

# Academic Profile

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF PHNOM PENH

2019-2020





## Welcome to ISPP

**International School of Phnom Penh (ISPP) is a private, non-profit, coeducational, English-language day school with programmes from Early Years to Grade 12. The school was established in 1989 by a group of parents to offer an education to the children of expatriates and local families residing in Phnom Penh. ISPP currently has 900 students enrolled, with approximately half each in Elementary and Secondary. There are 90 full-time and 9 part-time faculty members with the vast majority coming from Australia, the United Kingdom, the United States and Canada.**

### Curriculum, Credits and Grading

The school offers the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme (Grades 11-12), the IB Middle Years Programme (Grades 6-10), and the IB Primary Years Programme (Early Years-Grade 5). Most students work towards the acquisition of an IB Diploma. However, students may also choose to take the ISPP Diploma or IB Certificate option. All Grade 11 students are given the opportunity to enter the Diploma Programme; there is no prerequisite selection process. ISPP courses and IB Diploma courses are taught concurrently. The curriculum is IB-based and draws from a variety of English-language programmes consistent with the needs of an international student body. Credit is awarded by semester. One full credit is earned by

completing two semesters of a course that meets 200 minutes per week. The school year consists of 180 teacher-student contact days from mid-August through early June. Number grades are given for most courses.

### The IB Middle Years Programme (IB MYP)

The Grades 6 - 10 curriculum at ISPP falls within the framework provided by the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme. This complements our commitment to the IB Diploma in Grades 11-12. The IB published grade criteria along with the Personal Project are used to measure the final level of achievement in the subject areas listed below:

- Arts (Drama, Music, Visual Arts)
- Language Acquisition
- Language & Literature
- Design
- Physical & Health Education
- Mathematics
- Individuals and Societies
- Sciences

### The IB Diploma Programme (IB DP)

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme at ISPP has undergone successful evaluations in 2006, 2010 and 2015 by IB Asia Pacific, based in Singapore. In addition, the IB Diploma is fully accredited by the Council for

International Schools and the Western Association of School and Colleges. Students must take Theory of Knowledge (TOK), and six subjects. One subject must be selected from each of the following groups:

- **Group 1 Language & Literature:** English Language and Literature, Khmer Literature, French Literature, Korean Literature, Chinese Literature, Self-Taught Literature
- **Group 2 Language Acquisition:** English, French, Mandarin, Spanish
- **Group 3 Individuals & Societies:** History, Geography, Economics, Business Management, Psychology
- **Group 4 Experimental Sciences:** Physics, Biology, Environmental Systems & Society, Sports, Exercise and Health Science
- **Group 5 Mathematics:** Mathematics Analysis, Mathematical Applications
- **Group 6 Arts/Electives:** Visual Arts, Theatre Arts, Chemistry, Music

### The ISPP Diploma

This Diploma is awarded to all students who have successfully completed their four years of upper Secondary School. Credit is given for achievements from ISPP and any other schools attended. The ISPP Graduation Diploma is valid as a High School Diploma in the USA and in many other countries around the world. It is also fully accredited by the Council for International Schools and the Western Association of School and Colleges.

| IB Diploma Programme  | IB Courses  | ISPP Diploma   |
|---|---|--|
| Three Higher & Standard Level Subjects; Theory of Knowledge (TOK); Extended Essay; Creativity, Action & Service | Six subjects in any combination of Higher or Standard Level; Theory of Knowledge; Creativity, Action & Service; Extended Essay/Research Project | Six ISPP Subjects; Theory of Knowledge; Creativity, Action & Service (CAS); Research Project |

### HOW TO INTERPRET IB GRADES AND TRANSCRIPTS

A student's examination performance in individual subjects is scored on a scale of 1-7 points with a further 3 points available based on a matrix of performance in the Theory of Knowledge and the Extended Essay components. Students who achieve a minimum of 24 points (out of a possible 45) and successfully complete the three components are awarded the IB diploma. All others receive a certificate of results for the subjects examined.


