



# HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

## 2024 - 2025

### The KAUST School

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## 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.

357

Students in  
Grades 9-12

92

Students in  
the Class of 2025

43

Nationalities represented in  
Grades 9-12

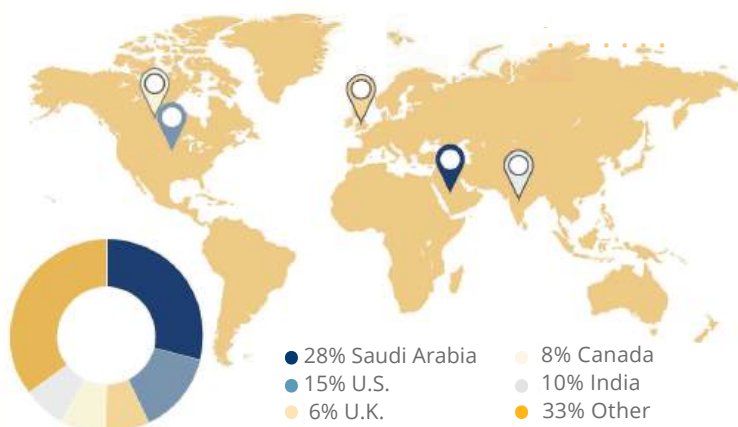
## ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIPS

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

## HIGH SCHOOL POPULATION SPLIT

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS	NUMBER OF STUDENTS	PERCENTAGE OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
Grade 9	106	30
Grade 10	81	23
Grade 11	78	22
Grade 12	92	26

## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT NATIONALITIES



8 YEARS AVERAGE  
STUDENT TENURE



AVERAGE CLASS  
SIZE: 21



FACULTY/  
STUDENTS  
RATIO 1:8

## 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 IBDP 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  
IBDP Arabic Language & Literature SL/ HL  
IBDP English Language & Literature SL/ HL  
IBDP English Literature SL/ HL  
IBDP 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  
IBDP Arabic ab initio SL  
IBDP Arabic B Language Acquisition SL/ HL  
IBDP French ab initio SL  
IBDP French B Language Acquisition SL/ HL  
IBDP Spanish ab initio SL  
IBDP Spanish B Language Acquisition SL/ HL  
Arabic Language Acquisition  
French ab initio  
Spanish ab initio  
Arabic ab initio

### Individuals and Societies

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

### Sciences

MYP Integrated Sciences  
IBDP Biology SL/ HL  
IBDP Chemistry SL/ HL  
IBDP Computer Science SL/ HL  
IBDP Design Technology SL/ HL  
IBDP Environmental Systems & Societies SL/ HL  
IBDP Physics SL/ HL  
Biological Science: Ecology  
Environmental Science: Earth Systems & Geoengineering  
Chemistry: Chemical & Environmental Systems  
Physics: Electrical Systems

### Mathematics

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

### The Arts

IBDP Music SL/ HL  
IBDP Theatre SL/ HL  
IBDP Visual Arts SL/ HL  
Contemporary Theatre Practice  
Drawing & Related Media  
Instrumental Ensemble  
Painting & Related Media  
Acting Unleashed: From Stage to Screen  
Stagecraft  
Technical Theatre  
Three Dimensional Art  
Vocal Ensemble  
Digital Media & Photography

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

\*All students follow an Advisory Program

### Design

Engineering & Innovation  
Computer Science  
Advanced Computer Science  
Robotic Systems Design  
Advanced Robotic Systems Design  
Media Production & Communication  
Advanced Media Production & Communication  
Product Design & Fabrication  
Advanced Product Design & Fabrication  
Electronics & Circuitry Design  
Sustainable Food Design

### Physical & Health Education

MYP Physical & Health Education  
Lifeguarding  
Outward Bound Skills  
Community Sports Leadership  
Advanced Community Sports Leadership

### Other Courses & The Core

Theory of Knowledge  
Internship  
IMYP Service as Action  
MYP Personal Project  
Creativity, Action and Service  
Extended Essay / Research Project  
Learning Foundations  
IBDP School Supported Self-Taught Literature SL

## 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 2024 67 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	CREDIT GIVEN
5	B	83 - 89	CREDIT GIVEN
4	C	78 - 82	CREDIT GIVEN
3	D	70 - 77	PASSING GRADE
2	F	60 - 69	NO CREDIT
1	F	0 - 59	NO CREDIT

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
Individuals & Societies	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

### Additional Graduation Requirements include:

- Meet the learning outcome for CAS (Creativity-Action-Service) or Service as Action each year of high school
- Complete the TKS Research Project or an Extended Essay

