

# KARACHI AMERICAN SCHOOL

## PROFILE OF THE CLASS OF 2020

Thirty-Two students, representing six countries, made up the class of 2020. 100% of the KAS graduates were admitted into one or more higher education destinations of their choice.

### **COVID-19 Effects on the Class of 2020**

On February 27th 2019, the provincial government of Sindh, Pakistan closed all schools due to COVID19. Initially schools were to reopen on March 2nd, then closure was extended to March 13th. KAS went remote using an LMS and email with no synchronous social meeting platform for the first two weeks of March.

On March 12th the government announced that schools would remain closed until June 1st. Private schools such as KAS could continue to deliver instruction virtually which was done after a two-week Spring Break beginning on April 1st.

During Spring Break, KAS adopted Zoom to engage in synchronous learning for the remainder of the school year, which ended as scheduled by the end of May. No change was made to the grading scale. KAS is an SAT testing site and all tests from March-June were cancelled. AP exams were done online as per College Board requirements. Graduation requirements were not changed for the class of 2020.

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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 19 to December 20; the second semester runs from January 06 to May 22. 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 eight 45-minute periods beginning at 8:00 a.m. and concluding at 3:15 p.m. On Fridays, there are four 45-minute periods with the day beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 12:15 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 2.3 grade point average or above.

### Grading System

GPA's are calculated using a 4.0 scaling 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	%	GPA	Grade	%	GPA
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	%	GPA	Grade	%	GPA
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 Section

Currently there are 470 students in K3 through grade 12 representing 13 nationalities: 68 US citizens, 313 Pakistanis and 89 from other countries. In the high school, there are 158 students: 32 seniors, 37 juniors, 40 sophomores and 49 freshmen.

### Accreditation

The school has been fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and secondary schools since 1962 through 2024.

### Class Rank

Because of the relatively small size and strong quality of our graduating classes, we have chosen not to rank our students. Historically, our strength is such that all our students have a solid academic foundation and have performed well at competitive colleges.

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

## Course Offerings

English	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies
English 9	Algebra I	AP Physics 1	AP Human Geography
English 10	Geometry	AP Chemistry	AP Economics
English 11	Algebra II	Environmental Science	AP Psychology
English 12	Accounting	Biology	AP US History
AP English Language	Pre-Calculus	Chemistry	AP World History
AP English Literature	College Algebra	Physics	Economics
Speech/Writing	AP Calculus AB	<b>Computer</b>	Psychology
Journalism	AP Statistics	Computer Applications	US History
<b>Foreign Language</b>	<b>Fine Arts</b>	Desktop Publishing & Yearbook	Regional History
French I, II, III, IV	Vocal Music	AP Computer Science	World History I
Spanish I, II, III, IV	Studio Art		World History II
AP French Language	Photography	<b>Physical Education</b>	
AP Spanish Language	Sculpture/Ceramics	P.E. 9-12 (with Health)	
	Concert Band	Health & Fitness	
	Drawing/ Graphics Design		
	AP Studio Art		

## 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 2020, students took 200 AP exams with just over forty seven percent of scores above four or better, and fifty nine percent of scores three or higher.

## Advanced Placement Scores 2020

Subject Total	5	4	3	2	1
2-D Art and Design		3	2		
Calculus AB	1	1	1	1	
Calculus BC		1			
Chemistry	3	1	2	2	1
English Language and Composition	2	4	4	2	
English Literature and Composition	1		3	2	
French Language and Culture	3				
Human Geography	4	2	8		1
Physics C: Mechanics	1				
Psychology	1	2	5		
Spanish Language and Culture		1			
Statistics	2				1
United States History		3	2	1	
World History: Modern	2	6	7	2	1
Percentage of Total	22	26	37	11	4

## 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.

### Tests\*

SAT I Score average and ranges for members of the class of 2020

	Total Score	English Language	Math
Average	1139	575	564

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

### 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 thirty-five 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 2020, each of the KAS graduates (100%) planned to attend college or university in the United States, Canada and other countries in the fall of 2020 or in the immediate future. Graduates from class of 2020 were accepted at:

United States of America
American University in Washington D.C
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of the Pacific
Texas Wesleyan University
California State University
UCLA
University of North Carolina Wilmington
George Mason University
Brown University
University of California, Berkeley
Northwestern
American Collegiate at American University
Canada
University of Waterloo
Trent University
Ryerson University
McMaster University
Concordia University
York University
Western University
University of Toronto
University of British Columbia

United Kingdom
King's College London
Regent's University London
University of Manchester
Business School (City University of London)
City University (Cass Business School)
Royal Holloway University
University of Nottingham
University of Sussex
London South Bank University
University of Greenwich
University of Bath
University of Birmingham
University of Bristol
Kingston University
Lancaster University
Bellerbys College
University of Surrey
University of Westminster
Newcastle University
Birkbeck University
Regent's University London
Loughborough University
Condé Nast College of Fashion & Design
University College London
Queen's University
London Business School
Ravensbourne University London
Goldsmiths University London
The University of Edinburgh
Middlesex University London

