



KARACHI AMERICAN SCHOOL

PROFILE OF THE CLASS OF 2023

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Forty students, representing five countries, made up the class of 2023. 100% of the KAS (Karachi American School) graduates were admitted into one or more higher education destinations of their choice.

KARACHI AMERICAN SCHOOL (FOUNDED IN 1953)

Karachi American School (KAS) is a selective co-educational day school, which offers an American curriculum English language instructional program from Pre-K through Grade 12. Karachi American School does not discriminate based on 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 expatriate children, Karachi American School has developed into a diverse learning institution, serving host nationals and expatriates following an American College Preparatory AP curriculum. KAS grants merit scholarships to deserving local students. The school is housed in a purpose-built plant on approximately twelve acres of land. Included are elementary and secondary buildings, libraries, art studios, science and computer laboratories, a gymnasium, squash, and tennis courts, playing fields, swimming pool, cafeteria, and an auditorium.

FACULTY

There are 55 full-time faculty members, including 14 U.S. citizens, 38 host country nationals, and 3 persons of other nationalities. All overseas hires are certified and hold degrees from U.S. universities, with most of the faculty holding fifth year or postgraduate 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 to December; the second semester is from January through May.

ACTIVITIES

Extra-curricular activities are a part of each student's and teacher's commitment to Karachi American School and KAS had over 75 different clubs, sports, and community service opportunities. Athletics, field trips, music organizations, cultural programs, student government, drama productions, Model United Nations, and numerous other clubs provide community engagement for students, parents, and teachers. KAS has chapters of the National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, and the French, Spanish and Music Honor Societies. Through its membership in the South Asia Inter-School Association (SAISA), KAS offers students, in middle and high school, opportunities to interact with students at other international schools in varsity athletics, academic, music, and cultural exchanges several times a year. KAS sent students to 7 international competitions for the first time since 2019-2020.

COVID AND OTHER DISRUPTIONS

On February 27th, 2020, the government of Sindh, Pakistan closed all schools due to COVID19. KAS went remote for the remainder of the school year with a shortened daily schedule, 40-minute classes and our usual Friday half day to respect Pakistan's religious traditions. All extracurriculars were canceled. No change was made to the grading scale and community service was eliminated from the graduation requirements.

KAS remained remote for 2020-21 for the entire year. For the Class of 2023, their entire Sophomore year was remote with negative impacts. Course and program offerings were more limited than 2019-2020 due to staffing shortages and declining enrollment.

2021-2022 KAS returned in-person with rigorous COVID protocols such as mask and vaccine mandates. There were only 3 extracurriculars phased in during the Fall as vaccine benchmarks were met. The 3rd quarter KAS again went remote due to OMICRON. The 4th quarter was again in-person with a few more extracurriculars.

Academic year 2022-2023 was delayed by two weeks due to historic flooding in Pakistan which made worldwide news. KAS eventually managed to return to in-person instruction, offering a full program, back to pre-COVID standards across all divisions with 55-minute class periods and a full-length day with a full program for the first time since February 2020.

2022-2023 saw an additional loss of instructional time due to frequent political instability throughout the year, forcing the school to close and recommend community lock downs.

GRADING SYSTEM

G.P.A.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 and 1.0 for non-AP courses. KAS has no other honor or advanced courses.

*Up until 2021-2022, AP courses were limited to Juniors and Seniors. As of 2022-2023 Sophomores had access to one AP class - Computer Science Principles. AP Seminar has been added for Sophomores as of 2023-2024.

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.

CURRICULUM

Courses at Karachi American School are college preparatory level courses. For the Class of 2023, students must have completed 26.0 credits for graduation. World History 1 was replaced with Pakistan Studies in 2021-2022. Speech & Writing was eliminated as a graduation requirement as of 2023-2024 to allow students more choice including AP courses in Sophomore year. (Note: One credit is given for one year of successful study in any subject, which meets 220 minutes per week.) Minimum requirements are:

COURSE OFFERINGS

English	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies
English 9	Algebra I	AP Physics 1	AP Comparative
English 10	Algebra II	AP Chemistry	Government & Politics
English 11	Calculus	AP Environmental Science	Accounting
English 12	AP Calculus AB	AP Biology	Economics
AP English Language	Pre-Calculus	Biology	AP Microeconomics
AP English Literature	College Algebra	Chemistry	AP Macroeconomics
Speech/Writing	AP Statistics	Physics	Psychology
Foreign Language	Geometry	Environmental Science	AP Psychology
French I, II, III, IV	Fine Arts	Computer	World History
Spanish I, II, III, IV	Concert Band	Computer Applications	AP World History
AP French Language	Vocal Music	Desktop Publishing &	Pakistan Studies
AP Spanish Language	AP Studio Art	Yearbook	
Urdu I, II, III	Studio Art	AP Computer Science A	
	Drawing/Graphics Design	AP Computer Science Principles	
	Photography	Education	
	Sculpture/Ceramics	PE. 9-12 (with Health)	

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. 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 for each grade level. KAS favors open enrollment with counseling for AP courses and the AP International Diploma is offered.

ENROLLMENT SECTION

Currently there are 319 students in K3 through grade 12 representing 9 nationalities: 56 U.S. citizens, 202 Pakistanis and 61 from other countries. In the high school, there are 145 students: 38 seniors, 35 juniors, 39 sophomores and 33 first-year students. The student-teacher ratio is 6:1.

