



International Community School

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High School Profile 2011-2012

The International Community School of Addis Ababa is an independent, coeducational American-based curriculum school. ICS Addis offers an educational program from early childhood through grade 12, including the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. The school, located on a 15-acre campus, was founded in 1964 and currently serves 740 students representing 66 nationalities: 415 in the elementary, 151 in the middle school and 174 in the high school. The school serves children whose parents are employed in business, embassies, NGOs and multinational organizations.

ICS School Mission

The International Community School of Addis Ababa, accredited in the United States, develops the talents and intellects of a multicultural student body using learner-centered, holistic instructional methods, empowering each student to contribute in an evolving world.

ICS Faculty

The faculty consists of 82 professionally certified teachers from 14 countries: USA, UK, Canada, Czech Republic, Netherlands, Ethiopia, Philippines, Finland, France, Germany, India, Ireland, South Africa and Spain. Eighty-two percent of our faculty have advanced degrees.

ICS Student Body: Country Diversity by Passport

| | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|----|----------|----|-------------|----|--------------|----|--------------|------------|
| Australia | 1 | Egypt | 2 | Japan | 8 | New Zealand | 3 | Tanzania | 4 |
| Austria | 3 | Ethiopia | 66 | Kenya | 15 | Nigeria | 7 | Tonga | 1 |
| Bangladesh | 3 | Fiji | 3 | Korea | 1 | Norway | 3 | Turkey | 3 |
| Belgium | 5 | Finland | 8 | Kuwait | 5 | Philippines | 6 | Uganda | 11 |
| Bosnia & Herz. | 1 | France | 13 | Lesotho | 6 | Rwanda | 6 | Ukraine | 1 |
| Botswana | 4 | Gambia | 4 | Libya | 3 | Sierra Leone | 1 | UK | 51 |
| Cameroon | 3 | Georgia | 1 | Lithuania | 2 | Somalia | 3 | USA | 265 |
| Canada | 34 | Germany | 20 | Malaysia | 2 | South Africa | 22 | Yemen | 2 |
| China | 2 | Ghana | 3 | Mali | 4 | South Korea | 2 | Zambia | 2 |
| Colombia | 1 | India | 30 | Mauritius | 1 | Spain | 4 | Zimbabwe | 8 |
| Congo | 1 | Ireland | 3 | Moldova | 2 | Sri Lanka | 5 | | |
| Czech Republic | 1 | Israel | 2 | Mozambique | 3 | Sudan | 5 | | |
| Denmark | 3 | Italy | 6 | Namibia | 9 | Sweden | 9 | | |
| Dominican Rep. | 2 | Jamaica | 1 | Netherlands | 26 | Switzerland | 3 | | |
| | | | | | | | | <i>Total</i> | <i>740</i> |

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ICS is an IB World School and is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools

Calendar & Schedule

The high school employs a two-semester system. Classes run from mid-August to mid-June and include 182 student days. The daily schedule starts at 8 AM and ends at 3:20 PM; 2 PM on Wednesdays. Four classes meet daily in 90-minute blocks. Students can be scheduled for a maximum of eight subjects.

Graduation for the Class of 2012 will be held on 25 May 2012.

Graduation Requirements

Students must complete a minimum of 26 credits for graduation.

| Subject | Recommended Credits for College Prep | ICS Graduation Requirements | * Any course taken beyond the number of units required in a given subject area is regarded as an elective in the subject area. All grade 11 and 12 students must complete the IB Creativity, Action & Service (CAS) requirements. |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| English | 4 | 4 | |
| Humanities | 3 - 4 | 3 | |
| Mathematics | 3 - 4 | 3 | |
| Science | 3 - 4 | 3 | |
| Modern Languages | 2 - 3 | 2 | |
| Arts (music, drama, visual arts) | 1 - 2 | 1 | |
| PE / Health | 2 | 2 | |
| Electives * | 6 - 7 | 8 | |

2011 - 2012 High School Course Offerings

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme is the basis for the curriculum in grades 11 and 12; in grades 9 and 10 the curriculum is similar to that of a US college-preparatory school. English is the medium of instruction. SL and HL are designations for Standard Level and Higher Level courses within the IB Diploma Programme.

