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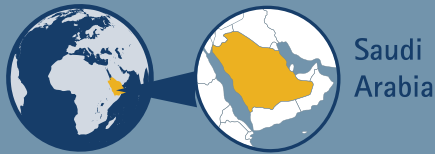
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Saudi  
Arabia

## MISSION STATEMENT

Together we ignite curiosity, inspire creativity and investigate solutions. Within a nurturing environment, we empower learners to skillfully and confidently leverage opportunities to thrive and contribute in a complex world.

## TKS CORE VALUES

ADAPTABILITY | RESPONSIBILITY | INCLUSIVITY  
DIVERSITY | INNOVATION

## OUR SCHOOL

Established in 2009, The KAUST School (TKS) located on the shores of the Red Sea supports the thriving community of King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST). An international community IB World School since 2010, TKS is a nonprofit, co-educational day school offering a comprehensive education program for 1970 students between the ages of 3-18 representing more than 70 nationalities. The language of instruction at TKS is English.

**335**

Students in  
Grades 9-12

**67**

Students in the  
Class of 2024

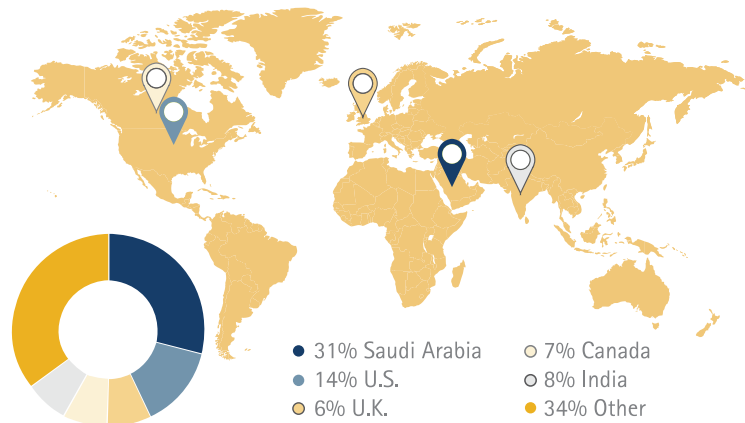
**42**

Nationalities represented in  
Grades 9-12

## HIGH SCHOOL POPULATION SPLIT

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS	NUMBER OF STUDENTS	PERCENTAGE OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
Grade 9	89	25.7
Grade 10	87	26.3
Grade 11	91	27.8
Grade 12	67	20.3

## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT NATIONALITIES



**8 YEARS** AVERAGE  
STUDENT TENURE



AVERAGE CLASS  
SIZE **21**



FACULTY/STUDENTS  
RATIO **1:9**

## ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIPS

MSA Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools  
IBO International Baccalaureate Organization  
NESA Near East South Asia Council of Overseas Schools  
CIS Council of International Schools  
Saudi Arabia Ministry of Education - Lic.# C280

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM

As an IB World School, our students follow PYP and MYP curriculum in grades Pre-K through 10. All students in grades 9-12 complete the requirements of the American High School Diploma (accredited by MSA), and may also add additional qualifications in the IB Diploma Programme or IB course certificates in grades 11 and 12.

# THE KAUST SCHOOL

## COURSE OFFERINGS

### Studies in Language and Literature

MYP Arabic Language & Literature  
MYP English Language & Literature  
MYP French Language & Literature  
IB Arabic Language & Literature SL / HL  
IB English Language & Literature SL / HL  
IB English Literature SL / HL  
IB School Supported Self-Taught Literature SL  
English 11 / 12  
Arabic Language & Literature

### Language Acquisition

MYP Arabic Language Acquisition  
MYP French Language Acquisition  
MYP Spanish Language Acquisition  
IB Arabic ab initio SL  
IB Arabic B Language Acquisition SL / HL  
IB French ab initio SL  
IB French B Language Acquisition SL / HL  
IB Spanish ab initio SL  
Arabic Language Acquisition  
French ab initio  
Spanish ab initio

### Individuals and Societies

MYP Individuals & Societies  
IB Business Management SL / HL  
IB Economics SL / HL  
IB Environmental Systems & Societies SL  
IB History SL / HL  
Economics  
Geography  
History and Politics  
Psychology

