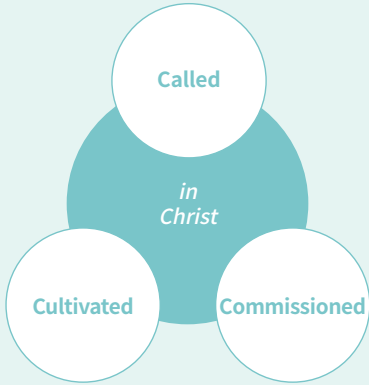




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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of HIS is to nurture students to become Kingdom agents serving in multicultural contexts of the world by providing them Biblically founded academic, character, and global education.

HIS DESCRIPTION

HIS serves Korean students and students of diverse cultural backgrounds, including children of missionaries, from 1st through 12th grade. HIS employs an English Immersion/Dual Language Program where most classes are taught in English and the rest in Korean.

HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE (2024-2025)

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

- Founded in 1998
- Christian alternative school accredited by the Korean Ministry of Education and ACSI.
- Bilingual school, in which 70% of the curriculum is taught in English and 30% is taught in Korean.
- Offers an American college-preparatory curriculum to the international community.
- HIS is a private Christian school started by Handong Global University Education Foundation to aid in its mission to change the world by reaching it for Christ. HIS currently consists of 123 elementary students (grades 1-6), 113 middle school students (grades 7-9), and 146 high school students (grades 10-12). The total number of students is 380.

Average class size : 15



46

CLASS OF 2024



146

HS TOTAL ENROLLMENT



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STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO



19

COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

GRADUATION

February 10
2025

1ST SEMESTER

March 2
- July 12

2ND SEMESTER

August 16
- December 23

SCHOOL DAYS

180 days

CLASS OF 2024

92%

ADMITTED TO A 4-YEAR UNIVERSITY

34%

ATTENDING UNIVERSITY OVERSEAS

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Accreditation

HIS is accredited by the Korean Ministry of Education and ACSI. HIS awards a Graduation Diploma.

Graduation Requirements

- I . The student must complete all grades through 12th grade.
 - II . The student's overall grade average through 12th grade must be 60% or higher.
 - III . The student must fulfill the attendance requirements through the 12th grade year.
 - IV The student must fulfill the conditions of the high school elective program.
- If either II or III is not achieved, the student must complete further requirements set by the Academic Committee.

External Examinations

AP, SAT, PSAT

AP COURSES

Students can take up to a total of 5-6 AP courses as electives between 10th and 12th grade. In addition to these, students who meet HIS criteria (Min. TOEFL ITP score of 600) can take up to two AP English courses. Dual Credit AP courses are available as well.

Online Advanced Placement Courses

Environmental Science	Calculus BC
Human Geography	Statistics
US Government and Politics	Chemistry
European History	Biology
US History	Computer Science Principles
World History Modern	Computer Science A
Language and Composition	Micro Economics
Literature and Composition	Macro Economics
Psychology	Physics 1
Calculus AB	Physics C: Mechanics

Online Dual Credit AP courses

Biology | Calculus AB | Calculus BC | Statistics | Language and Composition | Literature and Composition

GRADING SYSTEM

** Students' GPAs are produced based on an unweighted 4.5 grading system and are not ranked.*

Letter	Numeric	Grade Points	Notes
A+	95 - 100	4.5	Excellent
A	90 - 94.9	4.0	
B+	85 - 89.9	3.5	Good
B	80 - 84.9	3.0	
C+	75 - 79.9	2.5	Satisfactory
C	70 - 74.9	2.0	
D+	65 - 69.9	1.5	Weak
D	60 - 64.9	1.0	
F	0 - 59.9	0.0	Failure or unofficial withdrawal
P (2019~)	80 - 89.9	N/A	Pass
PD (2019)	90 - 100	N/A	Pass with distinction
I	N/A	N/A	Incomplete
W	N/A	N/A	Official withdrawal

2021-2024 PROGRAMS OF STUDY

English

English Fundamentals
 English Literature
 English
 English Language Arts
 English Modern Classics
 Intermediate English Communication
 English Literature and Composition
 English Reading and Composition
 Advanced English Seminar

