

KARACHI AMERICAN SCHOOL

PROFILE OF THE CLASS OF 2021

Thirty-Five students, representing seven countries, made up the class of 2021. 100% of the KAS graduates were admitted into one or more higher education destinations of their choice.

COVID-19 Effects on the Class of 2021

KAS first went online February 27th, 2020 and continued in this manner for the entire 2020-21 school year. The school community elected to remain online using the Zoom platform and the Plus Portals by Rediker LMS due to unavailability of vaccines throughout Pakistan during this time.

Courses were delivered in a synchronous manner following an abridged course schedule. Students were limited to pods of courses in an attempt to provide a safe pathway back to in person learning, but this change from virtual to in person did not happen for the class of 2021.

Graduation requirements for the class of 2021 were not changed. Only one SAT was able to be safely offered to students at an external site.

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Karachi American School – Founded in 1953

Karachi American School is a selective co-educational day school, which offers an instructional program from Pre-Nursery through Grade 12. Karachi American School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, national or ethnic origin in administering its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship, loan policies, athletic and other school administered programs. Founded to serve American and other expatriates, children, Karachi American School has developed into a premier learning institution following an American College preparatory curriculum. While students of all nationalities are enrolled, the school seeks to accommodate primarily those transient students from the expatriate business and diplomatic communities whose academic careers are best served by an American educational system. The school is housed in a modern plant on approximately twelve acres of land. Included are elementary and secondary libraries, art studios, science and computer laboratories, a gymnasium, an auditorium, squash and tennis courts, playing fields, auditorium, cafeteria, a swimming pool, health facilities and snack bar.

Faculty

There are 44 full-time and 2 part-time faculty members including 18 U.S. citizens, 17 host country nationals, and 8 persons of other nationalities. Student/teacher ratio in the elementary school is 6:1 in the secondary school the ratio is 7:1. Twenty-three teachers and administrators comprise the overseas teaching staff. All overseas hires are certified and hold degrees from US universities with majority of the faculty holding fifth year or post-graduate degrees. KAS actively and financially supports teacher training and continuing education for its staff.

Calendar

A two-semester system is employed at KAS: the first semester is from September 07 to January 29; the second semester runs from February 01 to May 28. Grades are published quarterly. Classes are held Monday through Friday, with Saturday and Sunday as the weekend. Scheduled in the secondary school, Monday through Thursday, are eight 45-minute periods beginning at 8:00 a.m. and concluding at 3:15 p.m. On Fridays, there are four 45-minute periods with the day beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 12:15 p.m.

Activities

Extra and co-curricular activities are a part of each student and teacher's commitment to Karachi American School. The school serves as a community activity center for Americans and other expatriates in Karachi. Sporting events, field trips, music organizations, cultural programs, student government, drama productions, The International Model United Nations, and numerous clubs provide activities for students, parents, and teachers. KAS has chapters of the National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, French, Spanish Honor Societies and Music Honor Society. Through its membership in the South Asia Inter-School Association (SAISA), KAS offers students in middle school and high school opportunities to interact with students of other American International Schools in varsity athletics, academic, music, and cultural exchanges at least four times a year. Participation in activities is contingent upon maintaining a 2.3 grade point average or above.

Grading System

GPA's are calculated using a 4.0 scaling system. G.P.A.'s are weighted by calculating a multiple of 1.2 quality points for grades in Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Courses which are not designated AP are not weighted.

Un-weighted equivalent for computing G.P.A

Grade	%	GPA	Grade	%	GPA
A	(93-100)	4.0	C	(73-76)	2.0
A-	(90-92)	3.7	C-	(70-72)	1.7
B+	(87-89)	3.3	D+	(67-69)	1.3
B	(83-86)	3.0	D	(63-66)	1.0
B-	(80-82)	2.7	D-	(60-62)	0.7
C+	(77-79)	2.3	F	(Below 60)	0.0

Weighted equivalent for computing G.P.A

Grade	%	GPA	Grade	%	GPA
A	(93-100)	4.8	C	(73-76)	2.4
A-	(90-92)	4.4	C-	(70-72)	2.0
B+	(87-89)	4.0	D+	(67-69)	1.6
B	(83-86)	3.6	D	(63-66)	1.2
B-	(80-82)	3.2	D-	(60-62)	0.8
C+	(77-79)	2.8	F	(Below 60)	0.0

Note: Only Advanced Placement courses are weighted.

Admission

Admission to Karachi American School is highly selective and competitive. Qualified students capable of completing a demanding college preparatory program with a strong AP program are admitted. AP International Diploma is offered through AP coursework. Admission is based on prior academic record, standardized test scores, three letters of recommendation, graded writing sample and, an admission interview for parent and applicant. The school makes a conscious effort to preserve size, ethnicity and gender each grade level.

Enrollment Section

Currently there are 387 students in K3 through grade 12 representing 11 nationalities: 54 US citizens, 265 Pakistanis and 68 from other countries. In the high school, there are 161 students: 35 seniors, 40 juniors, 43 sophomores and 43 freshmen.