\*Additional IB courses may be available to students via Pamoja

\*All students follow an Advisory Program

### Sciences

MYP Integrated Sciences  
IB Biology SL / HL  
IB Chemistry SL / HL  
IB Design Technology SL / HL  
IB Environmental Systems & Societies SL  
IB Physics SL / HL  
Biological Sciences  
Environmental Systems & Societies

### Mathematics

MYP Mathematics Standard  
MYP Mathematics Extended  
IB Mathematics: Analysis & Approaches SL / HL  
IB Mathematics: Applications & Interpretation SL / HL  
Mathematical Modeling  
Financial Mathematics

### The Arts

IB Music SL / HL  
IB Theatre Studies SL / HL  
IB Visual Arts SL / HL

### Other Courses

Advanced Media Production & Communication  
Advanced Woodworking  
Community Sports Leadership  
Drawing & Related Media  
Instrumental Ensemble  
Internship Experience  
Intro to Robotic Systems Design  
Intro to Woodworking Form & Function  
Intro to Engineering & Innovation  
Intro to Media Production & Communication  
Lifeguard Certification  
MYP Physical & Health Education  
Outward Bound Skills  
Painting & Related Media  
Performance Studies  
Professional Internship  
Stagecraft  
Technical Theatre  
Theatre History  
Three Dimensional Art  
Vocal Ensemble

### Core

MYP Service as Action  
MYP Personal Project  
Creativity Action Service  
Extended Essay / Research Paper  
Theory of Knowledge

## ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS

With the benefit of being located on a university campus and enclosed community, the school is able to utilize university and community facilities, to enrich our Academic, Activities and Athletics programs. Some offerings within our program areas include: Model United Nations, Student Leadership opportunities, STEM activities, International trips and Performing Arts. We belong to SAIKAC - Saudi Arabian Inter Kingdom Activities Conference, and host large-scale events for sports tournaments and other school activities.

The comprehensive athletics program includes representative teams in:

- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Swimming
- Football (soccer)
- Netball
- Golf
- Volleyball
- Track & Field
- Tennis
- Badminton

# CLASS OF 2023 60 Graduates

## OUR GRADING SYSTEM

TKS employs a 7-point internal grading system. TKS does not produce or report a Grade Point Average (GPA) or rank its students.

GRADE	TKS APPROXIMATE LETTER GRADE	TKS APPROXIMATE PERCENTAGE RANGE	
7	A+	98-100	CREDIT GIVEN
6	A	90 - 97	
5	B	83 - 89	PASSING GRADE
4	C	78 - 82	
3	D	70 - 77	
2	F	60 - 69	CREDIT NOT GIVEN
1	F	0 - 59	

Please note that TKS does not utilize a letter-based grading scale. The equivalencies provided above are to help outside educational institutions gain an understanding of our 1 - 7 grading scale.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

SUBJECT	MINIMUM CREDITS*
English	4
Mathematics	3
Science	3
Humanities	3
Other Language(s)	2
Art or Music or Drama or Design	2
Physical Education	2
Accumulated Additional Credit	7
<b>Total (Minimum)</b>	<b>26</b>

\*The minimum grade required to earn a credit is a 3 or a met for TOK

### Additional Graduation Requirements include

- Complete a Theory of Knowledge Course
- Meet requirements for CAS (Creativity, Action, Service)
- Complete a Research Paper (2400 words) or an Extended Essay

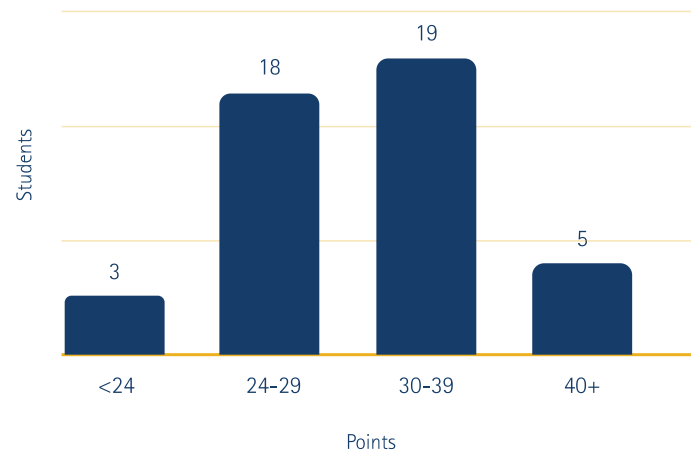
Students who choose to pursue the International Baccalaureate Diploma, do so in conjunction with The KAUST School's US High School Diploma (MSA Accredited) and graduate with two diplomas. Approximately two-thirds of TKS students pursue the full IB Diploma.

