

K. International School Tokyo

School Profile 2025-26

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Mission

K. International School Tokyo provides academically motivated children from diverse cultural and social backgrounds with a high-quality education in a safe and supportive environment in order to develop competent, academic individuals with high moral character who make meaningful contributions to our global community.

School overview

K. International School Tokyo (KIST) is a private, coeducational, non-denominational day school serving the international community of Tokyo from pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12. Authorized by the International Baccalaureate Organization as an IB World School, KIST is fully authorized to offer the Primary Years Programme (PYP) and the Diploma Programme (DP). Additionally, it is authorized by Pearson Education's Edexcel to deliver the IGCSE curriculum. KIST is accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS) and is recognized as an educational foundation by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government. English is the language of instruction at all levels.

Enrollment and admissions

At KIST, we have... nationalities represented in the DP 675 students students in Grade 12 who will 330 graduate in June 2025 elementary secondary percent of KIST araduates who typically attend 4-year universities immediately after graduation 39 12% American/Australian/British/ Canadian, 7% African/European/Middle nationalities Eastern/South American, 16% Indian/ Pakistani/Bangladeshi, 29% Japanese, 36% other Asian *A very high percentage of students have dual nationality.

As an international school, KIST welcomes internationally-minded students, regardless of race, national or ethnic origin, religion, gender or socio-economic background who demonstrate a commitment to our mission and guiding beliefs. To promote diversity, we maintain a balance of nationalities at each grade level, as well as in individual classes. We also ensure that the balance of nationalities and language groups is diverse, while at the same time does not compromise the position of English as the language of instruction.

Staff

78 full time teachers

teachers hold postgraduate degrees (Master or PhD)

27 different nationalities of staff

School year

KIST ensures a minimum of 180 days in the school year, divided into 2 semesters:

- Semester 1: August—December
- Semester 2: January—June

Curriculum and grading in the DP

In Grades 11 and 12, all students are enrolled in the two-year IB Diploma Programme. All students are required to study six subjects: a maximum of three at Standard Level (SL) and a maximum of four at Higher Level (HL). In addition, they must complete Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS); take a course in Theory of Knowledge (TOK); and write an Extended Essay of 4,000 words. School-based examinations take place throughout Grades 11 and 12, with externally set examinations at the end of Grade 12.

Academic achievement is graded on the IB 1 to 7 scale, with 1 being the lowest and 7 being the highest mark attainable. As an IB World School, it is our philosophy neither to rank students against each other nor to calculate grade point averages (GPA).

IB grade descriptors

7: Excellent | 6: Very good | 5: Good | 4: Satisfactory | 3: Mediocre | 2: Poor | 1: Very poor

Scoring averages for Class of 2026 (G9-G11)

75th percentile | 50th percentile | 25th percentile | 6.68 | 6.40 | 6.12

IB DP subject options

The following courses are offered during the 2024—26 DP cycle:

- ♦ English A Language and Literature HL/SL
- ♦ Japanese A Language and Literature HL/SL
- ♦ Japanese B HL/SL
- ◆ Japanese ab initio SL
- ♦ Spanish ab initio SL (online)
- ♦ Business Management HL/SL
- ♦ Economics HL/SL
- ♦ Geography HL/SL
- ♦ History HL/SL
- Psychology SL (online)
- ♦ Biology HL/SL
- ♦ Chemistry HL/SL
- ♦ Environmental Systems and Societies HL/SL
- ♦ Physics HL/SL
- ♦ Mathematics A&A HL/SL
- ♦ Mathematics A&I SL
- ♦ Visual Arts HL/SL

A variety of online course options are also available through the IB affiliated Pamoja Education.

In 2025, 21% of KIST students attained a Bilingual IB Diploma.

Graduation requirements

To graduate with an IB Diploma, students must meet all external requirements set by the International Baccalaureate. These include a minimum score of 24 in six subjects, as well as successful completion of the TOK, Extended Essay, and CAS components.

To graduate with a KIST High School Diploma, students must successfully complete all course requirements for Grade 11 and 12, a research paper, and a service program.

