

### 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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|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------|----------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Students by Numbers</b>       | Pre-N to Grade 12  | Grade 12 | Grades 9 to 12 | Countries Represented |
|                                  | Approximately 1200 | 92       | 351            | 54                    |
| <b>Students by Nationalities</b> | Asia               | Europe   | North America  | Oceania               |
|                                  | 61%                | 21%      | 12%            | 5%                    |

### 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 National Center for School Curriculum and Textbook Instruction (NCCT), the Council of International Schools (CIS), the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO), and is an IB World School. SSIS is also a member of ECIS, NCCT, 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.

### SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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**CEEB:694207**

#### HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

For detailed information regarding courses offered, assessments and graduation requirements please refer to the SSIS website

<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 where 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 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.

#### Co-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. Roots and Shoots, Animal Asia, etc.).

#### Grading & Transcripts, Ranking & GPA Equivalents

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

| Descriptor | Excellent | Very Good | Good | Satisfactory | Mediocre | Poor | Very Poor | No Grade |
|------------|-----------|-----------|------|--------------|----------|------|-----------|----------|
| Grades     | 7         | 6         | 5    | 4            | 3        | 2    | 1         | 0        |
| GPA        | 4.0       | 3.5       | 3.0  | 2.5          | 2.0      | 0    | 0         | 0        |

\* 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, and students may be recognized for high academic achievement in the following categories:

- 1. Academic Honors with Distinction Award:** Given to students with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.0
- 2. Academic Honors Award:** Given to students with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.50 to 3.99
- 3. Academic High Achievement Award:** Given to students with a GPA of 3.25 to 3.49

#### CLASS OF 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

The Class of 2018 consisted of 58 students and all of these students completed the IB DP. Of these 57 students, 18% scored 40 or more points and 79% earned bilingual diplomas. The SSIS average IB DP composite score was 36 and the highest score achieved was 45. In addition, the SSIS High School Diploma students who wrote IB Certificate Exams achieved a pass rate of 100%.

### EXAM RESULTS SUMMARY

#### IB Final Exam Grade Data for the Class of 2018

| Course                             | Student Count | SSIS Mean | World Mean | Course                        | Student Count | SSIS Mean | World Mean |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------|
| BIOLOGY HL                         | 22            | 5.59      | 4.35       | HISTORY EUROPE HL             | 7             | 5.43      | 4.73       |
| BIOLOGY SL                         | 14            | 5.5       | 4.22       | HISTORY SL                    | 2             | 6.5       | 4.55       |
| BUSINESS MANAGEMENT HL             | 14            | 5.71      | 4.7        | JAPANESE A: Literature HL     | 1             | 5         | 6.09       |
| BUSINESS MANAGEMENT SL             | 5             | 6.4       | 4.89       | KOREAN A: Literature HL       | 6             | 6.33      | 5.87       |
| CHEMISTRY HL                       | 15            | 4.53      | 4.46       | KOREAN A: Literature SL       | 16            | 6.56      | 6.11       |
| CHEMISTRY SL                       | 15            | 5.27      | 3.99       | MANDARIN AB. SL               | 2             | 6         | 5.48       |
| CHINESE A: Lang and Literature SL  | 6             | 5.33      | 5.82       | MATH.STUDIES SL               | 12            | 4.83      | 4.21       |
| CHINESE B - MANDARIN HL            | 4             | 6.5       | 6.31       | MATHEMATICS HL                | 16            | 5.75      | 4.75       |
| CHINESE B - MANDARIN SL            | 9             | 6.67      | 5.93       | MATHEMATICS SL                | 30            | 5.27      | 4.26       |
| DUTCH A: Literature self-taught SL | 1             | 4         | 5.4        | MUSIC CREATING SL             | 3             | 6.33      | 3.95       |
| ECONOMICS HL                       | 25            | 5.68      | 5.13       | PHYSICS HL                    | 12            | 5.75      | 4.65       |
| ECONOMICS SL                       | 14            | 5.79      | 4.7        | PHYSICS SL                    | 3             | 5.33      | 4.06       |
| ENGLISH A: Lang and Literature HL  | 19            | 6         | 4.98       | PSYCHOLOGY HL                 | 7             | 5.43      | 4.69       |
| ENGLISH A: Lang and Literature SL  | 11            | 5.55      | 5.1        | PSYCHOLOGY SL                 | 5             | 5.8       | 4.36       |
| ENGLISH A: Literature HL           | 6             | 5.5       | 4.72       | SPANISH AB. SL                | 6             | 5.33      | 4.96       |
| ENGLISH A: Literature SL           | 3             | 5.67      | 5.03       | SPANISH B HL                  | 1             | 6         | 5.39       |
| ENGLISH B HL                       | 14            | 5.79      | 5.75       | SPANISH B SL                  | 2             | 6         | 5.08       |
| ENGLISH B SL                       | 5             | 6         | 5.82       | SPORTS EX SCI SL              | 2             | 6         | 3.9        |
| ENV. AND SOC. SL                   | 4             | 4.5       | 4.15       | SWEDISH A: Lit self-taught SL | 1             | 5         | 5.18       |
| GERMAN A: Lang and Literature HL   | 2             | 5         | 5.44       | VISUAL ARTS HL                | 3             | 5.67      | 4.48       |
| GERMAN A: Lang and Literature SL   | 3             | 4         | 5.34       |                               |               |           |            |

#### IB DP Data

|                    | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
|--------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Diploma Candidates | 58   | 57   | 55   | 63   | 69   | 62   | 51   | 41   |
| SSIS average score | 36   | 36   | 35   | 34   | 34   | 34   | 34   | 36   |
| World average      | 30   | 30   | 30   | 30   | 30   | 30   | 30   | 30   |

#### SAT DATA

| New SAT | 2018 | Old SAT          | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|---------|------|------------------|------|------|------|
| ERW     | 599  | Critical Reading | 575  | 545  | 570  |
| Math    | 694  | Math             | 656  | 628  | 655  |
|         |      | Writing          | 601  | 542  | 582  |

### UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION 2013 - 2018

\* Student matriculations

#### 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  
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
 Emory University  
 Fashion Institute of Technology  
 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 South Florida, Tampa  
 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  
 Imperial College London  
 International University of Applied Sciences Bad Honnef  
 King's College London  
 Leeds Beckett University  
 Les Roches International School of Hotel Management  
 Nottingham Trent University

Technische Universität München  
 University of Bath  
 University of Exeter  
 University of Glasgow\*  
 University of Liverpool  
 University of Manchester\*  
 University of Nottingham  
 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  
 Kwansai 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\*  
 SCAD Hong Kong\*  
 Sejong University  
 Seoul National University  
 Shanghai JiaoTong University  
 SIM University  
 Sogang University  
 Sungkyunkwan University  
 SUNY Korea\*  
 University of Hong Kong\*  
 University of San Carlos  
 Xi'an Jiaotong Liverpool University  
 Yonsei University  
 Yonsei University-Underwood