



International Community School of Addis Ababa

High School Profile 2009–2010

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The 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.

The School

The International Community School of Addis Ababa is an independent, coeducational American-based curriculum school with an international character. ICS offers an educational program from pre-kindergarten (ages 3 and 4) through grade 12. The school, located on a 15-acre campus, was founded in 1966 and currently serves 599 students representing 56 nationalities: 342 in the elementary and 257 in the middle/high school. The school is located in the south section of Addis Ababa and serves children whose parents are employed in international business, embassies, NGOs and multinational organizations.

Country Diversity by Passport in 2009–10

Austria	1	Fiji	3	Kazakhstan	1	Philippines	3	Trinidad	1
Bangladesh	6	Finland	14	Kenya	13	Romania	1	Turkey	1
Belgium	8	France	2	Kuwait	6	Rwanda	4	Uganda	14
Bosnia Herz.	1	Gambia	2	Lesotho	7	Somalia	2	Ukraine	2
Botswana	7	Georgia	1	Malaysia	7	South Africa	12	UK	26
Burkina Faso	2	Germany	21	Mali	1	South Korea	2	USA	223
Canada	28	Ghana	2	Moldova	2	Spain	3	Zambia	7
China	1	India	21	Mozambique	4	Sri Lanka	2	Zimbabwe	6
Denmark	2	Israel	9	Netherlands	24	Sudan	5		
Egypt	1	Italy	3	Nigeria	4	Sweden	12		<i>Total 599</i>
Equat. Guinea	1	Jamaica	2	Norway	4	Switzerland	2		
Ethiopia	51	Japan	4	Pakistan	1	Tanzania	2		

ICS Faculty

The faculty consists of 60 professionally certified teachers from eleven countries: 35 from the US, seven from Canada, four from Ethiopia, and 14 from eight other countries. Forty-two members of our faculty have advanced degrees at the Master's or Doctoral levels.

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





School Calendar & Daily Schedule

The ICS Middle and 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 8:00 AM and ends at 3:15 PM. Four classes meet daily in 90-minute blocks. Students can be scheduled for a maximum of eight subjects over two days.

Graduation Requirements

Subject	Recommended College Prep Course of Study	ICS Graduation Requirements
English	4	4
Social Science / History	3 - 4	3
Mathematics	3 - 4	3
Science	3 - 4	3
World Language	2 - 3	2
Arts (Music, Drama, Visual Arts)	1 - 2	1
PE / Health	1.5	2.5
Computers (or proven literacy)		0.5
Electives *	6 - 7	7

*Students must complete a minimum of 26 credits for graduation with an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher. * Any course taken beyond the number of units required in a given subject area is regarded as an elective in the subject area.*

2009 – 2010 High School Course Offerings

The curriculum is that of a US college-preparatory school, and the full International Baccalaureate Diploma Program is offered. English is the medium of instruction. Amharic, French and Spanish are taught as world languages.

English

English 1
English 2
English 3: College Prep
English 4: College Prep
IB English A1 SL/HL
IB English A2 SL/HL
English as Academic Lang. (EAL)
Speech & Debate *
Creative Writing *

Mathematics

Basic Algebra
Algebra 1
Geometry
Algebra 2 / Geometry
Algebra 2 / Trigonometry
Math Topics
IB Math Studies SL
IB Math SL/ HL

History

Modern World History
African / US History
IB 20th Century History SL
IB African History HL
Anthropology *

Social Sciences

IB Business/Management SL
IB Theory of Knowledge
IB Geography
Geography *
Community Development *
Model United Nations *
Introduction to Business *
International Relations *
Trial Law & Advocacy *

PE/Health

PE Grade 9 & 10
Health *
Advanced PE & Sports *

Science

Biology
Chemistry
Physics
IB Biology SL/HL
IB Chemistry SL/HL
IB Physics SL/HL
Environmental Science *

World Language

French 1/2/3/4/5
French IB SL/HL
Spanish 1/2
IB Spanish ab initio SL
IB Ind. Study Lang. SL/HL
Native French
Native Amharic
IB Amharic

Computers

Yearbook & Journalism
Computer Applications *
Adv. Computer Apps. *

Visual & Performing Arts

Visual Arts 1, 2 *
IB Visual Arts SL/HL
Concert Band
Concert Choir
IB Music SL
Creative Expression *
Drama *

Other Electives

Personal & Career Planning *
Teacher Assistantship (TA)*
Academic Tutoring *

Community Service

Program
Creativity, Action & Service (CAS)
All grade 11 and 12 students must complete the IB CAS requirements.

*** Semester electives**

Grading System

Grades are reported quarterly to students and parents using a standard scale from A to F. Any mark D- and above is considered a passing grade. The ICS transcript includes semester letter-grades and credits earned. Courses transferred from other schools are shown on the transcript with credits awarded; transfer grades are not included in our GPA calculations.