### GRADE SCHEME AND EQUIVALENCIES USING THE IB 1-7 SCALE

A minimum grade of 3 (1 lowest - 7 highest) is required to receive credit for a course. Grade Point Averages (GPAs) are not used at ISPP.

To find out more about the IB Diploma, visit [www.ibo.org/diploma](http://www.ibo.org/diploma)

| Grading Level     | IB Scale | Letter    | Percentage              |
|-------------------|----------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Excellent         | 7        | A+        | 97 - 100                |
| Very Good         | 6        | A-, A     | 90 - 92, 93 - 96        |
| Good              | 5        | B-, B, B+ | 80 - 82, 8- 86, 87 - 89 |
| Satisfactory      | 4        | C-, C, C+ | 70 - 72, 73 76, 77 - 79 |
| Needs Improvement | 3        | D, D+     | 63 - 66, 67 - 69        |
| Weak              | 2        | D-        | 60 - 62                 |
| Very Weak         | 1        | F         | <60                     |





**47** STUDENTS COME FROM 47 COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD



**90** PERCENTAGE OF ISPP STUDENTS WHO ACHIEVED THE IB DIPLOMA COMPARED TO 77% WORLDWIDE



**74** PERCENTAGE OF ISPP IB DIPLOMA STUDENTS WHO SCORED ABOVE THE WORLD AVERAGE



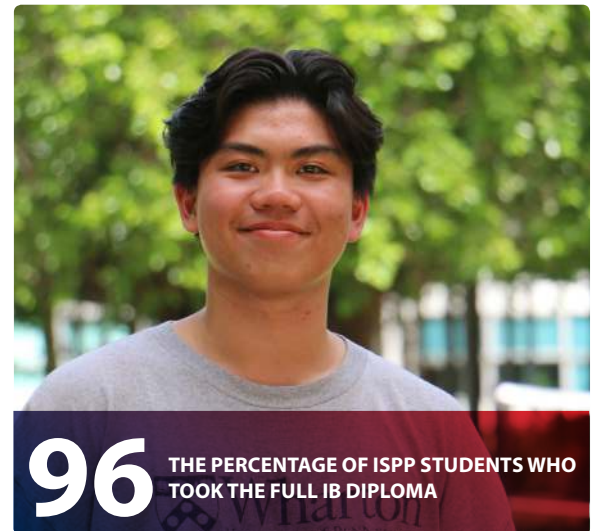
**53** PERCENTAGE OF IB BILINGUAL DIPLOMAS AWARDED TO 2019 GRADUATES



**42** THE HIGHEST SCORE (MAX /45), WITH 4 STUDENTS SCORING IN THE 40'S



**33** AVERAGE SCORE IN 2019 COMPARED TO 29 WORLDWIDE, WITH A GRADE AVERAGE OF 5.2 COMPARED TO 4.7 GLOBALLY



**96** THE PERCENTAGE OF ISPP STUDENTS WHO TOOK THE FULL IB DIPLOMA

### ISPP Diploma Graduation Requirements

| Subject  | # credits         |
|--|-------------------|
| English Language and Literature  | 3                 |
| Language Acquisition   | 3                 |
| Individual and Societies   | 3                 |
| Mathematics  | 3                 |
| Science  | 3                 |
| Theory of Knowledge  | 1                 |
| Creativity, Activity, Service  | 1                 |
| Additional subjects  | 9                 |
| Extended Essay (for the IB Diploma) or Research Essay (for the ISPP Diploma) | Completion        |
| <b>Total credits required</b>  | <b>26 credits</b> |

**Graduating Class of 2020**  
 There are 59 students in the current Grade 12 Class with 56 students studying the full Diploma Programme; successful candidates will graduate on May 23, 2020. Typically, 99 percent of ISPP graduates will study abroad. A few ISPP graduates will embark on a gap year or do military service after graduation.

