



Keystone Academy

High School Profile (2025–2026)

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School Mission

Founded in 2014, Keystone Academy is an independent, not for profit, coeducational boarding and day school located in the Shunyi residential district of Beijing, China. Serving students from primary years through high school, Keystone is an innovative school in China and the world. It draws from Chinese, American and international learning traditions and weaves them into a powerful bilingual educational model. It is truly one-of-its-kind in China.

Keystone graduates will possess the intellectual, cultural, and ecological fluency to navigate gracefully in any university, city, and profession of their choosing. They will know how to apply their emotional intelligence, character, and zest for learning to help develop and improve the communities in which they live.

We act with kindness, understanding and empathy in our relationships with others. We value the quality of our connections, and

care for the emotional, physical, and spiritual health of the self and those around us.

Admission & Scholarships

Keystone has a competitive admission process and requires school records, recommendations, and standardized assessments for all applicants to the Academy. For the 2024-2025 admission season, we received almost 1,000 applications for 290 openings. The Academy has also dedicated over RMB 10 million this year in merit and need-based scholarships to help enroll and retain the strongest students. This aid will continue to grow to meet the needs and to recognize the accomplishments of our students.

High School Requirements and Graduation:

All students completing Grade 12 at Keystone are presented to the faculty for the award of the Keystone Diploma. This award is separate from but overlaps with some aspects of the IB Diploma.

The Keystone Diploma is awarded to students who

- satisfactorily complete the IB MYP passing requirements in Grades 9 and 10
- complete, in Grades 11 and 12, no fewer than five IBDP Courses, usually including Chinese, English, and Mathematics, all at passing grades
- satisfactorily participate in the IBDP core elements of CAS, TOK, and the EE
- demonstrate appropriate proficiency in the three keystones:
 1. bilingual immersion in Chinese and English
 2. building character and community throughout our residential setting
 3. promoting Chinese culture and identity in a world context

Most students finishing Grade 12 at Keystone will also obtain the IB Diploma from the International Baccalaureate. The requirements for the IB Diploma are set out by the IB and are dependent on external results and moderation. Students not pursuing the full IB Diploma can choose to take the examination on individual courses.

Course Offering

The subjects taught in Grade 6 to 10 are:

- Language and Literature (Chinese and/or English)

- Language Acquisition (Chinese and/or English)
- Individuals and Societies (China and the World)
- Chinese Arts (Dance, Music, Wushu, Visual Arts)
- Sciences (Biology, Chemistry & Physics)
- Mathematics
- The Arts (Drama/Theatre, Music, Visual Arts)
- Design
- Physical and Health Education

The subjects taught in Grade 11 and 12 (IBDP) are:

Studies in Language and Literature

Chinese A: language and literature HL & SL

Chinese A: literature HL & SL

English A: language and literature HL & SL

Language Acquisition

Chinese B HL & SL

Chinese ab initio SL

English B HL & SL

Spanish ab initio SL (Online)

Individuals and Societies

Business Management HL & SL

Economics HL & SL

Environmental Systems and Society SL

Geography HL & SL

History HL & SL

Philosophy SL (Online)

Psychology HL & SL

Sciences

Biology HL & SL

Chemistry HL & SL

Computer Science HL & SL

Design Technology HL & SL

Environmental Systems and Society SL

Physics HL & SL

Mathematics

Math: Applications & Interpretation HL & SL

Math: Analysis & Approaches HL & SL

The Arts

Film HL & SL

Music HL & SL

Theatre Arts HL & SL

Visual Arts HL & SL

Online Options through Pamoja Education are possible for IB Diploma courses not offered at Keystone.

Our Five Shared Values:



Ren
(Compassion)



Yi
(Justice)



Li
(Respect)



Zhi
(Wisdom)



Xin
(Honesty)



Class Size
104

IB Diploma
Candidate
101

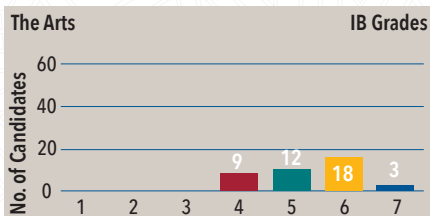
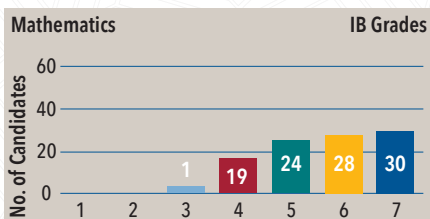
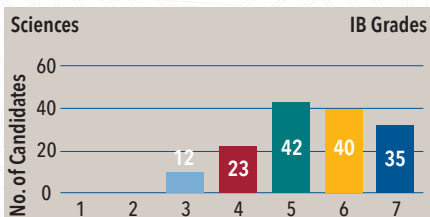
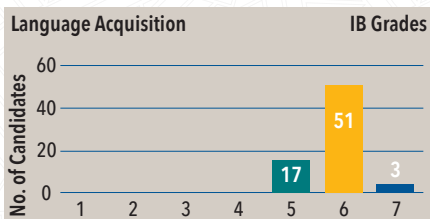
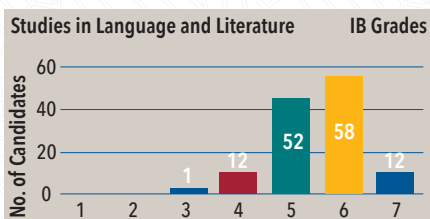
IB Diploma
Awarded
100