<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Point Value</u>
A+	97 -100	4.3
A	93 - 96	4.0
A-	90 - 92	3.7
B+	87 - 89	3.3
B	83 - 86	3.0
B-	80 - 82	2.7
C+	77 - 79	2.3
C	73 - 76	2.0
C-	70 - 72	1.7
D+	67 - 69	1.3
D	63 - 66	1.0
D-	60 - 62	0.7
F	0 - 59	0.0

Co-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: students from grades 6–12 represent ICS in a variety of sports in our local international school league.

International Schools of Southern and Eastern Africa: varsity boys and girls basketball, volleyball and soccer teams participate in annual tournament competitions against other international schools, including South Africa, Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda and Zimbabwe.

Sports (Boys & Girls)

Volleyball
Cross Country
Tennis
Soccer
Track & Field
Basketball

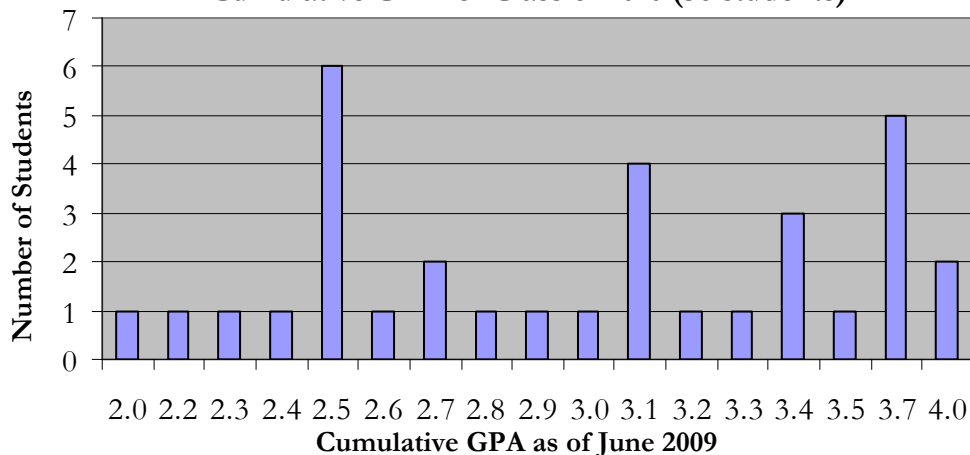
Clubs & Activities After School

Student Council
NHS / NJHS
Drama Productions
Community Service
French & Spanish Club
Scholarship Club
Model United Nations
Open Arts Group
Jazz Band Ensemble

Class Rank and GPA

Due to the competitive nature and small size of the senior class, ICS does not rank students individually. All grades received at ICS are included in the Grade Point Average calculation, and all courses are weighted equally in determining GPA. Students must be in attendance for three semesters at ICS in order to receive a Grade Point Average. The chart below represents the cumulative GPA for the class of 2010, as of the end of their junior year in June 2009. A minimum GPA of 2.00 is required for graduation.

Cumulative GPA for Class of 2010 (36 students)



Grade Distribution by Quintiles for the Class of 2010

1 st	4.0 – 3.7
2 nd	3.6 – 3.2
3 rd	3.1 – 2.8
4 th	2.7 – 2.5
5 th	2.4 – 2.0

The median GPA for the class of 2010 is currently at 3.10.

	<u>Class of</u>	<u>Class Size</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Writing</u>	<u>EAL % *</u>
SAT Scores <i>Average (highest) SAT scores for the last five graduating classes</i>	2005	22	553	580	-	76.2%
	2006	33	497	542	488	82.4%
	2007	27	561	570	571	84.6%
	2008	35	568	563	550	83.9%
	2009	31	536	566	530	76.4%

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

IB Diploma Program and Results

ICS offers the full IB Diploma Program in Grades 11 and 12. Our program is not selective; all students are encouraged to pursue either 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>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Number of ICS graduates	27	35	31
Number of full Diploma Candidates	9	11	12
Number of successful Diploma Candidates (%)	8 (89%)	8 (73%)	12 (100%)
Average points by successful Diploma Candidates	32.3	32.0	34.1
Number of non-Diploma seniors with 2+ IB Certificates (%)	11 (61%)	16 (67%)	17 (89%)

IB subject results for ICS students from the 2007, 2008 and 2009 May exam sessions are given in the table below. Subjects or levels with fewer than nine exam takers are not included in the table.

