

SCHOOL PROFILE 2025-2026



WLSA
SHANGHAI
ACADEMY

BASIC FACTS

The World Leading Schools Association (WLSA) is a network of top leading high schools, offering a platform for worldwide collaboration. WLSA's mission is to lead educational change in the secondary school sector in the 21st century. WLSA was founded by a group of heads of internationally highly-regarded schools in 2011, composed of Eton College, Groton School, Geelong Grammar School, Harvard-Westlake School, Beijing No.4 High School, and the High School Affiliated to Fudan University (FDFZ). WLSA is governed by an Executive Board, including the Heads of Episcopal School and the Webb Schools in The USA, Beijing No.4 High School, the High School Affiliated to Fudan University (FDFZ) in China, and is currently chaired by Mr. Charley Stillwell, Head of the Episcopal High School. WLSA brings together students and educators for cross-cultural dialogue, curriculum development, and resource sharing. Associate schools can be found at www.wlsafoundation.org.

The mission of WLSA Shanghai Academy is to develop globally-minded leaders who will help change the world for the better. Under the guidance of Mr. Tony Little, Chairman of Board Trustees, and Mr. Marcel Gauthier, International Principal, WLSA Shanghai Academy seeks to inspire its students to become leaders of character and major contributors to their local, national, and international communities. Offering rigorous academics in connect with its innovative Global Impact Program (GIP), WLSA Shanghai Academy meets the growing demands of international and local students in China preparing to study at top universities around the world.

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877

Students from
29 Provinces in China

124

Dedicated Faculty from
12 Different Countries / Regions

7

Distinction Courses

8:1

Student-Teacher
Ratio

80+

Extra-curricular Activities

25

Average Class Size

1201

Alumni

100% Admitted by Colleges and
Universities Worldwide

US\$16.1M

in Financial Assistance and Merit-based Awards

Supporting Students through Need-based Aid
(Inclusive of Higher Education Expenses)
and Academic Scholarships

59%

Boarding Students

NACAC

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edexcel
Approved Centre from Pearson

Cambridge Assessment
International Education
Cambridge International School

INTERNATIONAL
ACAC

CEEB Code: 694146

CAIE Number: CN662

Edexcel Number: 95316

CURRICULA

WLSA Shanghai Academy offers three curricula on campus — Sino-Global Program (AP courses) and A-Level Program together with the WLSA Global Impact Program (GIP), and Chinese Gaokao Program. The GIP is a unique, interdisciplinary, skills-based curriculum that forms the foundation of a holistic vision of high school education in a globalized society. Built from the ground up, students at WLSA Shanghai Academy develop critical skills and competencies in a rigorous and empowering three-year program based on our core values: promoting academic excellence, creating community leaders, and developing global citizenship. Sino-Global Program students can choose 3–6 AP courses; A-Level Program students can choose 3–4 A-Level subjects.

Sino-Global

GIP

Distinction	Skills Development Program	G10
	Colloquy	G10, G11
	SDP-Capstone	G11
	Cross-Cultural Philosophy and Ethics	G12
	Assimilation and Differences	G12
	Across Societies	
	Humanities Lab	G12
	Chinese Strategy	G12

Humanities / Social Studies

Regular	Psychology	G10
	U.S. History I	G10
	World History I	G10
	U.S. History II	G11
	World History II	G11
	European History	G12
	Business Study	G12
	African American Studies	G12
	Gender Studies	G12
	The Anthropology of Consumption: Culture, Power, and Transformation	G12
AP	AP Micro-Economics	G10, G11
	AP Macro-Economics	G11, G12
	AP Comparative Government & Politics	G11, G12
	AP Psychology	G11, G12

Others

Regular	PE	G10, G11, G12
	Career Readiness	G10, G11, G12

Math & Computer Science

Regular	College Algebra	G10
	Pre-Calculus	G10
	General Math	G12
AP	AP Calculus AB	G11
	AP Calculus BC	G11
	AP Statistics	G12
	AP Computer Science A	G11
	AP Computer Science Principles	G10
Advanced	Adv. Artificial Intelligence	G11, G12
	Adv. Differential Equations & Graph Theory	G11
	Adv. Linear Algebra and Group Theory	G12
	Adv. Data Structure in Java	G12

Languages & Literature

Regular	Chinese Literature I	G10
	College Preparatory English	G10
	Pre-AP English	G10
	Spanish I	G10
	Chinese Literature II	G11
	Introduction to Japanese Language	G12
	Introduction to Arabic Language	G12
AP	AP English Language & Composition	G11
	AP English Literature & Composition	G12
Advanced	Adv. English	G11
	Adv. Expansive English	G12