| English | IB Math Studies SL | Global Issues, Leadership & Action * | Arts | IB Ind. Study Lang. SL/HL |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| English 1 | IB Math SL/HL | Model United Nations * | Visual Arts 1, 2 * | Amharic Literature |
| English 2 | Science | Jurisprudence & Modern Society * | Introduction to 3-D Art * | IB Amharic A1 SL |
| English 3 | Biology | Trial Law & Advocacy * | African Art History * | Technology |
| IB Language & Lit. A1 SL/HL | Chemistry | Modern World History | IB Visual Arts SL/HL | Digital Media * |
| IB English A2 SL/HL | Physics | African / US History | Concert Band | Computer Science * |
| English as an Additional Language (EAL) | IB Biology SL/HL | IB 20th Century History SL | Concert Choir | Journalism & Media Prod. * |
| Creative Writing * | IB Chemistry SL/HL | IB African History HL | IB Music SL | Other Courses |
| | IB Physics SL/HL | Anthropology * | Drama * | Personal & Career Planning * |
| | Environmental Science * | PE/Health | Modern Languages | Academic Tutoring (TA) * |
| | Humanities | PE Grades 9 & 10 * | French 1/2/3/4/5 | |
| | IB Theory of Knowledge | Health * | IB French SL/HL | |
| | IB Geography SL/HL | | Spanish 1/2/3 | |
| | Geography * | | IB Spanish <i>ab initio</i> SL | |

Grading System

Grades are reported quarterly to students and parents using the IB system grading scale from 1 to 7. The ICS transcript includes semester grades and credits earned.

Due to the transitory nature of our student body, the diversity of educational backgrounds and grading systems and range of English language skills, we are unable to provide an accurate or fair class rank.

| ICS Grade | Descriptor |
|-----------|--------------|
| 7 | Outstanding |
| 6 | Very Good |
| 5 | Good |
| 4 | Satisfactory |
| 3 | Mediocre |
| 2 | Poor |
| 1 | Very Poor |
| INC | Incomplete |

*We are changing our assessment practices at ICS in 2011-12. We will no longer report grade point averages and we have adopted the IB grading scale of 1 to 7. If you require further clarification, contact the College Counselor.

Extra-Curricular Activities

After School Activities: a three-season program gives wide opportunities for students after the school day.

International Schools Sport Association of Addis Ababa (ISSAAA): students represent ICS in a variety of sports in our local international school league.

International Schools of Southern and Eastern Africa (ISSEA): varsity boys and girls basketball, volleyball and soccer teams participate in tournament competitions against regional international schools.

International Invitational Tournaments: ICS hosts the International Invitational Tennis Tournament (IITT) and attends the Cairo American College Screaming Eagles Track & Field Meet.

Clubs & Activities

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| NHS/NJHS | Jazz Band |
| Scholarship Club | Rock Climbing |
| Model United Nations | Mandarin |
| Drama Productions | Bowling |
| Student Council | Tech Team |
| Guitar Sessions | Community Service |
| Ultimate Frisbee | |

Sports

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|---------------|
| Volleyball |
| Cross Country |
| Tennis |
| Soccer |
| Track & Field |
| Basketball |



IB Diploma Program and Results

ICS offers the full IB Diploma Programme in grades 11 and 12. We do not select students for IB courses based on their ability or past achievement; all students are encouraged to pursue either the full IB Diploma or individual IB Certificates. Anticipated IB scores for IB Diploma Candidates are provided to colleges and universities by request with the first semester grades.

| | <u>2009</u> | <u>2010</u> | <u>2011</u> |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Number of ICS graduates | 31 | 36 | 25 |
| Number of full Diploma Candidates | 12 | 20 | 18 |
| Number of successful Diploma Candidates (%) | 12 (100%) | 11 (55%) | 13 (72%) |
| Average points by successful Diploma Candidates | 34.1 | 29.0 | 30.6 |
| Number of non-Diploma seniors with 2+ IB Certificates (%) | 17 (89%) | 13 (81%) | 7 (86%) |

IB subject results for ICS students from the 2009, 2010 and 2011 May exams are given in the table to the right.

