

KARACHI AMERICAN SCHOOL

PROFILE OF
THE CLASS OF 2019

Thirty-Five students, representing seven countries, made up the class of 2019. Selective and highly selective colleges in the USA, Canada, UK and Pakistan accepted all 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 2019 was 3.22 with a range of 1.75 to 4.15.

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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, 2019; 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 461 students in K3 through grade 12 representing 14 nationalities: 65 US citizens, 302 Pakistani's and 94 from other countries. In the high school, there are 161 students: 32 seniors, 38 juniors, 40 sophomores and 51 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	Pre-Calculus	Biology	AP US History
AP English Language	College Alg.	Chemistry	AP World History
AP English Literature	AP Calculus AB	Physics	Economics
Speech/Writing	AP Statistics	Computer	Psychology
Journalism	Fine Arts	Computer Applications	US History
Foreign Language	Vocal Music	Desktop Publishing & Yearbook	World History I
French I, II, III, IV	Studio Art	AP Computer Science	World History II
Spanish I, II, III, IV	Photography	Physical Education	
AP French Language	Sculpture/Ceramics	P.E. 9-12 (with Health)	
AP Spanish Language	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 2019, students took 149 AP exams with just over forty percent of scores above four or better, and sixty percent of scores three or higher.

Advanced Placement Scores 2019

Subject Total	5	4	3	2	1
Calculus AB	3	3	1	1	
Chemistry			1	4	5
Computer Science A					1
English Language and Composition		2	2	3	1
English Literature and Composition	1	5	1	2	
French Language and Culture		1			
Human Geography	3	1	3		
Macroeconomics	4	4	4	1	5
Microeconomics	5	3	4	3	3
Physics 1		1	5	8	6
Psychology	5	6			1
Statistics		3	2	3	6
Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio	2	1	2		
United States History	1	1			
World History	1	3	4	5	1
Percentage of Total	17	23	19	20	19

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 2019

	Total Score	English Language	Math
Average	1175	566	609
Range	820 - 1380	380 - 650	420 - 760

* 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 2019, each of the KAS graduates (100%) planned to attend college or university in the United States, Canada and other countries in the fall of 2019 or in the immediate future. Graduates from class of 2019 were accepted at:

United States of America
Augustana University South Dakota
Babson College
Bentley University
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brown University
College of Wooster
DePauw University
Drexel University
Emerson College
George Washington University
Gettysburg College
Illinois University College
Indiana University Bloomington
Johnson & Wales University
Knox College
Loyola Marymount University
Lynn University
Michigan State University
Muhlenberg College
New York University
Northeastern University
Northeastern University
Oberlin College
Ohio Wesleyan University
Oregon State University
Pace University
Penn State University
Piedmont College
Rochester Institute of Technology
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University

Seton Hall University
Simmons University
Skidmore College
Suffolk University
University of California Irvine
University of California Los Angeles
University of California San Diego
University of California, Davis
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of Illinois at Urbana - Champaign
University of Maine
University of Massachusetts; Amherst
University of Michigan
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Vanderbilt University
Wheaton College
William Paterson University, New Jersey
Canada
Collège LaSalle
Concordia University
Lakehead University
McMaster University
Ontario College of Art and Design University
Queen's University
Ryerson University
Simon Fraser University
Trent University

University of British Columbia
University of Calgary
University of Guelph
University of Ottawa
University of Toronto
University of Waterloo
University of Western Ontario
Wilfrid Laurier University
York University
United Kingdom
Birkbeck, University of London
Durham University
King's College London
SOAS University of London
University of Edinburgh
University College London
University of Exeter
University of Kent
University of Manchester
University of Sussex
University of the Arts London
University of Warwick
University of West London
University of Westminster
Other
Monash University - Australia
University of Queensland - Australia
Bilgi University - Turkey
Yonsei University, South Korea

