



KARACHI AMERICAN SCHOOL

PROFILE OF THE CLASS OF 2024

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Thirty-seven students, representing five countries, made up the class of 2024. 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.

FACULTY

There are 67 full-time faculty members, including 13 U.S. citizens, 49 host country nationals, and 5 persons of other nationalities (Australia, Canada, & Kenya). 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 has over 75 different clubs, sports, and community service opportunities. 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 IMPACTING THE CLASS OF 2024

In February of 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 Class of 2024, their entire Freshmen year was remote. Course and program offerings were limited due to staffing shortages and declining enrollment.

In 2021-2022 we returned in-person with rigorous COVID protocols. 3 extracurriculars were 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.

2022-2023 was delayed by two weeks due to historic flooding in Pakistan. Eventually we returned 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 for the first time since February 2020. 2022-2023 saw an additional loss of instructional time throughout the year due to frequent political and civil unrest forcing the school to close, including 3 days during AP exams.

2023-2024 was the most stable since pre-COVID and one week of instructional time was lost as the government ordered schools to close nationwide due to political instability during the elections of February 2024.

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.

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 2024, students must have completed 25.0 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
AP English Language	AP Calculus AB	AP Environmental Science	AP Economics-Micro & Macro
AP English Literature	AP Statistics	AP Physics	
AP Seminar	Algebra I	Environmental Science	AP World History
English 9	Algebra II	Physics	AP Psychology
English 10	College Algebra	Biology	Environmental Science
English 11	Geometry	Chemistry	Physics
English 12	Pre-Calculus	Technology	Biology
Foreign Language	Calculus	Desktop Applications	Chemistry
AP French Language	Fine Arts	AP Computer Science Applications	Psychology
AP Spanish Language	AP Studio Art	Applications	Accounting
French I, II, III, IV	Studio Art	Desktop Yearbook	
Spanish I, II, III, IV	HS Music	AP Computer Science Principles	
	Sculpture	Physical Education	
	Drawing	P.E. 9-12 (with Health)	
	Photography		

ADMISSION

Admission to Karachi American School is highly selective and competitive. Qualified students capable of completing a college preparatory 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 302 students in K3 through grade 12 representing 10 nationalities: 52 U.S. citizens, 183 Pakistanis and 71 from other countries. In the high school, there are 147 students: 34 seniors, 42 juniors, 36 sophomores and 35 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 2025 and is going through the accreditation process this year.

CLASS RANK

Because of the small size and strong quality of our graduating classes, we do not rank our students.

Subject	Credit	Subject	Credit
English	4.0	Physical Ed/Health	2.0
Mathematics	4.0	Visual/Performing Art & Technology*	4.0
Foreign Language	3.0		
Social Studies	4.0	*At least 1.0 V/P Art & 1.0 Technology	
Science	4.0		

GRADE DISTRIBUTION (YEARLY AVERAGE) – 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR (UPDATED)

AP CLASSES	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
AP English Language	2	4	8	4	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
AP Seminar	7	7	2	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP English Literature	9	3	6	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
AP Calculus AB	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	3	0	0
AP Statistics	6	2	1	4	1	4	1	0	0	1	0	0
AP Chemistry	1	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP Physics 1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	0
AP Environmental Science	10	5	7	6	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
AP Comparative Government												
AP World History	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP Psychology	9	5	7	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1
AP Economics	3	1	5	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
AP French Language	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP Spanish Language	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP Studio Art	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP Computer Science Principles	11	4	11	8	4	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
AP Computer Science Applications	2	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Departments with four or more classes												
English	42	27	28	21	14	5	6	0	2	0	0	1
Mathematics	21	17	12	25	11	13	15	9	9	15	12	5
Science	36	21	24	16	19	15	12	6	4	2	3	0
Social Studies	55	28	27	22	11	11	6	2	1	0	1	2
Foreign Language	31	21	16	17	8	4	5	2	2	2	1	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 Sophomores were allowed access to AP CSP. KAS favors open enrollment to AP courses but we follow AP recommended pre-requisites. KAS does not limit the number of AP courses for juniors and seniors, but students are counseled. In May 2024, 105 students took 268 exams with twenty-five percent scoring four or higher, and about twenty-five percent scoring three or higher.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCORES 2024

Subject Total	1	2	3	4	5	Total Exams
2-D Art and Design				3	2	5
Biology			1			1
Calculus AB		4	1	1	1	7
Calculus BC			1		2	3
Chemistry	1	2	3	2		8
Computer Science A	7		1			8
Computer Science Principles	3	11	19	6	1	40
English Language and Composition	3	5	5	12	2	27
English Literature and Composition	3	3	11	2	4	23
Environmental Science	8	11	1	9	2	31
French Language and Culture			1			1
Macroeconomics			2	5	10	17
Microeconomics		2	2	4	9	17
Physics 1		1	4		1	6
Psychology	2	2	4	10	10	28
Seminar		2	9	7	4	22
Spanish Language and Culture				1		1
Statistics	5	5	1	4	6	21
World History: Modern					2	2
Number of Exams	32	48	66	66	56	268
Percentage of Total Exams	12%	18%	25%	25%	21%	100%

COLLEGE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT STATEMENT

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. All group and one-to-one counseling is done outside of school hours by one part-time college counselor.

TESTS*

There were five SATs that took place during the 2023-2024 academic year. The average scores for the year are:

	Average	Range
Total	1260	1400-1600
ERW (Evidence based Reading and Writing)	624	200-800
Math	637	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 2024, 100% of KAS graduates were accepted at and planned to attend college or university in the United States, Canada, and other countries. The graduates of the class of 2024 were accepted at the colleges and universities in bold below. Others are post-pandemic acceptances:

United States of America

Arizona State University
Barnard College
Bentley University
Boston Area Community College
Boston College (BC)
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brown University
California College of the Arts
Case Western Reserve University
Colorado State University
DePaul University
Drexel University
Emerson College
Emory University
Fordham University
George Mason University (GMU)
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Indiana University (Bloomington)
Loyola Marymount University
Michigan State University (MSU)
Northeastern University
Occidental College
Parsons School of Design
Penn State University
Pepperdine University
Purdue University Northwest
Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)
Rutgers University
School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC)
Stony Brook University
Syracuse University
Tufts University
University of Arizona

UC, Berkeley (UCB)

UC, Davis (UCD)
UC, Irvine (UCI)
UC, Los Angeles (UCLA)
UC, San Diego (UCSD)
UC, Santa Barbara (UCSB)
UC, Santa Cruz (UCSC)
University of Connecticut (UConn)
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Maryland
UMass-Amherst
UMass-Boston
University of Michigan (UMich)
University of Michigan-Dearborn
University of New Hampshire (UNH)
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of Notre Dame
University of Pittsburgh
University of St. Thomas
University of Texas at Austin (UT-Austin)
University of Vermont
University of Virginia (UVA)
University of Wisconsin-Madison (UW-Madison)
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University

Canada

Concordia University
McMaster University
Queens University
University of British Columbia
University of Toronto
University of Toronto - Rottman
University of Waterloo
Western University
Wilfrid Laurier University
York University

Europe

Birkbeck University
Birmingham University
City University (2)
Durham University
Exeter University
Goldsmith's, University of London
IE University-Madrid
John Cabot University
Kings College
Loughborough University
Middlesex University
Queen Mary University of London
Regent's University London
Royal Holloway University
Saint Louis University- Madrid
School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)
Sheffield University
Southampton University
University of Bath
University of Durham
University of Edinburgh
University of Glasgow
University of Leicester
University of Manchester
University of St. Andrews
University of Surrey
University of the Arts London (UAL)



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