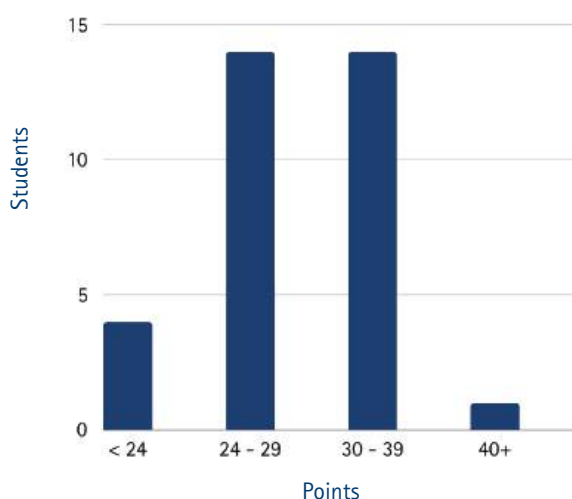
Students who choose to pursue the International Baccalaureate Diploma, do so in conjunction with The KAUST School's US High School Diploma (MSA Accredited) and graduate with two diplomas. Approximately two-thirds of TKS students pursue the full IB Diploma.

## IB RESULTS – CLASS OF 2023

**88%**  
Passed IB Diploma



Total points obtained by candidates:



## IB RESULTS – OVERVIEW

TKS CANDIDATES	2021	2022	2023	2024
Number of Candidates registered for the IB Diploma	35	42	45	33
Number of students taking IB exams	43	51	54	55
Number of Candidates passing the IB Diploma	35	40	40	29
Average Points of Candidates passing the IB Diploma	33	34	32	31
IB Diploma World Average	33	32	30	30
Highest TKS IB Diploma Score	45	45	43	42

## 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 2024 MATRICULATION

18%	Saudi Arabia
18%	European Locations
15%	USA
14%	UK
11%	Canada
6%	Other Middle East Locations
2%	Australia / New Zealand
2%	South America
5%-8%	Gap Year / Employment



## UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATION

### 2023 & 2024

A total of 128 students graduated from TKS during the 2023 and 2024 academic years. Below is the list of university acceptances for these two graduation years, as well as matriculations (\*) for the Class of 2024.

#### Saudi Arabia

- Al-Faisal University\*
- Dar Al-Hekma College\*\*
- Effat University\*
- Jubail Industrial College\*
- King Abdulaziz University
- Prince Sultan University
- Saudi Logistics Academy\*
- University of Business and Technology\*\*\*\*\*
- University of Prince Muqrin
- University of Jeddah 
- United States** 
- Adelphi University
- American University
- Arizona State University Campus Immersion
- Auburn University
- Augustana College
- Augustana University
- Berklee College of Music
- Binghamton University
- Blinn College
- Brigham Young University\*
- Butler University
- California Baptist University
- California Lutheran University
- California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo
- California State Polytechnic University-Pomona
- Case Western Reserve University
- College of Coastal Georgia
- Colorado State University Pueblo
- Colorado State University-Fort Collins\*
- Columbia College Chicago
- Concordia College-New York
- Cornell College
- Cottey College
- Cuny New York City College of Technology
- Cuny Queens College
- Daemen University
- Depaul University
- Depauw University
- Duke University
- Eastern Michigan University
- Eastern Washington University
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Prescott
- Emily Griffith Technical College
- Fashion Institute of Technology\*
- Florida International University
- Florida State University
- Foothill College
- George Mason University\*
- Glenville State College
- Gonzaga University
- Goucher College
- Hawaii Pacific University
- Hesston College
- High Point University
- Hobart William Smith College
- Hofstra University
- Houston Christian University
- Illinois College
- Illinois Institute of Technology
- Indiana University-Bloomington
- Iowa State University
- Ivy Tech Community College
- James Madison University
- Juniata College
- Kent State University At Kent
- Knox College
- La Salle University
- Lewis University
- Louisiana State University

- Louisiana State University & Agricultural & Mechanical College
- Loyola University Chicago
- Loyola University Maryland
- Lycoming College
- Lynn University
- Marian University
- Marist College
- Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences\*
- Meneese State University
- Michigan State University
- Milwaukee School of Engineering
- Mississippi State University
- Nazareth College
- New Jersey Institute of Technology\*
- New York University
- Northwest Missouri State University
- Ohio Northern University
- Ohio Wesleyan University
- Old Dominion University
- Oral Roberts University
- Oregon State University
- Palm Beach Atlantic University
- Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus
- Purdue University Fort Wayne\*
- Purdue University Northwest
- Purdue University-Main Campus
- Quinnipiac University
- Rice University
- Rollins College
- Rutgers University-New Brunswick
- San Jose State University
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- Seattle University
- Snow College
- South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
- Southwestern University
- St Francis College
- St Olaf College
- Stony Brook University
- Suffolk University
- Suny College At Geneseo
- Suny College of Environmental Science and Forestry
- Susquehanna University
- Tarrant County College District\*
- Texas A & M University-College Station
- Texas A & M University-Corpus Christi
- Texas A&tm University-San Antonio\*
- The College of Wooster
- The New School
- The University of Tampa
- The University of Texas At Arlington
- The University of Texas At San Antonio
- 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 Cincinnati-Main Campus
- University of Colorado Boulder
- University of Delaware
- University of Denver
- University of Florida
- University of Hawaii At Hilo
- University of Houston
- University of Idaho\*
- University of Illinois Chicago
- University of Iowa
- University of Kansas
- University of La Verne
- University of Massachusetts-Amherst
- University of Michigan-Dearborn