| IB Diploma Grades            | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015  |
|------------------------------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Number of students in cohort | 50   | 63   | 45   | 37   | 45    |
| IB DP Candidates             | 48   | 59   | 43   | 36   | 41    |
| IBDP Received                | 43   | 53   | 42   | 34   | 38    |
| ISPP IBDP % pass rate        | 90   | 90   | 98   | 94   | 93    |
| World % pass rate            | 77.4 | 78.4 | 79   | 79   | 78.5  |
| ISPP average points          | 33   | 34   | 34   | 35   | 34    |
| World average points         | 29.6 | 30   | 30   | 30   | 29.88 |

# University & College Acceptances, Class of 2018 & 2019

## Australia

Australia National University  
Blue Mountains Intl. Hotel Management School  
Deakin University  
Monash University  
RMIT University  
University of Melbourne  
University of Queensland  
University of South Australia  
University of Sydney  
University of Western Sydney

## Canada

McGill University  
OCAD University  
Ryerson University  
Simon Fraser University  
Trent University  
University of British Columbia  
University of Calgary  
University of Toronto  
University of Victoria  
University of Waterloo  
Vancouver Film School  
Western University  
York University

## China

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology  
The University of Hong Kong

## France

École des Dirigeants et Créateurs d'Entreprise  
Paris College of Art  
Atelier de Sèvres

## India

Lady Shri Ram College for Women

## Italy

American University of Rome

## Japan

Waseda University

## Netherlands

Erasmus University Rotterdam  
The Hague University of Applied Sciences  
University of Groningen  
VU University Amsterdam

## Singapore

Kaplan Singapore

## South Korea

Korea Advanced Institute of Science & Technology  
Korean University  
Yonsei Medical University

## Switzerland

Ecole Hôtelière Lausanne  
Glion Institute of Higher Education

## United Kingdom

Brighton and Sussex Medical School  
Brunel University London  
Cardiff University  
City University  
Coventry University  
Falmouth University  
Goldsmiths, University of London  
Hult International Business School  
Imperial College London  
King's College London, University of London  
Lancaster University  
Leeds Beckett University  
Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts  
London Metropolitan University  
London School of Business and Management  
Loughborough University  
Middlesex University  
Nottingham Trent University  
Oxford Brookes University  
Queen Mary, University of London  
Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, University of London  
Royal Holloway, University of London  
University College London  
University of Bristol  
University of East London  
University of Essex  
University of Leeds

University of Leicester  
University of Lincoln  
University of Roehampton  
University of Sheffield  
University of Sussex  
University of West London  
University of Westminster, London  
University of Winchester

## United States of America

Baldwin Wallace University  
Bard College  
Baylor University  
Bryant University  
Bryn Mawr College  
California State University, Dominguez Hills  
Chapman University  
Christopher Newport University  
Claremont McKenna College  
Colby-Sawyer College  
Elon University  
Fordham University  
Fullerton College  
Loyola Marymount University  
Miami University  
New York University  
Northeastern University  
Pennsylvania State University  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
Southern Connecticut State University  
State University of New York at New Paltz  
Suffolk University  
Temple University  
The University of Texas at San Antonio  
University of Bridgeport  
University of California, Irvine  
University of California, Riverside  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
University of California, Santa Cruz  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
University of La Verne  
University of Maryland, College Park  
University of Michigan  
University of Scranton  
University of Washington  
Utica College  
Wellesley College



## Accreditation

ISPP is fully authorised as an IB World School, offering the Primary Years, Middle Years and Diploma programmes, and is accredited by the Western Association of School and Colleges (WASC) and the Council of International Schools (CIS). ISPP is also a member of the European Council of International Schools (ECIS), the East Asia Regional Council of Overseas Schools (EARCOS), and the Mekong River International Schools Association (MRISA).

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