## IB RESULTS – CLASS OF 2023

**89%**  
Passed IB Diploma



Total points obtained by candidates:



## IB RESULTS – OVERVIEW

TKS CANDIDATES	2020	2021	2022	2023
Number of Candidates registered for the IB Diploma	26	35	51	54
Number of students taking IB exams	34	43	42	45
Number of Candidates passing the IB Diploma	24	35	40	40
Average Points of Candidates passing the IB Diploma	33	33	34	32
IB Diploma World Average	30	33	32	30
Highest TKS IB Diploma Score	43	45	45	43

## SAT

With less than 10% of TKS seniors sitting the SAT exam each year, the school does not report SAT results on our profile. A summary of TKS student SAT results, including longitudinal performance data, is available to universities upon request from the TKS counseling staff.

# CLASS OF 2023 MATRICULATION

22%	U.K.
22%	U.S.A.
13%	Saudi Arabia
10%	European Locations
8%	Canada
8%	Australia / New Zealand
7%	other Middle Eastern locations
7%	Gap Year
2%	South America



## UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATION 2022 & 2023

A total of 113 students graduated from TKS in the classes of 2022 and 2023. Below is the list of university acceptances for these two graduation years, as well as matriculations (\*) for the Class of 2023.

### Saudi Arabia

- Al-Faisal University\*
- Dar Al-Hekma College\*
- Effat University\*\*
- King Abdulaziz University\*
- Prince Sultan University
- University of Business and Technology\*
- University of Jeddah\*
- University of Prince Mugrin\*

### United States

- American University
- Arizona State University
- Auburn University
- Augustana College
- Augustana University
- Binghamton University
- Boston University
- Butler University
- Case Western Reserve University
- College of Coastal Georgia
- Colorado State University
- Columbia College Chicago
- Cornell College
- Cottey College
- Daemen College
- Dartmouth College
- Depaul University
- Depauw University
- Duke University\*
- Eastern Michigan University
- Florida State University
- George Mason University\*
- Gonzaga University
- Goucher College
- Hawaii Pacific University
- High Point University
- Hofstra University
- Illinois Institute of Technology
- Indiana University-Bloomington
- Iowa State University\*
- Kent State University At Kent
- Knox College
- Lewis University
- Louisiana State University
- Loyola University Chicago
- Loyola University Maryland
- Lynn University
- Marian University
- Marist College
- Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- Mcneese State University
- Miami University-Oxford
- Michigan State University
- Milwaukee School of Engineering
- Mississippi State University
- New York University
- Northeastern Illinois University
- Northern Illinois University

- Northern Kentucky University
- Ohio State University
- Old Dominion University
- Oregon State University
- Pennsylvania State University\*\*
- Purdue University\*
- Quinnipiac University
- Rutgers University-New Brunswick
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- Smith College
- Snow College
- South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
- St Olaf College
- Stony Brook University\*
- Suffolk University
- SUNY Buffalo State
- SUNY College At Geneseo
- Susquehanna University
- Texas A & M University-College Station
- The College of Wooster
- The New School
- The University of Tampa
- University At Buffalo
- University of Arizona
- University of California-Davis\*
- University of California-Riverside
- University of California-Santa Barbara
- University of California-Santa Cruz
- University of Colorado Boulder
- University of Delaware
- University of Denver
- University of Florida
- University of Hawaii At Hilo\*
- University of Illinois Chicago\*
- University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- University of Iowa
- University of Kansas
- University of La Verne
- University of Massachusetts-Amherst
- University of Michigan
- University of Minnesota
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of Oregon
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of San Francisco\*
- University of South Dakota
- University of Southern Mississippi
- University of Utah
- University of Vermont
- University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Vanderbilt University
- Virginia Tech\*
- Wabash College
- Wartburg College
- Washington State University
- Western Washington University\*
- Whitworth University
- York College of Pennsylvania