Subject & Level	Number of Exams Taken	Points Earned			2009 Results	
		1-3	4-5	6-7	ICS Average	World Average
English A1 SL	14	-	14	-	4.33	4.93
English A1 HL	53	3	39	11	5.28	4.70
French B SL	28	3	7	18	5.27	4.72
Spanish <i>ab initio</i> SL	9	-	5	4	5.25	4.89
History SL	24	1	16	7	4.75	4.67
African History HL	32	3	19	10	5.57	4.81
Business & Management SL	30	8	18	4	-	-
Biology SL	9	1	6	2	4.80	4.22
Biology HL	22	5	9	8	5.60	4.18
Chemistry SL	12	3	7	2	4.60	4.01
Chemistry HL	15	1	9	5	5.00	4.40
Physics SL	21	9	10	2	3.50	4.09
Math Studies SL	14	3	9	2	4.50	4.61
Mathematics SL	12	3	6	3	5.17	4.45
Mathematics HL	19	5	8	6	4.43	4.40
Visual Arts SL	13	1	11	1	5.00	4.31

Ethiopian Studies Field Trips

ICS 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 the opportunity for in-depth study of various regions of Ethiopia from an academic perspective. The trips are generally integrated into the history or science curricula at each grade. 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 have the opportunity to develop and practice skills of leadership, teamwork and cooperation.

Scholarship Program

The International Community School of Addis Ababa 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—more than 110 applicants vied for the four scholarship seats in the spring of 2009. Almost all 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 4-year scholarships to Harvard, MIT, Stanford, Vassar, Davidson, Williams, Yale, Princeton and Cornell. In addition to successfully completing their undergraduate degrees, many ICS scholarship students have continued with graduate or professional programs.

University Acceptances 2007–2009

Almost all ICS graduates attend competitive colleges and universities throughout the world after graduation.

USA

Agnes Scott College
American International College 4
American University
Amherst College 3
Arcadia University 2
Bard College 3
Barry University
Bates College
Berea College 2
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University 2
Bryn Mawr College 2
Buffalo State College
Butler University
California State U: Northridge
Capital University 4
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve 2
Clark University
Clarkson University
Colgate College
College of William & Mary
Columbia College Chicago
Columbia University
Concordia College: Moorhead 2
Connecticut College
Cornell University 2
Davidson College 3
Drake University 2
Drew University
Drexel University 2
Earlham College
Emmanuel College
Eugene Lang College
Florida Institute of Technology 5
Fordham University
Franklin & Marshall Coll. 2
George Mason University 3
George Washington U 4
Georgia State University
Grand Valley State University
Grinnell College 2
Hampshire College
Hampton University
Hartwick College
Harvard College 2
Haverford College
Hawaii Pacific University
Hofstra University 2
Ithaca College 4
James Madison University 2
La Salle University
Lehigh University
Loyola Chicago
Lynn University 3

Manhattanville College 2
Marion Military Institute
Marymount College
Massachusetts Inst. of Tech 2
Michigan State University
Mills College
Mount Holyoke College
New York University 4
Norfolk State University
Northeastern University 3
Northern AZ University
Old Dominion University 5
Oral Roberts University 2
Pace University 3
Penn State University 2

Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Texas Inst. of Technology
The College of Wooster
Tufts University
Tulane University
U of California Santa Barbara
U of Connecticut 2
U of Delaware
U of Denver
U of Hartford
U of Houston-Main
U of Indianapolis
U of Maryland 3
U of Massachusetts 3

Wheaton College
Whitman College
Willamette University
Williams College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University
Yale University 2

Canada

Brock University 2
Carleton University 6
Dalhousie University
McGill University
Mount Alison University
Ryerson University
Trent University
UBC Okanagan
UBC Vancouver 3
U of Guelph
U of the Fraser Valley
U of Ottawa
U of Toronto 3
U of Victoria 3
U of Waterloo
U of Windsor
Wilfred Laurier University 4
York University 3



Pomona College
Princeton University
Purdue University 3
Randolph-Macon College 3
Rice University
Richmond University
Ringling School of Art & Design
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rutgers University 2
Santa Fe Community College
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah Art & Design
Smith College 3
Southern Methodist University
St. Cloud State University
St. John's University 4
St. Lee University
St. Louis University
Stanford University 3
Suffolk University
SUNY Binghamton
SUNY Buffalo
Susquehanna University 2

U of Miami
U of Minnesota: Crookston
U of New Hampshire
U of North Carolina 3
U of Pennsylvania
U of Richmond
U of Rochester 2
U of San Francisco
U of South Florida
U of St. Thomas
Union University
Vassar College
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Inst. of Technology 2
Virginia Polytechnic Institute 2
Washington & Lee University
Washington College
Washington U in St. Louis
Wellesley College
Wells College
Wesleyan University
West Virginia University
Western Washington U

UK/Europe

American Intercontinental U (UK)
Brighton University (UK)
De Haagse Hogeschool (NL)
Hotelschool The Hague (NL)
Kingston University (UK)
Kings College London (UK)
London School of Economics (UK)
Regents College (UK)
Sussex University (UK)
The Hague University (NL) 2
U of Brunel (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

Other

Estacio de Sa College, Brazil
Jewelry Institute of South Africa
Sunway University, Malaysia
Taylors University College, Malaysia
US Int'l University of Sharja, UAE