

Kaohsiung American School



School Profile □ 2007-08

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Kaohsiung American School (KAS) is a private, non-profit Pre-K-12 institution with 330 students offering a college preparatory program leading to a U.S. high school diploma. It is located in Kaohsiung, a city of 1.5 million in southwestern Taiwan. KAS was established in 1989. KAS is accredited by The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and is a member of The Association of China and Mongolia International Schools (ACAMIS).

Faculty and Students: The secondary staff consists of 19 educators most of whom hold a master's degree. The 115 high school students (26 seniors, 40 juniors, 21 sophomores, 28 freshmen) are from 26 countries including the United States, Philippines, Japan, Canada, and Europe. A high percentage of these are overseas-born Chinese holding a foreign passport.

The Program: KAS offers a college preparatory program that this year includes 5 AP courses with other AP courses offered on a bi-yearly basis. There is a community service requirement for graduation as well as a senior project that includes the presentation of a research paper. There is a wide variety of extra-curricular activities including athletics, music, drama, Model United Nations, National Honor Society, Student Council, and specific interest groups.

Graduation Requirements:

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|----------------|---|--------------|-----------|
| English | 4 | PE | 2 |
| Social Studies | 3 | Fine Art | 1 |
| Math | 3 | Technology | 1 |
| Science | 3 | Electives | 3 |
| World Language | 2 | Total | 22 |

Class Rank/GPA: Students are not ranked. GPA is based upon work at KAS. Transfer grades are not included. Grades in AP courses are weighted by 1 quality point. Classes meet for 245 minutes every week in a semi-block schedule. KAS has two semesters per year earning 1 credit for 1 year's work.

Course Offerings 2007-08:

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|--------------------|---|
| <u>English</u> | English 9-12, AP English Literature, Cr. Writing, Pub. Speaking |
| <u>Soc Studies</u> | E Asian Studies, Modern Wld. History, Econ, Psychology, U.S. History, AP Euro History |
| <u>Math</u> | Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calc, Statistics, AP Calculus AB |
| <u>World Lang</u> | Chinese 4-8, Chinese Lit. 1, Japanese 1-3, Spanish 1-3 |
| <u>Science</u> | Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, AP Biology, AP Chemistry |
| <u>Fine Arts</u> | Art, Drama, Music Appreciation |
| <u>PE/Health</u> | PE/Health 9, 10-12 |
| <u>Technology</u> | IT Applications, IT Graphics |
| Grading: | |

| Grade % | GPA | AP GPA |
|-----------|------|--------|
| A+ 98-100 | 4.33 | 5.33 |
| A 93-97 | 4.00 | 5.00 |
| A- 90-92 | 3.37 | 4.67 |
| B+ 87-89 | 3.33 | 4.33 |
| B 83-86 | 3.00 | 4.00 |
| B- 80-82 | 2.67 | 3.67 |
| C+ 77-79 | 2.33 | 3.33 |
| C 73-76 | 2.00 | 3.00 |
| C- 70-72 | 1.67 | 2.67 |
| D+ 67-69 | 1.33 | 2.33 |
| D 63-67 | 1.00 | 2.00 |
| D- 60-62 | .67 | 1.67 |
| F 0-59 | | |

PSAT/NMSQT Scores - Class of 2008

(33 scores - 32 Non-Native English)

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|--------------------|-------|--------|
| Critical Reasoning | 45.4 | 41%ile |
| Math | 56.9 | 74%ile |
| Writing | 45.3 | 46%ile |
| Selection Index | 147.6 | 56%ile |

SAT Reasoning Test – Class of 2008

(16 scores – 15 Non-Native English)

| SAT Range | Critical Read | Math | Writing |
|-------------|---------------|------|---------|
| 700-800 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| 600-699 | 6 | 5 | 6 |
| 500-599 | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| 400-499 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| 300-399 | 3 | 0 | 2 |
| 200-299 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Mean Scores | 528 | 631 | 521 |

SAT Subject Tests – Class of 2008

| Subject | No. Scores | Mean Score |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Chinese | 3 | 710 |
| Chinese w /List | 2 | 740 |
| Ecol. Biology | 1 | 680 |
| Math 1C | 1 | 620 |
| Math 2C | 3 | 750 |

Advanced Placement Scores - 2007

| Subject | No. Exams | % Score 3-5 |
|------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Calculus AB | 10 | 100% |
| Biology | 10 | 80% |
| English Language | 18 | 94% |
| Statistics | 13 | 85% |
| U.S.History | 7 | 57% |
| Chemistry | 6 | 83% |
| Calculus BC | 1 | 100% |

In May 2007, 40 students took a total of 65 AP Exams in 7 subjects. The students included 13 seniors (87% of the class), 19 juniors (50% of the class), and 5 sophomores (13% of the class). School policy limits the number of AP classes a student may take – 3 for grade 12, 2 for grade 11, and 1 for grade 10.

College Acceptances 2002-2007

United States

Arizona St. Univ. (AZ)
 Beloit College (WS)
 Boston University (MA)
 Carnegie Mellon U. (PA)
 Davidson College (NC)
 Drexel University (PA)
 Florida St. Univ. (FL)
 Harvey Mudd Col. (CA)
 Johns Hopkins Univ. (MD)
 Macalester College (MN)
 Michigan St. Univ. (MI)
 Mt. San Antonio Col. (CA)

New York Univ. (NY)
 Northwestern Univ. (IL)
 Ohio State Univ. (OH)
 Ohio University (OH)
 Ohio Wesleyan Univ. (OH)
 Purdue University (IN)
 So. Illinois Univ. (IL)
 Southern Meth. Univ. (TX)
 Temple University (PA)
 Texas A&M Univ. (TX)
 Univ. of California:
 :Berkley
 :Davis

:Irvine
 :Los Angeles
 :Riverside
 :Santa Barbara
 Univ. of Central Fla. (FL)
 University of Chicago (IL)
 Univ. of Colorado (CO)
 Univ. of Hawaii: Hilo (HI)
 University of Iowa (IA)
 Univ. of Memphis (TN)
 Univ. of Minnesota (MN)
 Univ. of Washington (WA)
 Univ. of Wisconsin (WI)

Washington U. (MO)
Outside U.S.
 Charles University
 :Czech. Rep.
 Chun-Shan Med Univ.
 :Taiwan
 Concordia University
 :Canada
 Fu-Dan Univ. – China
 Griffith Univ. - Australia
 Imperial College – UK
 Kaohsiung Med. Univ.

:Taiwan
 McMaster Univ. - Canada
 Newcastle College – UK
 Palacky University
 :Czech. Rep.
 Sophia University – Japan
 University of Nottingham – UK
 University of Toronto
 :Canada
 University of Western Ontario
 :Canada
 York University - Canada