Science

Regular	Pre-AP Biology	G10
	Pre-AP Chemistry	G10
	General Chemistry	G11
	Physiology and Ecology	G11
AP	AP Physics 1	G10
	AP Physics C: Mechanics	G11
	AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	G11
	AP Chemistry	G11, G12
	AP Biology	G11
	AP Environmental Science	G11, G12
Advanced	Adv. Further Physics	G12
	Adv. Organic Chemistry	G12
	Adv. Genetic Analysis	G12
	Adv. Introduction to Civil Engineering	G12
	Adv. Introduction to Modern Astrophysics	G12

Arts

Regular	Art	G10
	Drama	G10
	Music	G10
	Film Production	G12
	Visual Art	G12
	Classical Theatre Studies	G12
	Music Performance	G12
AP	AP Studio Art	G11
	AP Art History	G11, G12
	AP Music Theory	G11

A-Level

GIP

Distinction	Colloquy	G10
	HPQ	G10
	EPQ	G11
	Mini Electives Workshops	G12

Humanities / Social Studies

Pre-A	Pre-A Business Studies	G10
	Pre-A Psychology	G10
	Pre-A Economics	G10
AS	AS Business	G11
	AS Economics	G11
	AS Psychology	G11
A2	A2 Economics	G12
	A2 Business	G12
	A2 Psychology	G12

Others

Regular	PE	G10, G11, G12
	Career Readiness	G10, G11, G12

Math & Computer Science

Pre-A	Pre-A Computer Science	G10
AS	AS Mathematics	G10
	AS Further Mathematics:	G11
	AS Pure Maths 1	
	Further Statistics	
	AS Computer Science	G11
A2	A2 Mathematics	G11
	A2 Further Mathematics:	G12
	A2 Further Mathematics	
	Further Mechanics	
	A2 Further Maths	G12
	A2 Computer Science	G12
A2 Plus	STEP II	G11

Arts

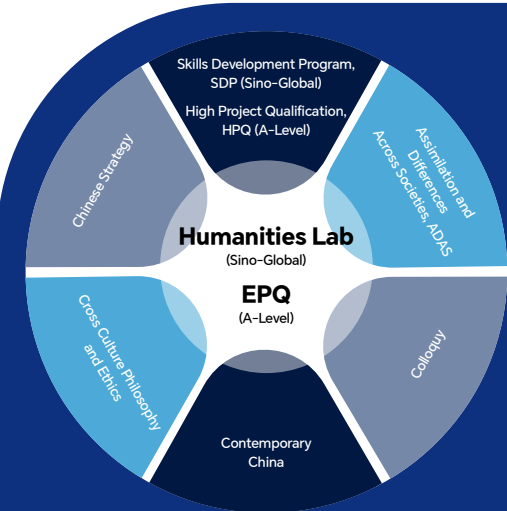
A2	A2 Art & Design	G12
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Languages & Literature

Pre-A	Chinese Literature I	G10
	Chinese Literature II	G11
	Chinese Strategy	G12
	ESL English	G10
	EFL English	G11
AS	Advanced English A	G12
	Advanced English B	G12

Science

Pre-A	Pre-A Biology	G10
	Pre-A Chemistry	G10
	Pre-A Physics	G10
AS	AS Biology	G11
	AS Chemistry	G11
	AS Physics	G11
A2	A2 Physics	G12
	A2 Chemistry	G12
	A2 Biology	G12



Some exemplary distinction courses are listed :

Skills Development Program (SDP) based on a coursework created by Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE); SDP is a project-based learning class. It fosters students' skills of performing research, critical evaluation, reflective learning, efficient teamwork (leading and listening), and effective communication.

Colloquy originated by Winchester College in the UK; Colloquy is a project-based learning class that directly focuses on students' ability to communicate in a variety of forms. Academic writing, presentation, and teamwork skills are particularly targeted.

Chinese Strategy focuses on using the timeline and characters to introduce the history of China. It cultivates students' historical insight, fosters students' sense of historical mission, and enriches their personal life experience.

Cross Culture Philosophy and Ethics focuses on moral education, integrity, and ethical responsibility as a part of the international community. Through the course, students gain a wider understanding of ethical issues, particularly those that will affect them around the world.

Assimilation and Differences Across Societies (ADAS), adapted a course from Harvard-Westlake School; ADAS is a primarily Harkness-table learning class. Students analyze and contrast cultural values between the US and China, examining and predicting their own struggles before creating a plan of adaptation to the country. The class structure enables students to engage in a Socratic-seminar environment and learn how to be a productive member in discussion.