| Subject & Level | 2009-2011 | | | | 2011 Results | |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------|-----|-----|---|---------------|
| | # of Exams Taken | Scores Earned | | | ICS Average | World Average |
| | | 1-3 | 4-5 | 6-7 | | |
| Amharic A1 SL | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 7.0 | 6.6 |
| English A1 HL | 58 | 3 | 44 | 11 | 4.5 | 4.7 |
| English A1 SL | 21 | 0 | 19 | 2 | 5.3 | 5.1 |
| French B HL | 5 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 6.0 | 5.5 |
| French B SL | 25 | 3 | 15 | 7 | 5.0 | 4.7 |
| Spanish ab initio | 24 | 3 | 10 | 11 | 4.9 | 5.0 |
| History HL | 31 | 4 | 20 | 7 | 4.6 | 4.6 |
| History SL | 29 | 2 | 24 | 3 | 5.0 | 4.6 |
| Business & Mgt | 34 | 5 | 23 | 6 | 5.0 | 4.8 |
| Biology HL | 24 | 6 | 13 | 5 | 4.0 | 4.4 |
| Biology SL | 16 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 3.0 | 4.3 |
| Chemistry HL | 21 | 6 | 11 | 4 | 4.8 | 4.5 |
| Chemistry SL | 15 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 4.0 | 4.1 |
| Physics HL | 11 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 3.3 | 3.3 |
| Physics SL | 8 | 5 | 3 | 0 | <i>All 2011 candidates chose HL Physics</i> | |
| Math Studies SL | 24 | 8 | 14 | 2 | 3.9 | 4.7 |
| Mathematics HL | 25 | 13 | 10 | 2 | 3.3 | 4.4 |
| Mathematics SL | 18 | 6 | 9 | 3 | 2.8 | 4.5 |
| Visual Arts A HL | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 4.0 | 4.5 |
| Visual Arts A SL | 7 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 4.0 | 4.9 |
| Visual Arts B SL | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3.0 | 3.8 |



SAT I Scores

Average (highest) SAT scores for the last five graduating classes

| Class of | Class Size | Reading | Math | Writing | EAL* |
|----------|------------|---------|------|---------|------|
| 2007 | 27 | 561 | 570 | 571 | 85% |
| 2008 | 35 | 568 | 563 | 550 | 84% |
| 2009 | 31 | 536 | 566 | 530 | 76% |
| 2010 | 36 | 516 | 547 | 526 | 66% |
| 2011 | 25 | 515 | 570 | 553 | 84% |

* Percentage of seniors for whom English is not their first language

SAT II Subject Test Scores 2011

| Test (# of test takers) | Average Score |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Chemistry (3) | 596 |
| Physics (6) | 678 |
| Math 1 (7) | 652 |
| Math 2 (7) | 648 |
| World History (1) | 600 |
| US History (1) | 590 |
| Ecological Biology (1) | 640 |
| Molecular Biology (4) | 632 |
| Literature (5) | 576 |
| French (2) | 550 |



Scholarship Program

ICS Addis selects four rising ninth grade Ethiopian students annually from local schools for four-year merit-based scholarships. The selection process includes academic testing, essays and interviews, and is very competitive—145 applicants vied for the four scholarship seats in the spring of 2011. Most of our scholarship students go on to win full scholarships at competitive universities in the USA. In recent years our scholarship students have been offered full scholarships to Harvard, MIT, Stanford, Columbia, Yale, Princeton, Amherst and Wellesley. In addition to successfully completing their undergraduate degrees, many ICS scholarship students have continued with graduate or professional programs.



Ethiopian Studies Field Trips

ICS Addis takes pride in the fact that we are located in Ethiopia, a land of unique history and culture. As part of our educational program, our students participate a variety of annual class trips around the country. The trips provide students with the opportunity for in-depth study of Ethiopia from an academic perspective, integrated into the history or science curricula and incorporating community service. Hands-on learning activities are the primary emphasis and are directly related to social and emotional growth of the students, especially those new to the school. Students also develop and practice skills of leadership, teamwork and cooperation.



University Acceptances 2008–2011

University names in bold indicate those at which ICS graduates matriculated.

USA

American International College 4
American University
Amherst College 4
 Arcadia University 2
 Art Institute of Washington
Arizona State University
Bard College 3
 Barry University
 Bates College
 Berea College 2
Boston College
 Boston University
 Bowdoin College
 Brandeis University 2
 Brenau University
 Brock University
Bryn Mawr College 2
 Buffalo State College
California Baptist University
California State U: Northridge
 Capital University 4
Carleton University 3
 Carnegie Mellon University
 Case Western Reserve 2
 Clark University
 Clarkson University
 Colgate College 2
 College of William & Mary
 Colorado College
 Columbia College Chicago
Columbia University 2
 Concordia College: Moorhead 2
 Connecticut College
Cornell University 2
 Davidson College 3
 De Pauw
 Drake University 1
Drexel University 2
 Earlham College
 Emmanuel College
 Emory University
 Eugene Lang College
Evergreen State University
Florida Institute of Technology 2
 Florida State
 Fordham University
 Franklin & Marshall Coll. 2
George Mason University 4
 George Washington U 5
 Georgia State University
 Georgia Tech
Georgetown University
 Grand Valley State University
 Grinnell College 2
 Hampshire College
 Hampton University
 Hanover College
 Hartwick College

