

Karachi American School



// Profile of the Class of 2015

Thirty six students, representing five countries, made up the class of 2015. 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 2015 was 3.16 with a range of 2.08 to 4.12. //



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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 administering its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship, 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 studios science and computer laboratories, a gymnasium, an auditorium, squash and tennis courts, playing fields, auditorium, cafeteria, a swimming pool, health facilities and snack bar.

FACULTY

There are 44 full-time and 2 part-time faculty members including 18 U.S. citizens, 17 host country nationals, and 8 persons of other nationalities. Student/teacher ratio in the elementary school is 6:1 in the secondary school the ratio is 7:1. Twenty-three 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.

CALENDAR

A two-semester system is employed at KAS: the first semester is from August 5 to December 18, 2015; the second semester runs from January 5 to May 27. 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, French, Spanish Honor Societies and Music Honor Society. 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 2.25 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 International Diploma is offered through AP coursework. 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 each grade level.

ENROLLMENT

Currently there are 432 students in Early Learning Center through grade 12 representing 15 nationalities: 64 U.S. citizens, 283 Pakistanis, and 85 from other countries. In the high school, there are 148 students: 28 seniors, 34 juniors, 44 sophomores and 37 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
Journalism

Mathematics

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

Science

Physics
Biology
Chemistry
AP Physics B
AP Chemistry
AP Human Geography
AP Environmental Science

Social Studies

World History I
World History II
Psychology
US History
AP Psychology
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
AP Computer Science

Physical Education

P.E. 9-12 (with Health)
Health & Fitness

GRADE DISTRIBUTION (yearly average)- 2014-2015 Academic Year

	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
AP Calculus AB	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP Chemistry	1	3	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
AP Econ	0	7	5	2	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
AP English Language	1	2	1	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
AP English Literature	1	1	4	4	3	2	2	0	0	0	1	0
AP Environmental Science	2	2	4	3	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
AP Psychology	0	4	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Departments with four or more classes:												
English	19	11	30	37	23	20	11	6	2	2	1	1
Mathematics	36	14	13	19	12	7	7	9	4	6	1	1
Science	25	21	6	20	16	17	13	5	1	2	1	0
Social Studies	21	37	24	23	19	6	8	4	1	2	0	0
Foreign Language	23	16	14	17	8	6	4	5	0	0	0	0

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 2015, students took 143 AP exams with just over twenty five percent of scores four or better, and seventy five percent of scores three or higher.

Advanced Placement Scores 2015

Score	5	4	3	2	1
Calculus AB	-	2	-	1	-
Chemistry	-	-	1	4	5
English Lit. and Comp.	3	2	10	3	0
English Language	1	2	4	4	1
Environmental Science	-	3	-	4	5
French Language	-	3	2	1	-
Human Geography	1	3	1	3	1
Micro Economics	-	-	2	4	15
Macro Economics	-	2	1	6	12
Psychology	2	3	-	1	1
World History	-	4	3	2	2
French Language	-	3	2	1	-
Studio Art	1	2	4	1	0
Spanish Language	-	1	1	1	-
Percentages of Total	6	19	20	24	31



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.

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, nor do we recommend or encourage enrolling in these classes.

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 colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada, while the remaining ten percent enrolled in universities in Europe & Asia.

In 2015, each of the KAS graduates (100%) planned to attend college or university in the United States, Canada, Europe, or Pakistan in the fall of 2015 or in the immediate future. Graduates from the class of 2015 were accepted at:

United States of America

Alleghany College
Alma College
Bard College (2)
Barnard College
Boise State University
Bowdoin College
Bryn Mawr College (4)
Butler University
Cal Poly College of Architecture
Camden College of Arts and Science
Colgate University
College of the Redwoods
College of Wooster
Connecticut College
Curry College
DePaul University
Drexel University (3)
Emmanuel College (3)
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida International University
Fordham University
George Washington University
Loyola Marymount University
Mount Holyoke College (4)
New York Institute of Technology
New York University (2)
Northeastern University (2)
Northern Arizona University
Pace University (2)
Pitzer College
Purdue University (2)
Rhode Island School of Design
Rutgers University
Santa Barbara City College
Sarah Lawrence College (2)

Scripps College
Seton Hall University
Simmons College
Smith College (2)
Southern California Institute of Architecture
Suffolk University (3)
Syracuse University (2)
Trinity College
University of Arizona
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of California; Berkeley
University of California; Davis
University of California; Irvine (2)
University of California; Los Angeles (2)
University of California; San Diego (2)
University of California; Santa Barbara
University of Illinois at Chicago Circle
University of Massachusetts: Boston (2)
University of Massachusetts; Amherst
University of Massachusetts; Dartmouth
University of South Carolina
University of Vermont
University of Washington
Valparaiso University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
Westmont College
Wheaton College

TESTS*

SAT I Score average and ranges for members of the Class of 2015

Average			Range		
Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
520	550	545	240-750	340-770	350-800

SAT II The SAT II (Subject Tests) score averages and ranges for students taking the tests in 2014-15 academic year:

Test	Average Score	Range	No. of Scores
English Literature	600	460-730	8
Math IC	540	460-720	10
Math IIC	660	560-790	7
French (Reading only)	530	430-640	3
Biology	430	-	1
Chemistry	615	460-750	10
Physics	740	690-790	2
US History	380	-	1
Spanish	465	420-550	4

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

Canada

University of Waterloo
University of British Columbia (2)
Carlton University (2)
McGill University (2)
Ryerson University (2)
Wilfrid Laurier University
University of Ottawa
Queens University (2)
York University (2)
United Kingdom
University of London, Goldsmiths
Royal Holloway University (3)
University of Brighton
Richmond University
Kent University
Brunel University
Exeter College
Regents University (2)
Kings College London (3)
Architectural Association School
Other
American University Sharjah
Rochester Institute of Tech Dubai
Franklin University, Switzerland
John Cabot University, Rome
Franklin University, Switzerland