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

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		

GRADE DISTRIBUTION (YEARLY AVERAGE) – 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

AP CLASSES	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
AP English Language	10	5	9	10	1	2	3	2				
AP English Literature	4	3	1	4			1					
AP Calculus AB	2		3	1			1		1	1		
AP Statistics	4	2	2	2			2		1			
AP Chemistry	9											
AP Physics	1	0	1	2								
AP Comparative Government	7	1	4	6	4	3	2			2		1
AP World History		2	1	1			1					
AP Psychology	4	4	7	3	2		1	1				1
AP Economics	8		3	3	2	4	7	2	2	2		1
AP French Language	3	1										
AP Studio Art	1	4	1	3								
AP Computer Science Principles	6	12	6	3	3	3	1	1	1			
AP Computer Science Applications	2	1	1	1		1	2					
AP Biology	5	3	1	1	1	1	1					
AP Environmental Science	4	8	5	6	3	3						
Departments with four or more classes												
English	62	21	11	15	11	4	2	4	2	1	1	
Mathematics	18	13	20	21	8	11	10	6	6	6	7	7
Science	48	18	17	19	13	11	11	1	3	2	4	1
Social Studies	17	12	3	12	8	4	4	1		1		
Foreign Language	26	11	14	8	5	5	3	1		2	1	

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

The Advanced Placement (AP) program plays an integral part in the curriculum of Karachi American School and was restricted to 11th and 12th grades until 2022-2023 when KAS Sophomores were allowed access to limited AP courses.

KAS favors open enrollment to AP courses but those with AP recommended pre-requisites can be based on past academic achievement, including a minimum grade of B in all prerequisite courses and teacher recommendations.

In May 2023, 97 students took 318 exams with twenty percent scoring four or higher, and about twenty-five percent scoring three or higher.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCORES 2023

Subject Total	1	2	3	4	5	Total Exams
2-D Art and Design		1	1	6		8
Biology	2	8	2	2		14
Calculus AB	3		1	2	3	9
Chemistry	1	1		5	3	10
Comparative Government and Politics	2	2	6	11	10	31
Computer Science A	4		1	2	1	8
Computer Science Principles	5	11	12	1	6	35
English Language and Composition	5	15	14	5	4	43
English Literature and Composition			7	3	3	13
Environmental Science	12	10	4	3		29
French Language and Culture			2	1	1	4
Macroeconomics	5	7	11	3	9	35
Microeconomics	2	12	8	4	8	34
Physics 1			2	1	1	4
Psychology	2	3	4	12	2	23
Statistics	4		3	5	1	13
World History: Modern					5	5
Percentage of Total Exams	14.78	22.01	24.53	20.8	17.93	318

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. As a part of its academic policy, Karachi American School does not offer SAT preparation courses on campus, nor do we recommend or encourage enrolling in these classes. We believe that students are more than a number and encourage them to explore their interests through coursework, extracurriculars and working with outside community service organizations and mentors to develop their personal interests.

*Though College Counseling appears on students' transcripts as a class, there is no period or block (seat time) during the school day. It is the only way our LMS can allow for counseling of upper-class students by sharing resources and is a communication tool only. All group and one-to-one counseling are done outside of school hours by one part-time college counselor.

TESTS*

There were seven SATs that took place during the 2022-2023 academic year. The average scores for the year are:

	Average	Range
Total	1306	400-1600
ERW (Evidence based Reading and Writing)	638	200-800
Math	669	200-800

*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 35 students. 90% of these students chose to attend colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada, while the remaining 10% percent enrolled in universities in Europe & Asia.

In 2023, 100% of KAS graduates planned to attend college or university in the United States, Canada, and other countries in the fall of 2023. Graduates from the Class of 2023 were accepted at:

United States of America		
Arizona State University	University of Wisconsin-Madison	City University (2)
Barnard College	UC Berkley	Durham University
Bentley University	UC Davis	Exeter University
Boston College	UC-Irvine	Holt University
Boston University	UC Merced	IE University-Madrid
Brandies University	UC Riverside	University of Kent
Brown University	UC San Diego	Kings College London
Case Western Reserve University	UC Santa Cruz	Loughborough University
Central Michigan University	UCLA	Manchester University (4)
Chapman University	UMass Amherst	Middlesex University
Colorado State University	UMass Boston	Queen Mary University (2)
DePaul University	UMass Lowell	Queens-London
Drexel University	University of Arizona	Regent's University London
Eastern Michigan University	University of San Francisco	Roehampton University
Florida International University	University of Vermont	Royal Holloway University
George Washington University	Wayne State University	Saint Louis University- Madrid
Hult International School	Wesleyan University	Sheffield University
Indiana University (Bloomington)	Western Michigan University	Southampton University
Loyola University (Maryland)	Canada	University of Greenwich
Loyola Marymount University	Brock University	University of Manchester
Michigan State University	Concordia University	
Northeastern University	McMaster University	
Occidental	Queens University	
University of Notre Dame	Toronto Metropolitan University	
Penn State University	University of British Columbia	
Pepperdine University	University of Toronto	
Purdue University	University of Waterloo	
Richmond University	Western University	
Rutgers University	Wilfried Laurier University	
Seattle University	York University	
Seton Hall University	Europe	
Skidmore College	Franklin University Switzerland	
Suffolk University	Anglo-American University Prague	
Tufts University	Erasmus University Rotterdam	
University of Connecticut	Aston University	
University of Illinois Chicago	Birkbeck University	
	Birmingham University	