Harvard College 2
 Haverford College
 Hawaii Pacific University
Hofstra University 2
 Humboldt State University
 Ithaca College 4
James Madison University 2
 Kent State University
 Lafayette College
 La Salle University
Lehigh University
Loyola College
Lynn University 3
 Manhattanville College 2
 Marion Military Institute
Mary Baldwin College
Marymount College
 Massachusetts Inst. of Tech 2
 Menlo College
Michigan State University 4
 Mills College
 Millsaps College
 Montgomery College
Mount Holyoke College 2
 New York University 4
 Norfolk State University
Northeastern University 4
 Northern AZ University
Northern Illinois University
Old Dominion University
 Oral Roberts University 2
Pace University 3
 Penn State University
Plattsburgh State University
 Pomona College
 Portland State University
 Princeton University
Purdue University 3
 Randolph-Macon College
Reed College
Rice University
 Richmond University
 Ringling School of Art & Design
Rochester Institute of Technology 2
 Rutgers University
 Santa Fe Community College
 Sarah Lawrence College
 Savannah Art & Design
 Shorter College
 Smith College 3
 Southern Methodist University
 St. Cloud State University
 St. John's University 4
St. Lawrence University
 St. Lee University
 St. Louis University
St. Mary's College
Stanford University
 Suffolk University

SUNY Binghamton
 SUNY Buffalo 2
 Susquehanna University 2
 Swarthmore College
Sweet Briar College
Syracuse University
 Texas Inst. of Technology
 The College of Wooster
 Truman State University
Tufts University
 Tulane University
 U of Advancing Technology
 U of California Davis
 U of California Santa Barbara
 U of Chicago
 U of Connecticut 2
 U of Delaware
 U of Denver
 U of Hartford
 U of Houston-Main
 U of Indianapolis
 U of Kentucky
 U of La Verne
 U of Maryland 3
 U of Massachusetts 3
 U of Miami
 U of New Hampshire
U of North Carolina 3
 U of Pennsylvania
 U of Pittsburgh
 U of Richmond
U of Rochester 2
 U of San Diego
 U of San Francisco
 U of South Florida
 U of Southern Mississippi
 U of St. Thomas
 U of Tampa
U of Virginia
 Union University
 Virginia Commonwealth University 3
Virginia Inst. of Technology 2
 Virginia Polytechnic Institute 2
 Washington College
Webster University
Wellesley College
 Wells College
 Wentworth Institute of Technology
 Wesleyan College
 Westminster College
West Virginia University 2
Western Washington U
 Wheaton College
 Whitman College
Willamette University
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute
 Xavier University
Yale University 2

Canada

Brock University 2
 Carleton University 7
 Dalhousie University
McGill University
 Mount Allison University
 Ryerson University
 Trent University
 UBC Okanagan
UBC Vancouver 3
 U of Guelph
U of the Fraser Valley
U of Ottawa
U of Toronto 2
U of Victoria 3
 U of Waterloo
 U of Windsor
 Wilfred Laurier University 4
 York University 2

UK/Europe

American Intercontinental U (UK)
 American International University in London (Richmond)
 Bellersbys
 Birmingham University
 Brighton University (UK)
 De Haagse Hogeschool (NL)
 East Anglia University
 Hotelschool The Hague (NL)
 Kingston University (UK)
Kings College London (UK)
 London School of Economics (UK)
 Nottingham Trent University (UK)
Oxford Brookes University (UK)
 Regents College (UK)
SOAS, London
 Sussex University (UK)
The Hague University (NL) 2
 Universiteit Maastricht (NL)
U of Bremen (GER)
U of Brunel (UK)
 U of Hull (UK)
 U of Kent (UK)
 U of Lapland (FI)
 U of Leicester (UK)
 U of Leiden (NL)
 U of Plymouth (UK)
 U of Royal Holloway (UK)
 U of Southampton (UK)
 U of St. Andrews (UK) 2
Queen Mary University (London)

Other

Sunway University, Malaysia
 Taylors University College, Malaysia
US Int'l University of Sharja, UAE
 University of Nottingham, China

