



International School of the Americas

North East Independent School District
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School/Community

The International School of the Americas (ISA) is a public magnet high school in the North East Independent School District. ISA shares a campus with the Legacy of Educational Excellence (LEE), a comprehensive high school campus in the North East Independent School District. Students are selected to attend ISA through a lottery of all submitted applications. ISA opened in 1994 and has an enrollment of approximately 490 students in grades 9-12. Each grade level has approximately 125 students.

The mission of ISA is to challenge all members of the school community to act at their fullest potential as learners, leaders, and global citizens, and to consistently reflect upon the impact of these actions in their local and global communities.

ISA Learning Opportunities

Students at ISA are provided with many instructional opportunities including multi-method teaching, low student-teacher ratios, an emphasis on international education and global citizenship, disciplinary and interdisciplinary curriculum, access to the facilities of a large high school, co-curricular field trips, and projects integrating multimedia technology. Students have many opportunities for enrichment such as national and international travel experiences for all students each year, a range of traditional and school-specific clubs and organizations, engagement with the arts community in the greater San Antonio area, interaction with international sister schools from Sweden, China, South Korea, Germany and Japan, and both corporate and community mentorship. ISA serves as a professional development school for Trinity University, which means that ISA students have extensive pre-collegiate experiences on the university campus as well on the high school campus with undergraduate and graduate students.

2020-2021 Calendar

Fall Semester.....August 17—December 18, 2020
Spring Semester.....January 5—May 27, 2021

Each semester consists of two nine week grading periods. Students can earn up to 7 credits during the school day each school year.

Curriculum

Our faculty provides a multi-level curriculum, including Advanced Placement, Gifted/Talented, Honors, and regular courses that give students the opportunity to pursue unique programs that meet their individual needs.

ISA offers 27 AP and 23 Honors courses in the areas of English, math, science, social studies, world language, fine arts, and computer science. Core courses, world language, and art are taken at the International School of the Americas while athletics, band, choir, theatre, debate, and physical education courses are offered through LEE. Additionally, a variety of career and technical courses are offered in the areas of health science, human services, business, technology, engineering, and criminal justice through LEE and the Career and Technical Education Center.

ISA, in partnership with San Antonio College, offers dual credit in English, Spanish Language, Chinese Language, and Calculus BC.

Accreditation

According to the TEA's 2019 Accountability Ratings, ISA received an A rating. ISA earned 6 of 7 possible distinction designations that highlight student achievement in the four core instructional areas, addressing the achievement gap, and post-secondary readiness. ISA is also a member of the College Board. All districts and campuses are labeled *Not Rated: Declared State of Disaster* for 2020.

Grading Scale

90-100 A 70-79 C
80-89 B Below 70 Failing

NC—No Credit due to excessive absences

2021 Graduation Requirements

NEISD Foundation High School Program with Distinguished Level of Achievement (requires endorsement)

26 Units of Credit

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| English..... | 4.0 |
| Math (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II)..... | 4.0 |
| Science (Biology, IPC or Chemistry or Physics)..... | 4.0 |
| United States History..... | 1.0 |
| World History or World Geography..... | 1.0 |
| United States Government..... | 0.5 |
| Economics..... | 0.5 |
| Health..... | 0.5 |
| Physical Education..... | 1.0 |
| World Language..... | 2.0 |
| Fine Arts..... | 1.0 |
| Electives..... | 6.5 |

Students will choose one of five endorsement options: Multi-disciplinary Studies, STEM, Business and Industry, Public Services, or Arts and Humanities. Each endorsement requires specific courses, usually 4-5 credits in a concentrated area.

Unique ISA Graduation Requirements

In addition to meeting all requirements for the recommended diploma set by the state of Texas, ISA students are asked to **satisfy additional school expectations aligned with the school's mission and graduate profile.** The graduate profile includes standards in academic preparation, technological proficiency, problem-solving proficiency, and effective communication. Students are required to complete a four-year portfolio based on the standards of the graduate profile. This includes 120 hours of internship as well as 120 hours of community service. Due to this unique requirement, many ISA students will have **an 'Internship' or 'Student Aide' period listed on their senior schedule.** These courses provide the students with opportunities to participate in the career exploration as part of their school day experience and do not represent students seeking a less rigorous senior experience.

ISA Relative Rank

ISA provides students with their relative rank in addition to **their regular class rank. Relative rank compares the student's achievement to that of students in the greater LEE High School community; ISA is physically located on the LEE High School campus.** Students at ISA are permitted to take elective courses on the LEE High School campus.

Class Ranking

Required graduation courses, up to a maximum of 26 credits, taken in grades 9-12 through the end of the seventh semester will be used to calculate class rank. The following courses are excluded from rank: courses taken more than once, in middle school, for pass/fail credit, through credit by exam, during summer abroad study, or with an ARD exemption.

Weighted rank factors used to calculate the rank points:

- Advanced Placement (AP): 1.29
- Pre-AP, Honors, non-AP Dual Credit & GT: 1.15
- Regular: 1.0

Each student's weighted cumulative average of required classes is used to assign a rank position. Unofficial rank is issued **after the second and fourth semesters. Students' official rank is issued after the sixth and seventh semesters.** Honor graduates are designated using the students seventh semester overall weighted GPA. Students must be on the Foundation High School Program-Distinguished level of Achievement to be an honor graduate.

Class of 2020 Profile

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| Top 10%..... | 115.95-112.54 |
| 1st quarter..... | 112.46-109.76 |
| 2nd quarter..... | 109.63-103.29 |

The Class of 2020 had 77 Summa Cum Laude graduates, 11 Magna Cum Laude graduates, and 20 Cum Laude graduates.

Ninety-nine percent of ISA graduates were accepted to a post secondary institution: 79.17% planned to attend a 4-year institution and 17.50% planned to attend a 2-year program; 2.50% planned to enlist in the armed forces.

The class of 2020 was offered over \$7,343,025 in scholarships, had 1 National Merit Commended Scholar, and 3 National Hispanic Scholars

AP and College Admission Scores

ACT Composite Scores 2019-2020

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| ISA Composite Score..... | 23.2 |
| State Composite Score..... | 20.5 |
| National Composite Score..... | 20.8 |

SAT Score 2020

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| ISA ERW..... | 549 | ISA Math..... | 538 |
| State ERW(18/19)..... | 520 | State Math (18/19)..... | 512 |
| National ERW (18/19).... | 536 | National Math (18/19)... | 531 |

Advanced Placements 2020

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| Total Students Taking Exams..... | 247 |
| Total Exams Taken..... | 561 |
| AP Equity and Excellence..... | 54.5% |