Humanities Lab is for GIP what Chemistry Lab is for Chemistry, a hands-on solution and real-world focused class. In this course, students take personal ownership of their learning, with numerous challenges and modern issues presented to them for individuals and teams to solve week by week. Students creatively and thoughtfully apply their own perspectives to cutting-edge educational concepts like Project-Based Learning (PBL) and Design Thinking towards an end-of-career product, performance, or outcome.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

WLSA Shanghai Academy offers a rigorous university preparatory structure. There are two credentials offered:

The WLSA Shanghai Academy Diploma is examined and validated by the WLSA academic committee and the local Education Bureau, and accredited by Cognia. The more advanced WLSA Honor Diploma is examined by an independent Board of Examiners, containing more extensive requirements. The WLSA Honor Diploma Board is composed of representatives from Harvard-Westlake School, The Webb Schools, Phillips Academy Andover, Winchester College, and Marlborough College. The Chairman of the Board is Mr. Taylor Stockdale, Head Emeritus of The Webb Schools. The Board assesses and independently validates the standard of academic achievement, and awards the Honor Diploma fewer than top 10% graduates.

Letter	Score	GPA Points		
		Regular Course	Advanced Course	Distinction Course
A+	94-100	4.0	5.0	5.0
A	90-93	4.0	5.0	5.0
A-	87-89	3.7	4.7	4.7
B+	84-86	3.3	4.3	4.3
B	80-83	3.0	4.0	4.0
B-	77-79	2.7	3.7	3.7
C+	74-76	2.3	3.3	3.3
C	70-73	2.0	3.0	3.0
C-	67-69	1.7	2.7	2.7
D+	64-66	1.3	2.3	2.3
D	60-63	1.0	2.0	2.0
F	0-59	0	0	0

GPA CALCULATION

WSA uses a weighted 4.0 scale GPA system calculated with the year overall scores of all academic courses in a school year.

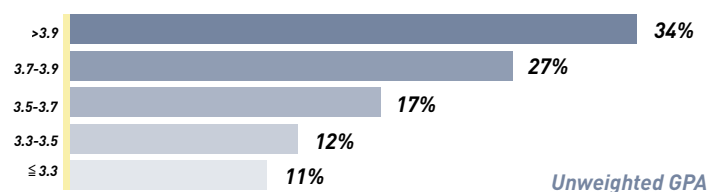
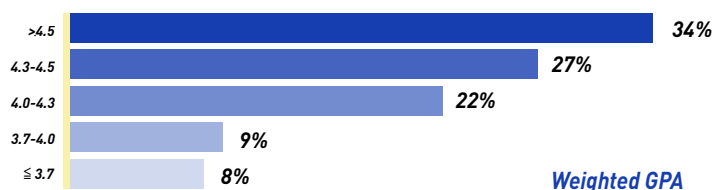
Students taking Advanced / Distinction classes may possibly gain an extra GPA under the scale of 5.0.

The weights of different courses are based on the teaching hours of the courses, and each period equals 40 minutes. The passing grade for all courses is 60 (D).

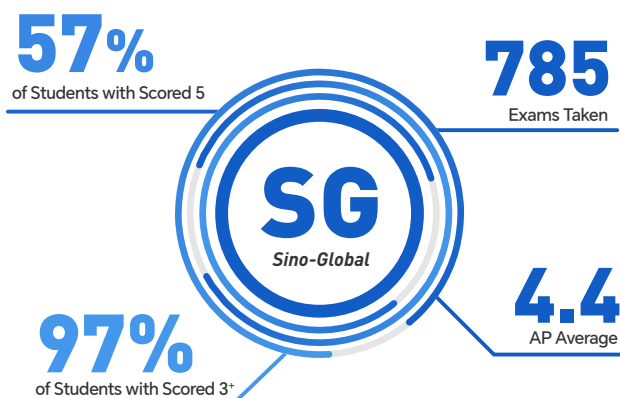
The WLSA Honor Diploma Requirement:

1. TOEFL iBT in a test setting 112+/ IELTS 7.5+
 2. SAT 1520+/ ACT 34+ or AAA*A (predicted grades) of four A-Level subjects
 3. Achieve the GPA in first quartile of the year group in each academic year
 4. Successful completion of all WLSA Distinction Courses
 5. Completion of 10-hour community service per academic year
 6. Participation in at least one WLSA education program / event
- The graduation date for the Class of 2026 is May 31st, 2026.

