



Taejon Christian International School

2016-2017 Profile

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Professional Affiliations

ACSI - Association of Christian Schools International
APAC - Asia Pacific Activities Conference
ASCD - Association for Supervision & Curriculum Development
College Board International School - Member School
EARCOS - East Asia Regional Council of Overseas Schools
IBO - International Baccalaureate Organization (IB Authorization)
KAIAC - Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Conference
NACAC - National Association for College Admission Counseling
NASPP - National Association of Secondary School Principals
IACAC - International Association for College Admission Counseling
ROK Ministry of Education - Korean Educational Certification
WASC - Western Association of Schools and Colleges (Accreditation)

Our Student Body

Taejon Christian International School currently educates over 450 students K-12 in a comprehensive International Baccalaureate program that is underpinned in the foundations of Christian faith. Approximately 86% of the student body are of ethnic Asian backgrounds and students come from a variety of nations. The vast majority of our graduates seek higher education in the United States, with the remainder attending college in places including Canada, South Korea, Hong Kong, the United Kingdom, and Australia.

CEEB Code: 682420



Curriculum

The Secondary School provides a distinguished college preparatory program. Over 99% of the Class of 2016 TCIS graduates pursue a college education directly after high school and are accepted at some of the most prestigious institutions of higher education in the world. The International Baccalaureate Organization Diploma courses began in 2005 with the first IB exams completed in 2007. English Language Learning (ELL) programs and special educational needs programs are also available.

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme is a comprehensive two-year curriculum available to juniors and seniors. Students may choose to take the full IB Diploma consisting of six courses, three taken at Higher Level and three at the Standard Level, in conjunction with the Theory of Knowledge course, the Extended Essay and the Creativity, Action, and Service requirement. All IB courses are two-year courses. There are currently 50 students (77%) in the Class of 2017 who are taking the full diploma program.

Grading System

Grades are recorded on the transcript at the end of each semester. A cumulative GPA is calculated for grades earned at TCIS only, based on the final year-long grade in each class.

IB courses are weighted 0.5 points for Higher Level (HL) courses and 0.25 points for Standard Level (SL). TCIS does not rank students.

TCIS 1-7 Grade GPA Conversion Scale

1-7 Grade	GPA Value	Weighted Value DP HL Courses	Weighted Value DP SL Courses	A - F Grade Equivalency	Descriptor
7	4.0	4.5	4.25	A	Exemplary
6	3.75	4.25	4.0	A	Excellent
5	3.25	3.75	3.5	B	Good
4	2.4	2.9	2.65	C	Satisfactory
3	1.4	1.9	1.65	D	Pass
2	0.7	1.2	0.95	D	Poor
1 or 0	0	0	0	F	Poor/Not Pass

TCIS TOK Grade GPA Conversion Scale

TOK Grade	GPA	Weighted Values for DP SL
A	4.0	4.25
B	3.25	3.5
C	2.4	2.65
D	1.4	1.65
E	0	0

Grade Distribution (Class of 2017 as of June 2016)

Cumulative GPA	% of Students (# of Students)
4.5 - 4.0	15% (10)
3.9 - 3.5	49% (33)
3.4 - 3.0	25% (17)
2.9 - 2.0	10% (7)
Below 2.0	0

Total number of students: 67 | Median GPA: 3.65

SAT Test Results: Class of 2016*

Section	TCIS Middle 50%	Mean
Critical Reading	490-630	570
Mathematics	640-740	688
Writing	550-680	617

*SAT Summary 2400, with 41 students tested

Minimum Required Distribution of Credits for Graduation

Subject	Units of Credit
English Literature	4
Science	3
Social Studies	3
Mathematics	3
World Languages	2
PE / Health	.5
Electives	Additional credits needed for graduation

Co-Curricular Activities

Many opportunities exist for student involvement in co-curricular activities. TCIS currently offers more than 30 active clubs on campus.

All juniors and seniors are required to actively participate in a minimum of 150 hours of co-curricular activities in the areas of Creativity, Action, and Service (CAS). Activities include, but are not limited to, the following: Student Council, National Honor Society, Math Team, Forensics, Praise Team, Drama and Musicals, Yearbook, Future Business Leaders of America, Model United Nations, and Service Trips. Athletics at TCIS include Cross-Country, Volleyball, Rugby, Tennis, Basketball, Cheerleading, Soccer and Swimming.

TCIS is a full member of both the Asia Pacific Activities Conference (APAC) and the Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Conference (KAIAC), which allows students the opportunity to participate in activities in China, Guam, Japan, Philippines, South Korea, and Vietnam.

Faculty

TCIS employs roughly 150 faculty and staff, including 62 faculty in the Secondary School, 57% of whom hold Master's Degrees or equivalent post-graduate course work. Staff members bring diverse experiences to the school from many different countries, including the United States, Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom, South Korea, China, Malaysia, Philippines, Colombia, Congo, and Taiwan.

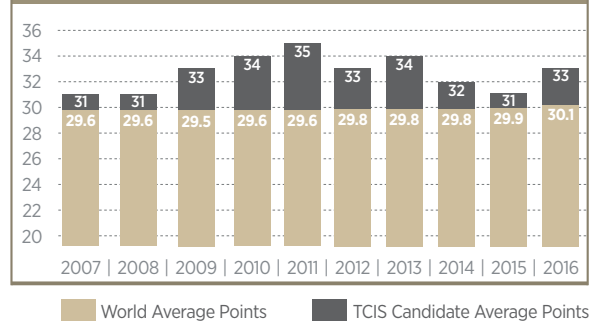
In Secondary School, the average class size is 12 with a student to teacher ratio of 6:1. The graduating class of 2017 includes 67 students, most of which have attended our school throughout their high school years.



TCIS IB Diploma Program – 10 Year Overview

TCIS has had a strong IB Diploma program from its first cohort in 2007 to present, achieving above world average scores. During the first nine years, the program was treated as exclusive, with the percentage of students attempting the full IB Diploma Program ranging from 27% to 47%. A few years ago TCIS began a journey toward a more inclusive DP, and the Class of 2016 accepted the challenge with amazing results. Fifty students (77%) of the Class of 2016 cohort (double the number of students from the previous year) attempted the full Diploma with a success rate of 94%. In addition to the growth of the DP program, TCIS has long enjoyed a high percentage of students earning the bilingual diploma, ranging from 61% to 77% over the last few years. TCIS students have also been highly successful on the EE and TOK, with 100% of students passing both since 2011.

TCIS DP Candidate Average vs. World Average (2007-2016)



TCIS Overall DP Results - Full DP and Course Candidates 2016									
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	N	TCIS Average
<i>Language & Literature</i>	10	33	45	23	2	0	0	0	5.23
<i>Language Acquisition</i>	5	10	5	5	0	0	0	0	5.60
<i>Individuals & Society</i>	2	16	30	14	4	1	0	0	4.93
<i>Sciences</i>	6	19	28	26	11	1	1	0	4.74
<i>Mathematics</i>	5	15	21	16	6	2	0	0	4.86
<i>The Arts</i>	3	6	10	7	2	0	0	0	5.04

DP Results: Class of 2016

- Number of students taking IB DP Exams 69
- Number of IB Diploma Candidates 53
- Number of Candidates Earning the Diploma 50
- ★ 94% of all DP Candidates received their IB Diploma.
- ★ 70% of all Diploma recipients received the Bilingual Diploma.
- ★ The highest individual achievement score was 42.
- ★ 100% of DP Candidates earned passing scores on EE and TOK.

Course Offerings | Grades 9-12

English

IB MYP English Literature 9
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 IB MYP English Literature 10
 IB MYP English Language 10
 IB DP English Literature, SL & HL (1 & 2)
 IB DP English Language & Literature, SL & HL (1 & 2)
 IB DP English Language, HL (1 & 2)

Social Studies & Humanities

IB MYP Humanities 9
 IB MYP Humanities 10
 IB DP Global Politics SL & HL (1 & 2)
 IB DP Economics, SL & HL (1 & 2)
 IB DP Business & Management, SL & HL (1 & 2)
 IB DP Theory of Knowledge (1 & 2)

Mathematics

IB MYP Math 9 Standard
 IB MYP Algebra 2
 IB MYP Algebra 2 Extended
 IB MYP Pre-Calculus
 IB DP Math Studies, SL (1 & 2)
 IB DP Math, SL & HL (1 & 2)

Language Acquisition & Language and Literature

IB MYP Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4
 IB DP Spanish Language, SL & HL (1 & 2)
 IB DP Spanish Abinitio (1 & 2)
 IB MYP Mandarin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
 IB DP Mandarin Language, SL & HL (1 & 2)
 IB DP Mandarin Abinitio (1 & 2)
 IB MYP Korean Literature 9
 IB MYP Korean Literature 10
 IB DP Korean Language & Literature, SL & HL (1 & 2)
 IB DP Korean Language, SL & HL (1 & 2)