Korean

Korean Language Arts
 Korean as a Second Language
 Korean Literature
 Korean Reading
 Korean Language and Media
 Korean Speech and Composition
 Language and Media
 Readings in Korean

Technology

Intermediate Computer Programming
 Computer Programming
 Advanced Computer Programming
 Robotics Programming

Physical Education

Physical Education (Male)
 Physical Education (Female)
 Sports and Life

Fine Arts

Art
 Art Project
 Visual and Space Design
 Art and Performance
 Art and Life
 Industrial Design
 Advanced Design

Mathematics

Mathematics
 Mathematics I
 Mathematics II
 Probabilities and Statistics
 Algebra II
 Pre-Calculus
 AP Calculus
 Calculus I
 Calculus II
 Applied Mathematics and Statistics

Science

Biology
 Physics
 Advanced Physics
 Advanced Physics and Technology
 Advanced Life Science
 Science Project
 STEM Project
 Chemistry
 Life Science Project / Lab
 Physics and Technology Project / Lab

Foreign Language

Chinese Language Arts I
 Chinese Language Arts II
 Chinese Language Arts III
 Japanese Language Arts I
 Japanese Language Arts II

Social Studies

Integrated Social Studies
 Korean History
 World History II
 Society and Culture
 Comparative Government and Politics
 Integrated Social Studies
 Inquiry of Social Problems
 Classics and Ethics
 Classical Literature
 Conversations with Great Minds
 Social Studies Research
 Reading and Writing
 Critical Reading and Writing
 International Relations

Music

Choral Music
 Music Project
 Music and Performance
 Music and Life

Religion

Christian Studies
 Chapel

• MAIN ACTIVITIES •

Team Missions

In the middle and high school, teams of students are formed from 7th-12th grades to help them adjust to school life and foster positive relationships between older and younger students. This year, we have 14 teams made up of 16 students each, with 9th and 12th grade leaders. Team meetings occur every Wednesday, during SA time, and are led by the Student Council.

Science Fair

Middle and high school students showcase their brilliant ideas at the HIS Science Fair. Students exhibit projects in the fields of biology, chemistry, physics, astronomy, computer, mechanical engineering, environmental science, botany, robotics, and psychology.

Outdoor Education

HIS students have done various outdoor activities outside the school to have a variety of experiences. Students learn to overcome difficulties and unite as a team in every process. Most events are planned and conducted by students under the guidance of the teacher in charge.

Field Trip : Activities for hands-on knowledge and experiences, such as career experiences and volunteer work.

Camping Trip : Activities to train the mind and body, such as a 100-kilometer march and missionary works, staying together for more than three days.

Variety Show

Every year the Variety Show is planned and directed by the 11th grade while all middle and high school students perform and participate. For one month, they work in planning and executing each grade's performance as well as promotion, decorations, costumes, fundraising, media, and translation, to produce something that is more than just a school recital, but also a worship service of culture and performing arts with a distinctly "Handong" flavor.

SKAC Programs

SKAC programs help students to cultivate cross-cultural competence as they participate in English-conducted programs such as various sports, Speech & Debate, Spelling Bee, MUN. In MUN, the students talk and debate about current issues affecting the world in five different councils with students from the other SKAC schools. These issues include topics such as police brutality, facial recognition software, the Asian air pollution crisis and more.

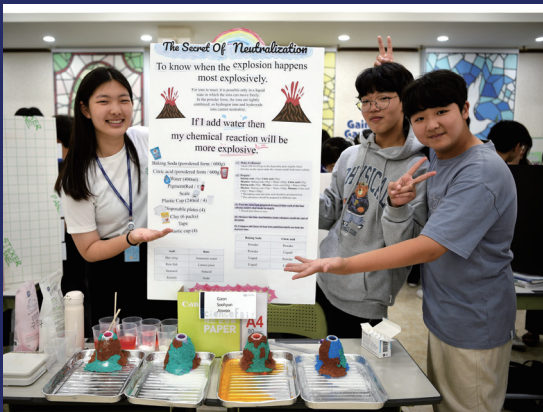
* HIS has been participating in the programs of the Southern Korea Activities Conference (SKAC), which consists of several international and foreign schools.