Accreditation

The school has been fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and secondary schools since 1962 through 2024.

Class Rank

Because of the relatively small size and strong quality of our graduating classes, we have chosen not to rank our students. Historically, our strength is such that all our students have a solid academic foundation and have performed well at competitive colleges.

Curriculum

Courses at Karachi American School are college preparatory level courses. Students must complete 26.0 credits for graduation. (Note: One credit is given for one year of successful study in any subject, which meets 220 minutes per week.) Minimum requirements are:

Subject	Credit	Subject	Credit
English	4.0	Speech/Writing	1.0
Mathematics	4.0	Physical Ed/Health	2.0
Foreign Language	3.0	Technology	1.0
Social Studies	4.0	Visual/Performing Art	3.0
Science	4.0		

Course Offerings

English	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies
English 9	Algebra I	AP Physics 1	AP Human Geography
English 10	Geometry	AP Chemistry	AP Economics
English 11	Algebra II	Environmental Science	AP Psychology
English 12	Accounting	Biology	AP US History
AP English Language	Pre-Calculus	Chemistry	AP World History
AP English Literature	College Algebra	Physics	Economics
Speech/Writing	AP Calculus AB	Computer	Psychology
Journalism	AP Statistics	Computer Applications	US History
Foreign Language	Fine Arts	Desktop Publishing & Yearbook	Regional History
French I, II, III, IV	Vocal Music	AP Computer Science	World History I
Spanish I, II, III, IV	Studio Art	AP Computer Science	World History II
AP French Language	Photography	Physical Education	Pakistan Study
AP Spanish Language	Sculpture/Ceramics	P.E. 9-12 (with Health)	Urdu
	Concert Band	Health & Fitness	Urdu 9
	Drawing/ Graphics Design		
	AP Studio Art		

Advanced Placement

The Advanced Placement (AP) program plays an integral part in the curriculum of Karachi American School. Admission to an AP class is based on teacher recommendations, PSAT scores, and past academic achievement, including a minimum grade of B in all prerequisite courses. Any student taking an AP course is required to take the AP exam in that course. In May 2021, students took 66 AP exams with just over forty one percent of scores above four or better, and sixty four percent of scores three or higher.

Advanced Placement Scores 2021

Subject Total	1	2	3	4	5
2-D Art and Design			4	2	2
Biology				1	
Calculus AB					3
Chemistry			1		
English Language and Composition		4	3	2	1
English Literature and Composition				2	2
Environmental Science		1			
Macroeconomics	3	1		2	1
Microeconomics	2	2		3	
Physics C: Mechanics			1		
Psychology			1	3	2
Statistics	3	1	2		
United States History		1			
World History: Modern	1	5	3		1
Percentage of Total Exams	13.6	22.7	22.7	22.7	18.2

College Counseling Department Statement

The academic environment at Karachi American School is demanding, rigorous and competitive. All courses are taught at a college preparatory level. The typical student spends an average of at least three hours per night on homework and course preparation. As a part of its academic policy, Karachi American School does not offer SAT I, SAT II or other college entrance examination preparation courses on campus, nor do we recommend or encourage enrolling in these classes.

Tests*

SAT I Score average and ranges for members of the class of 2021

	Total Score	ERW (Evidence-based Reading and Writing)	Math
Average	1291	641	649

* Karachi American School does not eliminate non-native English speakers from its statistical representation.

College Entrance

All graduates from Karachi American School seek a post-secondary education. Since 1979, Karachi American School has graduated an average annual class of thirty-five students. Ninety percent of these students chose to attend colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada, while the remaining ten percent enrolled in universities in Europe & Asia.

In 2021, each of the KAS graduates (100%) planned to attend college or university in the United States, Canada and other countries in the fall of 2021 or in the immediate future. Graduates from class of 2021 were accepted at:

United States of America
Adelphi University, Garden City, New York
Arizona State University
Babson College
Bentley University
Barnard College
Boston University
California Institute of the Arts
Chapman University
Eckerd College, Florida
Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts at The New School
George Mason University
Georgetown University
Loyola Marymount
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College, Ohio
Oregon State University
Pepperdine
Pitzer College
Rice University
Rutgers University
Santa Clara
The New School
Tufts University
UC-Santa Barbara
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California Riverside

University of California Santa Cruz
University of California, San Diego
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Kansas
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of Massachusetts Boston
University of Michigan
University of Pennsylvania
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
University of Vermont
Washington University in St. Louis
Canada
Queen's University
Queen's University at Kingston (Ontario)
Ryerson University
The University of British Columbia
University of British Columbia, Vancouver
University of Toronto
University of Waterloo
Western University, London (Ontario)
York University
United Kingdom
City Foundation, London
City, University of London
Durham University
INTO City, University of London
King's College London
Queen Mary University of London
Royal Holloway University of London
SOAS Foundation
University College London
University of Exeter

University of Sussex
University of Warwick
Other
Bocconi University, Italy
Institute of Business Administration
IBA - Karachi, Pakistan
King Foundation, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
University of Amsterdam - Netherlands

