Beijing City International School

**PROFILE 2017 – 2018**

**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 15 grades of schooling, from pre-school to Grade 12. Learning is based on creatively implementing the Chinese national curriculum by adapting both progressive Chinese and foreign educational philosophies, teaching pedagogies, management, and modern educational strategies.

BCIS was founded in 2005 and has grown rapidly from a small elementary school to a comprehensive international school. The current enrollment of approximately 1,044 students is from 31 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. The school is also 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 December and January 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 programmes that innovatively incorporates the requirements of the Chinese national curriculum into the school program. Currently, 100% of all Grade 11 students are IBDP or IB Courses candidates, and their progression to the examinations at the end of Grade 12 is monitored closely. At times test results may result in small numbers of students opting not to take the IB examinations.

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

**Grading System**

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

BCIS uses the IB 7-point grading system where 7 represents the highest grade possible and 1 represents the lowest grade possible.
Class Rank and GPA

Due to the transient nature of the BCIS student body and the diverse nature of their educational backgrounds, BCIS does not report class rank nor does BCIS calculate a 4-point GPA.

Graduation Requirements

BCIS offers the IB Diploma Programme and a BCIS High School Diploma. Our Secondary School Diploma requirements include a total of 30 credits. These credits are distributed across the following areas: English (4 credits), Mathematics (4 credits), Science (3+ credits), Humanities (3+ credits), Arts (2+ credits), Technology (2+ credits), Additional Language (2+ credits), Physical Education (2 credits), Electives (7 credits), and Community and Service (1 credit). BCIS students typically graduate with both the BCIS Diploma and the IB Diploma.

SAT and IB Results

BCIS students in the class of 2017 had a mean score of 1352 out of 1600 on the New SAT Examination, and a mean score of 734 for all SAT Subject Exams. While the global mean score for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) was 30.0, BCIS students achieved a mean score of 33. The world IBDP pass rate was 79%, while the BCIS pass rate was 91%. Additionally, because BCIS believes that “knowing your students and knowing your curriculum” are vital components for success, the teachers at BCIS had a 98% accuracy rate for predicted scores.

University Offers/Acceptances

In 2010, BCIS celebrated its first graduating class. To date, BCIS graduates have been made offers by the following universities and colleges, around the world.

USA

Academy of Art University  Elon University  Ohio State University
American University  Emerson College  Pace University
American University College of Arts and Sciences  Emory University  Parsons The New School for Design
Arizona State University  Fashion Institute of Technology  Pennsylvania State University
Art Center College of Design  Fordham University  Pepperdine University
Bard College  Franklin and Marshall College  Pitzer College
Bates College  George Mason University  Pomona College
Baylor University  George Washington University  Pratt Institute
Bentley University  Georgia Institute of Technology  Providence College
Berkeley College of Music  Grinnell College  Purdue University
Boston College  Guilford College  Rhodes College
Boston University  Harvard University  Roanoke College
Brandeis College  Iowa State University  Rochester Institute of Technology
Bryant University  John's Hopkins University  Rollins College
California College of the Arts  Kalamazoo College  Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
California Institute of Technology  Knox College  Rutgers University
Carnegie Mellon University  Lafayette College  Santa Clara University
Centre College  Lawrence University  Savannah College of Art and Design
Claremont McKenna College  Lehigh University  School of the Art Institute of Chicago
College of William and Mary  Long Island University  School of Visual Arts
Columbia University  Marist College  Simmons College
Columbus College of Art and Design  Maryland Institute College of Art  Southern Methodist University
Concordia University Chicago  Michigan State University  St. John's University
Connecticut College  Mount Holyoke College  State University of New York
De Paul University  North Carolina State University  Albany
Drew University  Northeastern University  State University of New York, Stony Brook
Drexel University  Northwestern University in Qatar  Stony Brook University
Duke University  Ohio Northern University  Swarthmore College
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**Nationalities at BCIS**

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*designates new acceptance for the school by the Class of 2017.