

# Karachi American School



## // Profile of the Class of 2011 //

Thirty students, representing eight countries, made up the class of 2011. Selective and highly selective colleges in the USA, Canada, UK and Pakistan accepted all of our students who applied for university entrance. 100% of the KAS graduates were admitted into one or more higher education destinations of their choice. KAS students are internationally diverse with most students coming from a bilingual culture. The mode of instruction and common language of the school is English. The mean grade point average for the class of 2011 was 3.01 with a range of 2.00 to 4.20 . //

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# KARACHI AMERICAN SCHOOL (Founded in 1953)

Karachi American School is a selective co-educational day school, which offers an instructional program from Pre-Nursery through Grade 12. Karachi American School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, national or ethnic origin in administrations of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship, and loan policies, athletic and other school administered programs. Founded to serve American and other expatriates' children, Karachi American School has developed into a premier learning institution following an American college preparatory curriculum. While students of all nationalities are enrolled, the school seeks to accommodate primarily those transient students from the expatriate business and diplomatic communities whose academic careers are best served by an American educational system. The school is housed in a modern plant on approximately twelve acres of land. Included are elementary and secondary libraries, art, science and computer laboratories, a gymnasium, an auditorium, squash and tennis courts, playing fields, auditorium, cafeteria and a swimming pool, studios, health facilities and snack bar.

## FACULTY

There are 39 full-time and 2 part-time faculty members including 17 U.S. citizens, 18 host country nationals, and 6 persons of other nationalities. Student/teacher ratio in the elementary school is 6:1 in the secondary school the ratio is 7:1. Twenty one teachers and administrators comprise the overseas teaching staff. All overseas hires are certified and hold degrees from US universities with majority of the faculty holding fifth year or post-graduate degrees. KAS actively and financially supports teacher training and continuing education for its staff. In 2010-2011 twenty two percent of all KAS faculty members attended university courses, AP workshops and/or institutes.

## CALENDAR

A two-semester system is employed at KAS: the first semester is from August 3 to December 15; the second semester runs from January 3 to May 30. Grades are published quarterly. Classes are held Monday through Friday, with Saturday and Sunday as the weekend. Scheduled in the secondary school, Monday through Thursday, are six 55-minute periods beginning at 8:00 a.m. And concluding at 2:55 p.m. On Fridays, there are four 55-minute periods with the day beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 12:30 p.m.

## ACTIVITIES

Extra and co-curricular activities are a part of each student and teacher's commitment to Karachi American School. The school serves as a community activity center for Americans and other expatriates in Karachi. Sporting events, field trips, music organizations, cultural programs, student government, drama productions, The International Model United Nations, and numerous clubs provide activities for students, parents, and teachers. KAS has chapters of the National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, and French and Spanish Honor Societies. Through its membership in the South Asia Inter-School Association (SAISA), KAS offers students in middle school and high school opportunities to interact with students of other American international schools in varsity athletics, academic, music, and cultural exchanges at least four times a year. Participation in activities is contingent upon maintaining a 2.0 grade point average or above.

## GRADING SYSTEM

G.P.A.'s are weighted by calculating a multiple of 1.2 quality points for grades in Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Courses which are not designated AP are not weighted.



### Un-weighted equivalent for computing G.P.A

Grade	%	G.P.A	Grade	%	G.P.A
A	(93-100)	4.0	C	(73-76)	2.0
A-	(90-92)	3.7	C-	(70-72)	1.7
B+	(87-89)	3.3	D+	(67-69)	1.3
B	(83-86)	3.0	D	(63-66)	1.0
B-	(80-82)	2.7	D-	(60-62)	0.7
C+	(77-79)	2.3	F	(below 60)	0.0

### Weighted equivalent for computing G.P.A

Grade	%	G.P.A	Grade	%	G.P.A
A	(93-100)	4.8	C	(73-76)	2.4
A-	(90-92)	4.4	C-	(70-72)	2.0
B+	(87-89)	4.0	D+	(67-69)	1.6
B	(83-86)	3.6	D	(63-66)	1.2
B-	(80-82)	3.2	D-	(60-62)	0.8
C+	(77-79)	2.8	F	(below 60)	0.0

Note: Only Advanced Placement courses are weighted.