Keystone Diploma
Awarded
104

Highest
Diploma Score
45

IB Bilingual Diploma
Awarded
95

Keystone Academy Class of 2025 IB Results Analysis by Subject Group



SAT - Class of 2025	Scores
Median	1500
Highest	1590
Middle 50% (One Sitting)	1400-1540

TOEFL - Class of 2025	Scores
Median	112
Highest	120
Middle 50%	108-116

College Counseling

Keystone College Counseling (<https://www.keystoneacademy.cn/en/our-program/college-counseling>) has four experienced college counselors, three of whom are bilingual, to assist students with college readiness. Keystone typically receives over 100 representatives from colleges and universities around the world (U.S., UK, Canada, Singapore, Australia, Spain, Switzerland, Germany, etc.) during an academic year. At Keystone, the language of instruction is English. Approximately 93% of high school students are Chinese nationals, while 7% come from international backgrounds.

The Keystone college counselors are accredited by the

National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) and the International Association for College Admission Counseling (International ACAC). They are also active members of the China Institute of College Admission Counseling (ChinalCAC), the Beijing International School Counselor Network (BISCN), and the Beijing Academy of College Counseling (BACC). They are bound by the ethical practices of these organizations.

Keystone Academy does not rank students, nor does it calculate GPA. Anticipated Grades (AG) sent to universities remain confidential to students and parents. In line with Keystone's policy, as evaluated and approved by the HS Office and the Student Life Office, students' disciplinary and academic integrity issues will be disclosed to universities.

Accreditations/Associations



College Admissions Class of 2025

Australia

Monash University

The University of Queensland

The University of Sydney

The University of Western Australia

University of Melbourne

Canada

Bishop's University

Emily Carr University of Art and Design

The University of British Columbia

The University of British Columbia

- Okanagan

University of Calgary

University of Toronto

University of Victoria

Western University

China

Peking University

Tsinghua University

City University of Hong Kong

Lingnan University

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

The Hong Kong Metropolitan University

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

The University of Hong Kong

France

ESMOD France

HEC Paris

Paris Fashion School

- Institut Français de La Mode

Sup de Luxe

Italy

Bocconi University

Japan

Kyushu University

Sophia University

Waseda University

New Zealand

The University of Waikato

Switzerland

Franklin University Switzerland

United Kingdom

Birmingham City University

Cardiff University

Durham University

Imperial College London

King's College London, University of London

Kingston University

Leeds Conservatoire

Loughborough University

Newcastle University



Nottingham Trent University

The University of Edinburgh

UCL (University College London)

University of Bath

University of Birmingham

University of Bristol

University of Glasgow

University of Leeds

University of Leicester

University of Liverpool

University of Manchester

University of Nottingham

University of Southampton

University of St Andrews

University of Stirling

University of Sussex

University of the Arts London

University of Warwick

University of Waterloo

University of West London

University of Westminster, London

United States

American University

- District of Columbia

Arizona State University

Art Center College of Design

Azusa Pacific University

Babson College

Barnard College

Bates College

Berklee College of Music

Binghamton University

Biola University

Boston University

Brandeis University

Bucknell University

California Baptist University

California College of the Arts

California Institute of the Arts

Carleton College

Carnegie Mellon University

Case Western Reserve University

Cedarville University

Colorado College

Davidson College

Drexel University

Elon University

Emerson College

Emory University

Fashion Institute of Technology

Fordham University

Franklin and Marshall College

George Washington University

Georgia Institute of Technology

-Main Campus

Grinnell College

Hope International University

Indiana University-Bloomington

Johns Hopkins University

Los Angeles College of Music

Marymount Manhattan College

Michigan State University

Middlebury College

Minerva University

Musicians Institute

New York University

Northeastern University

Northwestern University

Occidental College

Ohio State University-Main Campus

Pepperdine University

Pratt Institute-Main

Purdue University Fort Wayne

Purdue University-Main Campus

Reed College

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rhode Island School of Design

Rhodes College

Ringling College of Art and Design

Rochester Institute of Technology

Rutgers University-Camden

Rutgers University-New Brunswick

Rutgers University-Newark

Salve Regina University

Santa Clara University

Savannah College of Art and Design

School of Visual Arts

Skidmore College

Smith College

Stony Brook University

Syracuse University

The New School

The Pennsylvania State University

-Main Campus

The University of Texas At Austin

Thiel College

Tufts University

Union College

University At Buffalo

University of California-Berkeley

University of California-Davis

University of California-Irvine

University of California-Los Angeles

University of California-Merced

University of California-Riverside

University of California-San Diego

University of California-Santa Barbara

University of California-Santa Cruz

University of Chicago

University of Connecticut

University of Florida

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

University of Massachusetts-Amherst

University of Massachusetts-Boston

University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth

University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

University of Minnesota-Duluth

University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

University of North Carolina At Chapel Hill

University of Notre Dame

University of Pennsylvania

University of Pittsburgh

-Pittsburgh Campus

University of Rochester

University of San Francisco

University of South Carolina-Columbia

University of Southern California

University of Utah

University of Virginia-Main Campus

University of Washington-Seattle Campus

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Wake Forest University

Washington University In St Louis

Wellesley College

Wesleyan University

Whitman College

William & Mary

Williams College

Yale University

Note: The colleges in bold are the ones

Class of 2025 students chose to attend.