

ISC-China Fact Sheet

School Locations:

Tianjin, Qingdao, Chengdu, Wuhan, Wuxi, Yantai

Levels/Ages Served:

Junior Kindergarten (beginning at age 3 or 4) through Grade 12

Nationalities Represented in Student Bodies:

South Korean (largest part of student body in all schools), American, Australian, Belgian, Brazilian, Canadian, Czech, Filipino, Fijian, French, German, Hong Kong Chinese, Indonesian, Indian, Iraqi, Italian, Japanese, Kazakhstani, Malaysian, Danish, Dutch, New Zealand, Nigerian, Polish, Romanian, Singaporean, Slovakian, South African, Spanish, Swedish, Taiwanese, Thai, Turkish, British

Nationalities Represented in Teacher Populations:

American, Australian, British, Canadian, Chinese, Dutch, Filipino, Fijian, German, Indian, South Korean, Malaysian, New Zealand, Nigerian, South African, Singaporean

School Year:

178 days per year (approximately) – Begins in mid-August and ends the first Friday in June

Accreditation:

Chengdu, Qingdao, Tianjin, and Wuxi are fully accredited through the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Wuhan is fully accredited by the North Central Association Commission of Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA-CASI), and Yantai has started the process to obtain WASC accreditation.

Curriculum:

The ISC curriculum is North American in scope and sequence, college-preparatory in structure, and taught from a Judeo-Christian perspective. Specifics about each school's curriculum can be found on their websites.

Average Class Sizes:

Kindergarten-5th Grade = 14; 6th -12th Grade = 12

Subjects Taught:

Elementary – Language Arts (including Reading, Grammar, Phonics, Spelling), Bible, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Secondary – English, Bible, Math (including Pre-algebra, Algebra, Trigonometry, Calculus), Science (including Life Science, Earth Science, Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics), and Social Studies (including History, Geography, Cultures, Government, Economics, etc.). Most schools offer Advanced Placement (AP) courses and tests in some subject areas.

Learning Support:

All ISC schools offer ESL (English as a Second Language) programs for students. Some programs are self-contained, while others are pull-out programs with students spending at least part of the day in the regular classroom. ESL services are offered beginning in 1st or 2nd grade and continuing through at least 7th grade, depending on the individual school's program. Most elementary classrooms have a teacher and a teaching assistant available to assist students in the classroom. Some schools are able to offer more help to students with special needs, but overall, ISC schools are not able to effectively meet the needs of students with more severe learning disabilities.

Standardized Testing Used:

ACT, AP, Iowa Basics, PSAT-NMSQT, SAT, International Schools Assessment (ISA), Stanford Achievement Test, Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER)

Extra-Curricular Activities Offered:

Model United Nations (MUN), National Honor Society, Community Service, Student Council, Math Club, Yearbook, Photography, Choir, Band, Piano, Percussion, Flute, Art, Crafts, Odyssey, Science Fair, Drama, Chess, Cooking, Martial Arts, Soccer, Basketball, Ping Pong, Volleyball, Badminton (All activities are not offered at every school or at all times.)

ISC-wide Events:

ISC Teachers Conference, Volleyball Tournament, National Teachers Conference (Chinese staff), Basketball Tournament, Science Fair, Choir Festival, Soccer Tournament, Chess Tournament

Major ISC Holidays:

Chinese National Day (1-week holiday around Oct. 1), Christmas (2-week holiday), Chinese New Year (2-week holiday around the Lunar New Year in Jan. or Feb.), Spring Break (1-week holiday usually in April). Other 1-2 day holidays for students include Mid-Autumn Festival (Sept.), Thanksgiving (Nov.), Good Friday (March or April), and Chinese Labor Day (May 1).