Religious Studies

Old Testament 9
 Old Testament 10
 Pauline Epistles 11
 Spiritual Reflections 12

Technology

IB MYP Design 9
 IB MYP Design 10
 IB MYP Design 10 (CT)
 IB DP Design Technology, SL & HL (2)

Science

IB MYP Biology
 IB MYP Chemistry
 IB MYP Physics
 IB DP Biology, SL & HL (1 & 2)
 IB DP Physics, SL & HL (1 & 2)
 IB DP Chemistry, SL & HL (1 & 2)

Visual & Performing Arts

IB MYP Visual Art 9
 IB MYP Visual Art 10
 IB DP Visual Art, SL & HL (1 & 2)
 IB MYP Music 9
 IB MYP Music 10
 IB DP Music, SL & HL (1 & 2)
 9-12 Band
 9-12 Concert Choir
 9-12 Strings
 IB MYP Drama 9
 IB MYP Drama 10
 IB DP Theatre, SL & HL (1 & 2)

PE & Health

IB MYP PE & Health 9
 IB MYP PE & Health 10

College Acceptances: Class of 2014-2016

The University of Akron	Georgia Institute of Technology*	Purdue University*
Allegheny College	Gordon College	Queen's University
American University*	Grinnell College	University of Redlands
Amherst College	University of Hawaii at Manoa	Reed College
Arizona State University	Hofstra University	Rhode Island School of Design*
The University of Arizona	University of Illinois at Chicago	Rice University
Art Center College of Design	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Ringling College of Art and Design
Azusa Pacific University	Indiana University at Bloomington*	Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
Babson College	Iowa State University*	Rochester Institute of Technology
Baylor University*	The University of Iowa	Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Belmont University	John Carroll University	San Francisco Art Institute
Berklee College of Music	Johns Hopkins University*	University of San Francisco
Binghamton University	Korea Advanced Institute of Science & Technology*	Savannah College of Art and Design*
Biola University*	King's College London	School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Boston College	Kyung Hee University	School of Visual Arts
Boston University	Lewis & Clark College	University of Southern California
University of Bristol	Liberty University	St. John's University
University of British Columbia	London School of Economics	St. Lawrence College*
Brown University	University College London	St. Louis College of Pharmacy
California Institute of the Arts	Los Angeles College of Music	State University of New York
California Institute of Technology	Loyola University Chicago	Stony Brook University
University of California, Davis*	Loyola University Chicago (School of Business)	Swiss Hotel Management School
University of California, Irvine*	Manhattan School of Music*	Syracuse University
University of California, Los Angeles*	Marquette University	Temple University Japan
University of California, Santa Barbara*	Maryland Institute College of Art	Texas A&M University
Carleton College	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	The Chinese University of Hong Kong*
Carleton University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst*	The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science & Art*
Carnegie Mellon University*	University of Massachusetts, Boston	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology*
Case Western Reserve University	McGill University*	The University of Texas, Austin
Central Saint Martins College of Art & Design	Meredith College	The New School - Eugene Lang College
Cesar Ritz Colleges Switzerland	University of Miami	Toccoa Falls College
Chelsea College of Art and Design, London	Michigan State University	University of Toronto*
University of Chicago	University of Michigan*	Trinity College
Colby College	University of Minnesota	Tufts University
College for Creative Studies	Mount Holyoke College*	Villanova University
University of Colorado at Boulder*	Muhlenberg College	Virginia Tech
Columbus College of Art and Design	University of Nevada, Las Vegas	University of Warwick
Concordia University Texas	New England Conservatory of Music*	Waseda University
Cornell University*	University of New Haven	Washington College*
Crown College	New York University*	Washington University in St. Louis
University of Denver	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	University of Washington*
University of Detroit Mercy	Northeastern University	University of Waterloo
Drexel University	Northwest Nazarene University	Wellesley College*
Duke University*	Northwestern University*	Western University*
Eastern Nazarene College	Occidental College	Wheaton College IL
Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne*	Otis College of Art and Design	Willamette University
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania	Pacific Lutheran University	College of William and Mary
Emerson College	University of the Pacific*	University of Windsor
Emory University	Pennsylvania State University*	University of Wisconsin, Madison*
The University of Florida	University of Pennsylvania	University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee*
Gannon University*	Pepperdine University	The College of Wooster
George Mason University	Point Loma Nazarene University	Yonsei University*
The George Washington University	Polytechnic Institute of NYU	
Georgetown University	Pomona College	

* Indicates Class of 2016 enrollment.



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