## ADMISSION

Admission to Karachi American School is highly selective and competitive. Qualified students capable of completing a demanding college preparatory program with a strong AP program are admitted. AP ID is offered through AP course work. Admission is based on prior academic record, standardized test scores, three letters of recommendation, graded writing sample and, an admission interview for parent and applicant. The school makes a conscious effort to preserve size, ethnicity and gender in each grade level.

## ENROLLMENT

Currently there are 356 students in pre-school through grade 12 representing 14 nationalities: 46 U.S. Citizens, 226 Pakistanis, and 84 from other countries. In the high school, there are 118 students: 28 seniors, 35 juniors, 27 sophomores and 28 freshmen.

## ACCREDITATION

The school has been fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools since 1968.



## CURRICULUM

Courses at Karachi American School are college preparatory level courses. Students must complete **26.0** credits for graduation.

(Note: one credit is given for one year of successful study in any subject, which meets 220 minutes per week.)

Minimum requirements are:



Subject	Credits	Subject	Credits
English	4.0	Science	4.0
Mathematics	4.0	Speech/Writing	1.0
Foreign Language	3.0	Physical Ed/Health	2.0
Social Studies	4.0	Technology	1.0
		Visual/Performing Art	3.0

## COURSE OFFERINGS

### English

English 9  
English 10  
English 11  
English 12  
AP English Language  
AP English Literature  
Speech/Writing

### Mathematics

Algebra I  
Geometry  
Algebra II  
Pre-Calculus  
Intro. to College Alg.  
AP Calculus AB  
AP Statistics

### Science

Physics  
Biology  
Chemistry  
AP Physics B  
AP Chemistry  
Botany Zoology  
Environment Science  
AP Biology

### Social Studies

World History I  
World History II  
World History III  
US History  
AP Psychology  
AP Economics (Micro & Macro)  
AP World History

### Foreign Language

French I, II, III, IV  
Spanish I, II, III, IV  
Urdu, (Beg. Int. Adv.)  
AP French Language  
AP Spanish Language

### Fine Arts

Vocal Music  
Studio Art  
Photography  
Ceramics  
Concert Band  
Drawing/Graphic Design  
AP Studio Art

### Computer

Computer Applications  
Desktop Publishing/Yearbook

### Physical Education

PE. 9-12 (with Health)

## GRADE DISTRIBUTION (yearly average)- 2010-2011 Academic Year

	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
AP Calculus AB	3	0	0	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP Chemistry	1	0	3	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
AP English Language	0	3	1	2	4	1	2	1	1	0	0	0
AP English Literature	2	1	0	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
AP Psychology	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	0
AP Physics B	1	1	0	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
AP Statistics	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP Economics	1	2	1	4	4	8	4	0	0	0	0	0
AP World History	2	1	0	2	1	3	1	2	2	0	0	0
Departments with four or more classes:												
English	8	14	9	13	10	15	16	13	6	9	5	4
Mathematics	13	11	15	21	10	10	15	7	7	4	2	0
Science	12	8	9	13	9	10	14	16	7	9	4	5
Social Studies	22	10	7	18	6	7	7	1	0	5	0	3
Foreign Language	28	15	8	14	10	3	4	1	1	1	0	1

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT

The Advanced Placement (AP) program plays an integral part in the curriculum of Karachi American School. Admission to an AP class is based on teacher recommendations, PSAT scores, and past academic achievement, including a minimum grade of B in all prerequisite courses. Any student taking an AP course is required to take the AP exam in that course. In May 2011, students took 116 AP exams with just over forty two percent of scores four or better, and fifty eight percent of scores three or higher.