Community Week

Students divide into blue and grey teams for community week to compete in events such as volleyball, futsal, basketball, dodgeball, high jump, chess, cup stacking, etc. Students also engage in busking and various fundraising activities.

Expo

All clubs operate booths and prepare special activities or products to introduce their club to visitors.



PSAT/NMSQT

The PSAT/NMSQT is administered to applicants who are in the 10th and 11th grades.

SAT

The SAT is administered to all applicants three or four times per year.

AP EXAMS

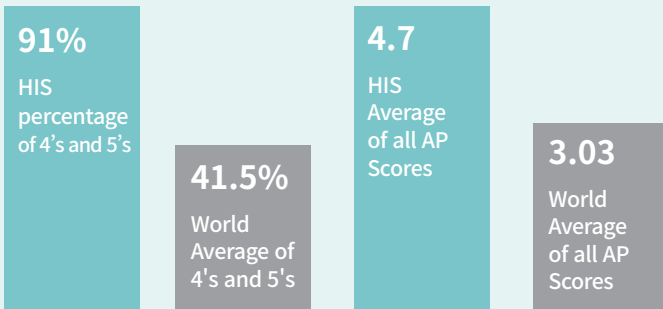
35% of HIS students took two or more AP exams in 2022-2023.

* **Exception** - students enrolled in Korean domestic track.

- Team Missions
- Variety Show
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- Science Fair
- SKAC Programs
- Field Trip
- Camping Trip
- EXPO

2023-2024 AP EXAM SCORES

AVERAGE SAT SCORES



	ERW	MATH	TOTAL
2021	646	739	1385
2022	633	733	1366
2023	634	735	1369
World Avg 2022	529	521	1050

* The highest SAT score in 2023 is 1550.

UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE ADMISSIONS (2019-2024)

Canada

- Carleton University
- Concordia University
- Fanshawe College
- Mcgill University
- Royal Military College of Canada
- Simon Fraser University
- Toronto Metropolitan University
- University of Toronto
- University of Waterloo
- York University

China

- Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- City University of Hong Kong
- The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- The University of Hong Kong
- The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Japan

- Hosei University
- International Christian University
- Keio University
- Kyushu University
- Ritsumeikan University
- Shibaura Institute of Technology
- Sophia University
- Tohoku University
- Tokyo Institute of Technology
- Waseda University

USA

- Asbury University
- Arizona State University
- Baylor University
- Biola University
- Bucknell University
- Calvin University
- California College of Arts
- Case Western Reserve University
- Colorado College
- Columbus State University
- Creighton University
- Denison University
- Dordt University
- Drew University
- Emory University
- Fordham University
- Geneva College
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Gordon College
- Grove City College
- Haverford College
- Hofstra University
- Indiana University, Bloomington
- Iowa State University
- Liberty University
- Marquette University
- Michigan State University
- New York University
- Northwest Nazarene University
- Oberlin College
- Otis College of Art and Design
- Pennsylvania State University
- Pepperdine University
- Pitzer College
- Purdue University
- Quinnipiac University
- Ryerson University
- Rutgers University
- Saint Louis University
- School of Art Institute of Chicago
- Seton Hall University
- Skidmore College

Germany

- Jacobs University Bremen
- EU Business School

Singapore

- Singapore University of Technology and Design

The Philippines

- Loyola Schools,
- Ateneo de Manila University

Australia

- Deakin College
- Griffith University
- RMIT University
- Sydney University
- University of Melbourne
- University of Queensland
- University of Tasmania

- University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- University of North Texas
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Richmond
- University of Rochester
- University of San Francisco
- University of South Alabama
- University of Washington
- University of Wisconsin, Madison
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Wheaton College

- SUNY, Buffalo
- Taylor University
- Texas A&M University
- The Ohio State University
- The Penn State, University Park
- The University of Rhode Island
- The University Utah Asia Campus
- University of Arkansas
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of California, San Diego
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of Denver
- University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- University of Iowa
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor