SCHOOL OVERVIEW
SSIS (Suzhou Singapore International School) was founded in 1996 to serve the educational needs of expatriate families residing in Suzhou and surrounding areas of China. SSIS is a leading international day school offering a comprehensive international curriculum for students ages 2-18 with foreign passports. We are an inclusive school with an open admission policy that serves an expatriate community. The language of instruction at SSIS is English. SSIS Western Academy (SWA) is a school on the SSIS campus comprising a small number of Chinese nationals, integrated into SSIS classes.

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SSIS FACULTY
SSIS faculty and staff are comprised of over 170 experienced professionals with an average experience of 16 years. Our dedicated teachers come from over 20 countries, bringing their own unique perspectives on teaching and learning. Over 50% hold advanced degrees in their respective subject areas.

ACCREDITATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS
SSIS is fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), the Council of International Schools (CIS), the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO), and is an IB World School. SSIS is also a member of ECIS, EARCOS, AISH, AAIE, ACAMIS, TTC, and the ASCD.

SCHOOL CALENDAR
The academic year is comprised of two semesters. The first semester begins in August and finishes prior to the Chinese New Year holiday at the end of January. The second semester begins in mid-February and finishes in mid-June.

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<tr>
<td>Mr. Laurence Mueller</td>
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**Academic Profile**

2019 – 2020

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**School Codes**

| IBO: 1459 | CEEB: 694207 |

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**HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

For detailed information regarding courses offered, assessments and graduation requirements please refer to the SSIS website [https://www.suzhousinternationalschool.com/academics](https://www.suzhousinternationalschool.com/academics)

**International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB DP)**

SSIS is an IB World School following the Primary Years Program (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), and Diploma Programme (DP). Students have the choice of pursuing the IB Diploma for Grades 11 and 12. IB DP students must complete at least three subjects at a Higher Level (240 class hours per HL course) and three subjects at Standard Level (150 class hours per SL course). In addition to the six academic subjects, students must also fulfill the IB DP Core requirements of the Theory of Knowledge (TOK) course and the Extended Essay (EE) to a satisfactory standard. They must also participate in Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS) during Grades 11 and 12.

**SSIS High School Diploma (HSD)**

SSIS also offers the NEASC accredited SSIS High School Diploma. This is an excellent alternative for students who do not wish to pursue the IB Diploma; however, students are encouraged to pursue IB Certificates as appropriate during this program. Further, all HSD students participate in a HSD Research Project that students are required to produce a 4000-word original research essay. They also complete the SSIS CAS (Community, Activity, Service) requirements to attain a SSIS High School Diploma. Moreover, IB DP students have a College Prep class bi-weekly, and HSD students meet every week with their assigned College Counsellor in Grades 11 and 12, to allow for students to transition smoothly from high school to their post-secondary studies.

**Extra-Curricular Activities**

SSIS promotes the education of the whole person, balancing the educational needs of students with the opportunity to develop intellectually, socially, physically, morally, and artistically. To this end, SSIS offers a wide variety of co-curricular activities in which students can participate including: athletics (e.g. swimming, tennis, track and field, etc.); leadership (e.g. student council, yearbook, MUN, etc.); fine arts (e.g. drama productions, art exhibitions, concerts, etc.); and community service (e.g. Heart2Heart Shanghai, Animal Asia, etc.).

**Grading & Transcripts, Ranking & GPA Equivalents**

All grades at SSIS are based on the IB grading scale, as follows:

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* Cumulative GPA values are not weighted  
* SSIS does not rank students or provide percentile information  
* Courses taken at other high schools are not incorporated into a student’s transcript or cumulative GPA value

**ACADEMIC AWARDS**

The Academic Achievement of Secondary School students is recognized at the end of each semester. These awards are presented in Secondary School Assemblies.

Students may be recognized for high academic achievement in either of the following three categories:

1. **Academic Principal Award** - given to students with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.0 or (7 on 1 to 7 scale)
2. **Academic Honors Award** - given to students with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.50 to 3.99 (6.125 on 1 to 7 scale)
3. **Academic High Achievement Award** – given to students with a GPA of 3.25 to 3.49 (5.6875 on 1 to 7 scale)
CLASS OF 2019 HIGHLIGHTS
The Class of 2019 consisted of 71 students who attempted the full IB Diploma and 98% of these students earned the IB Diploma. Of these 71 students, 20% scored 40 or more points and 71% earned bilingual diplomas. The SSIS average IB DP composite score was 36 and the highest score achieved was 45. In addition, all of the 13 SSIS High School Diploma students who wrote IB Certificate Exams achieved a passing score in at least one subject.

EXAM RESULTS SUMMARY - IB Final Exam Grade Data for the Class of 2019

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UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION 2013 - 2019

**UNITED STATES**
- Academy of Art University
- American University
- Augustana College
- Boise State University
- Boston University
- Brigham Young University, Idaho; Hawaii
- College of Wooster
- Columbia College Chicago
- Curry College
- Edmonds Community College
- Emby-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Emory University
- Fashion Institute of Technology
- George Washington University
- Gustavus Adolphus College
- High Point University
- Iowa State University
- Knox College
- Loyola University New Orleans
- MCPHS - Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Science
- Miami University, Oxford
- Michigan State University
- The New School
- New York University
- Northeastern University
- Palomar College
- Pennsylvania State University
- Purdue University
- Rhode Island School of Design
- San Diego State University
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- School of Visual Arts
- Spartanburg Community College
- Stony Brook University
- Tufts University
- University at Buffalo, The State University of New York
- University of California, Berkeley, Davis, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Diego
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Illinois at Chicago, Urbana-Champaign
- University of Iowa
- University of Maryland, College Park
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- University of Michigan
- University of Nebraska at Lincoln
- University of Rochester
- University of South Carolina
- University of Southern California
- University of Texas, Austin
- University of Washington
- University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire
- Virginia Tech Wentworth Institute of Technology

**CANADA**
- Carleton University
- Fraser International College
- McGill University
- Memorial University of Newfoundland
- Mount Allison University
- Simon Fraser University
- University of Alberta
- University of British Columbia
- University of Toronto
- University of Waterloo
- Vancouver Island University
- Western University
- York University

**AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND**
- Australian National University
- James Cook University
- University of Auckland
- University of Queensland
- University of Sydney

**EUROPE/UK**
- Anglo-American University
- Camberwell College of Arts
- Chalmers University of Technology
- Culinary Arts Academy Switzerland
- Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne
- Ecole de Conde
- Erasmus University College
- Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam
- Fontys University of Applied Sciences
- Glion Institute of Higher Education
- Hull York Medical School
- Imperial College London
- International University of Applied Sciences Bad Honnef
- King’s College London
- Leeds Beckett University
- Leeds Trinity University
- Les Roches International School of Hotel Management
- Nottingham Trent University
- Technische Universität München
- Universiteit van Amsterdam
- University College London
- University of Bath
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Exeter
- University of Glasgow
- University of Liverpool
- University of Manchester
- University of Nottingham
- University of Sheffield
- University of Surrey
- University of Sussex
- University of Warwick
- Vatel International Business School Hotel and Tourism Management

**ASIA**
- Ajou University
- Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Chung-Ang University City
- University of Hong Kong
- Dankook University
- Dongguk University
- Ewha Womans University
- Ghent University Global Campus
- Hanyang University
- Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Hong Kong University of Science & Technology
- Korea Aerospace University
- Korea University
- Kwandemi Gakuin University
- LASALLE College of Arts
- Les Roches Jin Jiang International Hotel Management College
- Nagoya University National
- University of Singapore
- Pusan National University
- Raffles College of Higher Education
- Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
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