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DP results 2023 to 2025

Year of graduation	2025	2024	2023	
KIST DP average	42.0	42.0 41.5		
IB DP world average	30.6	30.3	30.2	
KIST highest DP score	45	45	45	
KIST G12 graduates	33	39	37	
KIST G12 DP graduates	28	38	32	
% of students in full DP	85%	97%	86%	
# Diplomas attained	28	38	32	
% attaining Diplomas	100%	100%	100%	

Class of 2025 results

Number of students with 45 points in the DP	7
Percent of students with 45 points in the DP	25%
Number of students with 40 points or above in the DP	25
Percent of students with 40 points or above in the DP	89%

DP results for the class of 2025 (for courses offered at KIST)

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DP subject	# of	% of st	udents at	taining	School	World	KIST +/-
Di Subject	students	7	6	5	average	average	over WA
English A L&L HL	9	67%	33%	0%	6.67	4.83	1.84
English A L&L SL	19	32%	63%	5%	6.26	4.94	1.32
Japanese A L&L HL	3	0%	100%	0%	6.00	5.10	0.90
Japanese A L&L SL	3	100%	0%	0%	7.00	5.02	1.98
Japanese B HL	7	100%	0%	0%	7.00	6.18	0.82
Japanese B SL	14	93%	7%	0%	6.93	5.14	1.79
Japanese ab initio SL	1	100%	0%	0%	7.00	4.82	2.18
Business Management HL	9	67%	11%	22%	6.44	4.95	1.49
Economics HL	5	80%	20%	0%	6.80	5.15	1.65
Economics SL	6	50%	50%	0%	6.50	4.91	1.59
Geography HL	10	40%	60%	0%	6.40	5.31	1.09
Geography SL	6	33%	50%	17%	6.17	4.86	1.31
Biology HL	11	46%	36%	18%	6.27	4.45	1.82
Biology SL	2	50%	0%	50%	6.00	4.25	1.75
Chemistry HL	12	75%	25%	0%	6.75	4.81	1.94
Chemistry SL	2	0%	100%	0%	6.00	4.34	1.66
Environmental Sys. & Soc. SL	5	80%	20%	0%	6.80	4.28	2.52
Physics HL	8	50%	38%	12%	6.38	4.91	1.47
Physics SL	2	50%	50%	0%	6.50	4.25	2.25
Mathematics A&A HL	8	100%	0%	0%	7.00	4.91	2.09
Mathematics A&A SL	15	93%	7%	0%	6.93	4.50	2.43
Mathematics A&I SL	5	100%	0%	0%	7.00	3.88	3.12
Visual Arts HL	3	33%	0%	33%	5.33	4.25	1.08
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^{*}The above school averages are calculated for students who attained IB Diplomas.

University matriculations 2022-25

Regularly, 100% of KIST graduates attain university/college acceptance. This list contains the final destinations for students during the time period indicated above, not only offers. * indicates that a full or partial scholarship was awarded.

Asia (excluding Japan)

Chinese University of Hong Kong*
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology*
Nanyang Technological University*
National University of Singapore*
Singapore Management University*
University of Hong Kong*
Weill Cornell Medical College Qatar
Yonsei University

Australia

James Cook University* University of Melbourne

Canada

Simon Fraser University
University of British Columbia*
University of Calgary
University of Toronto*
University of Victoria*
University of Waterloo*
Western University*

Europe

Audencia Business School KU Leuven Leiden University Trinity College Dublin (Medicine) University of Amsterdam Utrecht University Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Japar

Hokkaido University
International Christian University
Juntendo University (Medicine)
Keio University, Mita Campus
Kyoto University of Advanced Science
Sophia University
Temple University, Japan Campus*
Tokyo Medical and Dental University (Medicine)
University of Tokyo*
University of Tsukuba
Waseda University*

United Kingdom

Imperial College London*
London School of Economics and Political Science
University of the Arts London
UCL
University of Bath
University of Cambridge
University of Edinburgh
University of Exeter*
University of Manchester
University of Manchester (Medicine)

University of Nottingham (Medicine)

University of Oxford University of Warwick

United States of America Arizona State University*

Brown University* Carnegie Mellon University* Chapman University **Emory University** Georgia Institute of Technology Grinnell College* Johns Hopkins University Northeastern University* Oregon State University* Purdue University* Rochester Institute of Technology* Stanford University University of California, Los Angeles* University of California, San Diego* University of California, Santa Cruz* University of Florida University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign* University of Maryland, College Park University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

University of Southern California

University of Washington