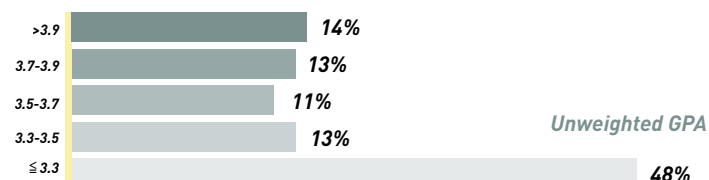
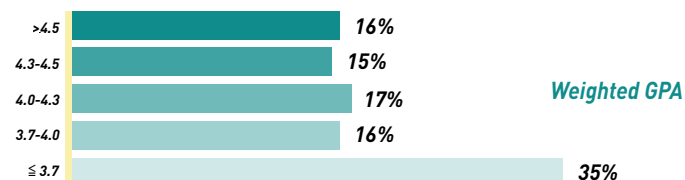
SG G10-11 Cumulative GPA Distribution



*Class of 2026 SG Total Students: 178 + post-graduate year program: 3



AL G10-11 Cumulative GPA Distribution



*Class of 2026 AL Total Students: 106

Class of 2026

TOEFL Average	105	IELTS Average	6.0
SAT Mid-50%	1450-1530	ACT Mid-50%	33-35



College Matriculation

BY THE CLASSES OF 2021-2025

The column indicates the number of students who matriculated over the past five years.

UNITED STATES

Bentley University	2
Berklee College of Music	2
Boston University	9
Brandeis University	14
Brown University	2
Carnegie Mellon University	11
Case Western Reserve University	8
Claremont McKenna College	1
Colgate University	5
Colorado College	1
Cornell University	8
Davidson College	3
Emerson College	9
Emory University	15
Franklin & Marshall College	6
Harvard University	1
Lehigh University	1
Michigan State University	5
Pennsylvania State University	23
Pratt Institute	4
Purdue University-West Lafayette	3
Reed College	1
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	13
Rhode Island School of Design	2
Ringling College of Art and Design	1
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	1
Rutgers University-New Brunswick	14
School of the Art Institute of Chicago	4
Skidmore College	4
Stanford University	2
Syracuse University	14
University of California-Davis	24
University of California-San Diego	11
University of Chicago	24
University of Connecticut	11
University of Florida	8
University of Maryland-College Park	3
University of Massachusetts-Amherst	1
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	13
University of Pittsburgh	12
University of Wisconsin-Madison	4
University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign	25
Vanderbilt University	14
Washington University in St. Louis	12
Columbia University	5
Denison University	2
Grinnell College	1
Indiana University-Bloomington	2
Kenyon College	3
Macalester College	6
Mount Holyoke College	5
New School-Parsons School of Design	5
New York University	31
Rice University	3
School of Visual Arts	6
SUNY Stony Brook University	5
SUNY University at Buffalo	3

Tulane University	5
University of California-Berkeley	4
University of California-Los Angeles	3
University of California-Santa Barbara	3
University of Rochester	11
Wake Forest University	6
Whitman College	3
William & Mary	1
American University	1
Art Center College of Design	6
Babson College	1
Fordham University	1
Hamilton College	1
Northeastern University	6
Pitzer College	2
Santa Clara University	3
The Ohio State University	5
University of Southern California	8
University of Washington	3
Fashion Institute of Technology	2
Georgia Institute of Technology	2
Johns Hopkins University	2
Northwestern University	2
Occidental College	1
University of California-Irvine	3
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech)	4
Wesleyan University	2
College of the Holy Cross	1
CSU Northridge	1
Scripps College	1
The Catholic University of America	1
The University of Texas at Austin	1
University of California-Riverside	2
University of Minnesota Twin Cities	2
University of Utah	1
University of Pennsylvania	1
Los Angeles College of Music	1
Savannah College of Art and Design	1

UNITED KINGDOM

Central Saint Martins, UAL	2
Imperial College London	12
University College London	30
Kingston University	1
London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)	8
University of Oxford	9
University of St Andrews	2
Glasgow School of Art	1
University of Manchester	19
University of Warwick	3
King's College London, University of London	9
Loughborough University	1
University of Edinburgh	1
Bournemouth Art University	1
Durham University	4

London College of Fashion, UAL	1
University of Birmingham	2
University of Bristol	2
University of Cambridge	12
London College of Communication, UAL	2
Goldsmiths, University of London	1
Royal Veterinary College, University of London	1
University of Bath	1
University of Leeds	1

AUSTRALIA

The University of Sydney	8
The University of Melbourne	5
The University of Queensland	1

CANADA

University of British Columbia	6
University of Toronto	30
Western University	1
Emily Carr University of Art + Design	2
University of Waterloo	2
McMaster University	1
Toronto Metropolitan University	1

CHINA

Fudan University	1
Shanghai Jiaotong University	1
Tsinghua University	1

HONGKONG SAR, CHINA

The Chinese University of Hong Kong	4
The City University of Hong Kong	5
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	3
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	3
The University of Hong Kong	9

FRANCE

ESCP Business School	1
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GERMANY

Technische Universität München	2
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NETHERLANDS

University of Amsterdam	1
Wittenborg University of Applied Sciences	1

JAPAN

Chuo University	1
Hosei University	1
Waseda University	1
Nagoya University	1

SINGAPORE

Yale-NUS	1
National University of Singapore	1

KOREA

Korea University	1
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