



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

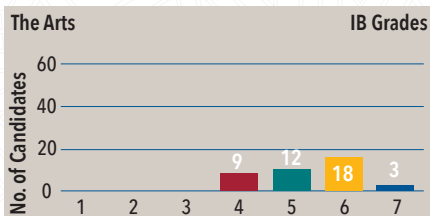
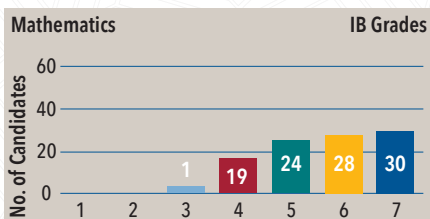
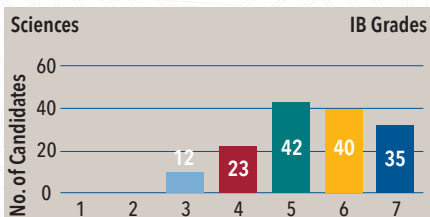
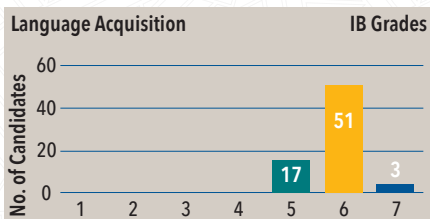
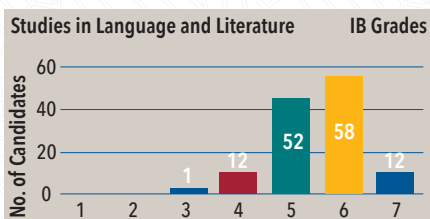
IB Diploma
Awarded
100

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.



