALY

The American University of Rome

JAPAN

APU - Ritsumeikan

INDIA

ATLAS SkillTech University
Strate School of Design

The Manipal Academy of Higher Education
University of Liverpool - Bengaluru Campus
Vidyashilp University

MALAYSIA

Monash University - Malaysia

SINGAPORE

Nanyang Technological University

SPAIN

IE University - Madrid Campus
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
Universidad Europea de Madrid

SWITZERLAND

Franklin University Switzerland
Webster University Geneva

JAMAICA

The University of the West Indies

NETHERLANDS

Maastricht University
Radboud University
University of Amsterdam
University of Groningen
Wageningen University

PORTUGAL

Forward College

KOREA

Korea University

UK

Bangor University
Bath Spa University
University of Dundee
Birkbeck, University of London
Coventry University
Imperial College London
King's College London, University of London
Kingston University
London School of Economics and Political Science
London South Bank University
Loughborough University
Manchester Metropolitan University
MetFilm School
Middlesex University
Newcastle University
Northumbria University, Newcastle
University of Exeter
Open University
Royal Conservatoire of Scotland
Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama
Teesside University
The University of Edinburgh
University College London
University of Birmingham
University of Bristol
University of Glasgow
University of Leeds
University of Manchester

University of Reading

University of Sheffield

University of South Wales

University of Southampton

University of Stirling

University of Sussex

University of the Arts London

University of the West of England, Bristol

University of Warwick

University of Westminster, London

USA

Albright College
Adelphi University
Albright College
Carnegie Mellon University
Alma College
American University
Amherst College
Arizona State University
Art Center College of Design
Augustana University
Babson College
Berklee College of Music
Bethune-Cookman University
Binghamton University, State University of New York
Black Hills State University
Boston College
Case Western Reserve University
Boston University
Brandeis University
Bryant University
Butler University
California Baptist University
California College of the Arts
California Institute of Arts
California Lutheran University
Central Washington University
Christopher Newport University
Clark University
Clemson University
Colgate University
College of Charleston
Columbia College Chicago
Concordia College
Cottey College
Daemen University
Dartmouth College
Denison University
Drexel University
Earlham College
Eastern Mennonite University
Eastern Michigan University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College
Emmanuel College - Massachusetts
Florida International University
Fordham University
George Washington University
Grand Canyon University
Grinnell College
Hamilton College
Haverford College
Hesston College
High Point University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hollins University
Houston Christian University

Illinois College
 Indiana University - Bloomington
Iowa State University
Kalamazoo College
 Kent State University
Kenyon College
Lake Forest College
 Lewis & Clark College
 Lewis University
 Long Island University
Los Angeles College of Music
 Louisiana State University - Baton Rouge
 Loyola Marymount University
 Lycoming College
 Lynn University
Macalester College
 Maryland Institute College of Art
 Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS)
 Miami University: Oxford
Michigan State University
 Middlebury College
 Missouri Southern State University
Mount Vernon Nazarene University
 Musicians Institute
 Nazareth University
New York University
 Newman University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
 Northwest Missouri State University
 Oberlin College
 Ohio Northern University
Ohio State University-Main Campus
 Ohio Wesleyan University
 Oral Roberts University
 Otis College of Art and Design
 Pacific Lutheran University
Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus
Pepperdine University
Pitzer College
Pratt Institute
 Purdue University Northwest
 Queens College, City University of New York
 Quinnipiac University

Reed College
Regis College
Rice University
 Ringling College of Art and Design
Rochester Institute of Technology
 Rowan University
Rutgers University
Rutgers University-New Brunswick
 Rutgers University-Newark
 San Francisco College of Music
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
School of Visual Arts
 Seattle University
Skidmore College
 Snow College
Springfield College
St. Lawrence University-New York
 St. Olaf College
 State University of New York at Geneseo
 State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF)
 Stevens Institute of Technology
Stony Brook University - SUNY
 SUNY at Albany
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Texas A & M University-College Station
 The College of Wooster
The New School
 The New School Jazz
 The New School Parsons
 Trinity University
Tufts University
 Union College
 University at Buffalo, The State University of New York
 University of California - Berkeley
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 Cincinnati
University of Connecticut
 University of Dayton
 University of Denver
University of Florida
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
 University of Kentucky
 University of Maryland-College Park
University of Massachusetts - Amherst
 University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
University of Minnesota Twin Cities
 University of Minnesota-Morris
 University of Missouri
 University of Mount Union
University of Nebraska at Omaha
 University of Nevada, Reno
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
 University of Pittsburgh
University of Rochester
 University of Saint Mary
 University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
 University of South Dakota
University of Southern California
 University of Southern Mississippi
 University of the Incarnate Word
University of Utah
 University of Washington
 University of Washington Bothell
 University of Washington-Seattle Campus
University of Wisconsin-Madison
 Wake Forest University
 Wartburg College
 Washburn University
 Washington College
 Washington University in St. Louis
 Wellesley College
 Western Washington University
 Whitman College
 Whittier College
 Williams College
 Woodbury University
 Xavier University
 York College of Pennsylvania

Student Body Nationalities at BCIS

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