### Canada

- Bishop's University
- Brock University
- Carleton University
- Columbia College
- Concordia University
- Dalhousie University\*
- Fraser International College
- Humber College
- Huron University College At Western
- Lakehead University
- Mcgill University
- McMaster University
- Memorial University of Newfoundland\*
- Ontario Tech University
- Queen's University\*
- Saint Mary's University
- Seneca College
- The University of British Columbia
- Toronto Metropolitan University
- Trent University
- University of Calgary
- University of Guelph
- University of Lethbridge
- University of Ottawa\*
- University of Prince Edward Island
- University of Toronto\*\*
- University of Waterloo
- University of Western Ontario
- University of Windsor
- Vancouver Island University
- Western University
- Wilfrid Laurier University
- York University

### United Kingdom

- Bournemouth University
- Bristol, University of the West of England
- Brunel University London
- Cardiff University
- City, University of London
- Durham University
- Glasgow Caledonian University
- Harper Adams University
- Hult International Business School
- Imperial College London\*\*
- King's College London, University of London\*
- Lancaster University
- Leeds Beckett University
- Liverpool Hope University
- Liverpool John Moores University
- Manchester Metropolitan University\*
- Newcastle University
- Nottingham Trent University
- Oxford Brookes University
- Queen Mary University of London\*
- Queen's University Belfast
- Royal Holloway, University of London
- Solent University
- Swansea University
- The University of Edinburgh
- University College London
- University of Bath\*
- University of Birmingham
- University of Bristol
- University of Cambridge
- University of Chester
- University of Derby
- University of Dundee\*
- University of Essex
- University of Exeter
- University of Glasgow
- University of Leeds
- University of Leicester
- University of Liverpool\*
- University of Manchester\*\*\*\*\*
- University of Nottingham
- University of Plymouth
- University of Sheffield
- University of Southampton

- University of Stirling
- University of Strathclyde
- University of Surrey
- University of Sussex
- University of the West of Scotland
- University of Warwick
- University of Winchester
- University of York
- York St John University

### European Locations

- Amsterdam University College
- Bahçesehir University\*
- Constructor University
- Dogus University
- Eastern Mediterranean University
- EHL Swiss School of Tourism and Hospitality\*
- Eindhoven University of Technology
- EM Strasbourg Business School
- Erasmus University Rotterdam
- ESSCA School of Management\*
- Glion Institute of Higher Education
- Han University of Applied Sciences
- Hanze University of Applied Sciences, Groningen
- Hotelschool The Hague
- Istanbul Aydin University
- Istanbul Bilgi University
- Istanbul Galata Üniversitesi
- John Cabot University
- Les Roches International School of Hotel Management
- Luiss Guido Carli
- Maastricht University\*
- Montpellier University
- Okan University
- Radboud University
- Sabancı University
- Saxion University of Applied Sciences
- The American University of Rome
- Tilburg University
- University College Utrecht
- University of Evora
- University of Geneva
- University of Groningen
- University of Liège
- University of Perpignan Via Domitia
- University of Twente
- University of Veterinary Sciences Brno
- Üsküdar University
- Utrecht University\*
- Vilnius University
- Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
- Wageningen University\*

### Other

- American University of Beirut\*
- American University of Sharjah
- Amity University, Uttar Pradesh
- Canadian University of Dubai
- Deakin University
- Georgetown University Qatar
- German-Jordanian University\*
- Griffith University
- Middlesex University Dubai
- Murdoch University
- Nagoya University of Commerce and Business
- New York University Abu Dhabi\*
- Northwestern Qatar
- Ort University of Uruguay\*
- Royal College of Surgeons In Ireland - Medical University of Bahrain
- Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi
- St. Paul University System
- Symbiosis International (deemed University)
- The American University In Cairo\*
- The University of Waikato
- University of New South Wales
- University of Santo Tomas
- University of Wollongong In Dubai
- Virginia Commonwealth University Qatar
- Yoobee College of Creative Innovation\*