- University of Michigan-Flint
- University of Minnesota-Duluth
- University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
- University of Mount Union
- University of North Carolina At Chapel Hill
- University of Oregon
- University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus
- University of Saint Mary
- University of San Francisco
- University of South Dakota
- University of Southern Mississippi
- University of the Incarnate Word
- University of Utah
- University of Vermont
- University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Utah State University
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
- Wabash College
- Wartburg College
- Washington State University
- Western Washington University
- Whitworth University
- York College of Pennsylvania
- Canada** 
- Acadia University
- Bishop's University
- Brock University
- Carleton University
- Columbia College
- Concordia University
- Dalhousie University\*
- Fraser International College
- Humber College
- Huron University College At Western
- Mcgill University
- Memorial University of Newfoundland
- Ontario Tech University
- Queen's University
- Redeemer University College\*\*
- Saint Mary's University
- Sheridan College Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning
- Southern Alberta Institute of Technology
- St. Lawrence College\*
- The University of British Columbia
- Toronto Metropolitan University
- Trent University
- University of Guelph
- University of Lethbridge
- University of New Brunswick\*
- University of Ottawa
- University of Prince Edward Island
- University of Toronto\*\*
- University of Waterloo
- University of Windsor
- Vancouver Island University
- Western University
- Wilfrid Laurier International College
- Wilfrid Laurier University
- York University
- United Kingdom** 
- Aston University, Birmingham\*
- Birkbeck, University of London\*
- Birmingham City University
- Bournemouth University\*
- Bristol, University of the West of England
- Brunel University London
- Canterbury Christ Church University
- Cardiff University
- City, University of London
- Glasgow Caledonian University
- Harper Adams University
- Heriot-Watt University\*
- Hult International Business School
- Imperial College London
- King's College London, University of London
- Kingston University
- Lancaster University
- Leeds Beckett University
- Liverpool Hope University
- Liverpool John Moores University
- Loughborough University
- Manchester Metropolitan University
- Newcastle University
- Oxford Brookes University
- Queen Mary University of London
- Queen's University Belfast
- The University of Edinburgh
- UCL (University College London)
- University of Bath
- University of Birmingham\*
- University of Bristol
- University of Central Lancashire
- University of Chester
- University of Derby
- University of Dundee
- University of Essex
- University of Exeter
- University of Glasgow
- University of Hertfordshire\*

- University of Leeds
- University of Leicester\*
- University of Lincoln
- University of Liverpool
- University of Manchester
- University of Nottingham
- University of Plymouth
- University of Roehampton
- 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 Westminster, London
- University of York
- York St John University
- European Locations** 
- Breda University of Applied Sciences\*
- Burgundy School of Business\*
- Cologne Business School
- Constructor University
- EHL Swiss School of Tourism and Hospitality\*\*
- EM Strasbourg Business School
- ESCP Business School - Paris\*
- ESSCA Business School - Angers
- Franklin University Switzerland
- Glion Institute of Higher Education
- Han University of Applied Sciences
- Hotel Institute Montreux
- Hotel School, the Hague
- International Management Institute Switzerland\*\*
- International School of Management
- International University of Monaco\*
- John Cabot University
- Karlsruhe Institute of Technology\*
- Lancaster University Leipzig
- Les Roches Schools of Hotel Management
- Luis Guido Carli
- Maastricht University
- NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences
- Radboud University
- Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences
- Saint Louis University - Madrid
- Saxion University of Applied Sciences
- SRH Hochschule Berlin\*
- Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich
- Swiss Hotel Management School (SHMS)
- Technical University of Kaiserslautern
- The American University of Rome
- The Hague University of Applied Sciences\*
- Tilburg University
- Universidad Europea de Valencia
- University of Applied Sciences Utrecht
- University of Geneva
- University of Groningen
- Utrecht University
- Van Hall Larenstein University of Applied Sciences\*
- Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
- Wageningen University
- Other** 
- American University In Dubai
- American University of Beirut\*
- American University of Sharjah\*
- Bahçesehir University
- British University of Bahrain
- Canadian University of Dubai
- Eastern Mediterranean University
- Euro University of Bahrain
- Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management
- Georgetown University Qatar
- German-Jordanian University
- Istanbul Aydin University
- Istanbul Bilgi University
- Massey University\*
- Murdoch University
- Nagoya University of Commerce and Business
- New York University Abu Dhabi
- Northwestern Qatar
- Okan University
- Ort University of Uruguay
- Royal College of Surgeons In Ireland (Medical University of Bahrain)
- Sabancı University\*
- Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi
- Symbiosis International (deemed University)
- TED University\*
- The American University In Cairo
- The University of Waikato
- University of Nicosia
- University of Qatar
- Virginia Commonwealth University Qatar
- Yobee College of Creative Education