## Advanced Placement Scores 2011

Score	5	4	3	2	1
Calculus AB	3	3	2	0	2
Chemistry	1	1	3	1	3
Economics (Macro)	2	1	2	0	7
Economics (Micro)	1	2	2	2	5
English Lit. and Comp.	4	2	2	1	0
English Language	0	4	9	2	0
Physics B	2	4	3	1	0
Psychology	4	5	1	2	0
Statics	1	0	0	0	0
World History	1	0	0	7	7
French Language	1	1	2	0	0
Studio Art	0	1	4	1	0
Percentage of Totals	17%	21%	4%	1%	0%



## COLLEGE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT STATEMENT

The academic environment at Karachi American School is demanding, rigorous and competitive. All courses are taught at a college preparatory level. The typical student spends an average of at least three hours per night on homework and course preparation.

The college counseling office recommends applying to no more than ten colleges and will compile and send no more than ten application packets per student as a service. As a part of its academic policy, Karachi American School does not offer SAT I, SAT II or other college entrance examination preparation courses on campus.

## COLLEGE ENTRANCE

All graduates from Karachi American School seek a post-secondary education. Since 1979, Karachi American School has graduated an average annual class of twenty-six students. Ninety percent of these students chose to attend college and universities in the U.S. And Canada, while the remaining ten percent enrolled in universities in Europe & Asia.

In 2011, each of the KAS graduates (100%) planned to attend college or university in the United States, Canada, Europe, or Pakistan in the fall of 2011 or in the immediate future. Graduates from the class of 2011 were accepted at:

### US

Babson College  
 Brandies College  
 Bates College  
 Bentley University (3)  
 Boston College  
 Boston University  
 Brandies University (2)  
 Brown University  
 Bryn Mawr College  
 Case Western Reserve University  
 Columbia University  
 Concordia College  
 DePaul University (2)  
 Drexel University  
 Duke University  
 Earlham College  
 Elizabethtown College  
 Emerson College (3)  
 Emmanuel College (4)  
 Fordham University (2)  
 George Washington University  
 Hiram College  
 Indian University Bloomington (2)  
 Lake Forest College  
 Lasell College  
 Lesley University  
 Long Island University  
 Manhattan College  
 Mount Holyoke College (2)  
 Nazareth College  
 New York University  
 Northeastern University (7)

Ohio Wesleyan University  
 Otis College of Art & Design  
 Oxford College of Emory  
 Pace University (2)  
 Penn State University  
 Providence College  
 Reed College  
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst  
 Rochester Institute of Technology  
 School of Museum of Fine Arts  
 Simmons College (2)  
 Southern Methodist University  
 Stanford University  
 Suffolk University (3)  
 Syracuse University (4)  
 University of California, Davis  
 University of California, San Diego (3)  
 University of Chicago  
 University of Kentucky  
 University of Massachusetts, Boston (4)  
 University of Pennsylvania  
 University of Tampa  
 University of Virginia  
 Utica College  
 Vanderbilt University  
 Virginia Tech University  
 Washington University  
 Wheelock College (3)  
 William & Mary College  
 Woodbury University

### CANADA

Carlton University  
 Concordia University (5)  
 Huron University College  
 McGill University (2)  
 Queens University (2)  
 Ryerson University  
 University of British Columbia (2)  
 University of Guelph  
 University of Toronto  
 University of Waterloo (4)  
 University of Western Ontario (3)  
 Wilfrid Laurier University

### UK

Aston University  
 Cardiff University  
 King's College (2)  
 Royal Holloway  
 U of Nottingham (2)  
 U of Liverpool

### PAKISTAN

Dow Medical College  
 Institute of Business Administration  
 Lahore University of Management Science

## TESTS\*

**SAT I** - Score average and ranges for members of the Class of 2011:

Average			Range		
Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
521	606	571	400-760	460-790	450-800

**SAT II** - The SAT II (Subject Tests) score average and ranges for students taking the test in 2010-11 academic year:

Test	Average Score	Range	No. of scores
English Literature	497	430-620	3
Math IC	573	430-660	7
Math IIC	653	490-800	12
French W/L	760	760	1
Spanish W/L	620	620	1
Chemistry	656	570-800	11
Physics	603	530-660	3
Biology	515	450-580	2
US History	603	440-760	3
World History	617	550-690	3

\* Karachi American School does not eliminate non-native English speakers from its statistical representation.