

# HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2023-2024



**THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL  
OF PORT OF SPAIN SINCE 1994**

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## MISSION STATEMENT

ISPS is a vibrant learning community dedicated to developing passionate learners who strive for excellence and pursue their unique potential. We encourage resilience, innovation and collaboration, preparing students to act with confidence and integrity as caring global citizens.

## ISPS CORE VISION

Inspiring thinkers and doers to shape a better world.

## ISPS MOTTO

Difference Makers, Future Shapers.

## OUR SCHOOL

Established in 1994, the International School of Port of Spain (ISPS) is a private, co-educational day school based on a US curriculum model. It offers a college preparatory holistic education, in English, from Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12. ISPS is accredited by COGNIA and graduates earn a US High School Diploma.

Today the school has approximately 259 students representing over 53 different nationalities with approximately 57% of the students from Trinidad and Tobago. Our population includes 16% American, 5% from Latin America, and 21% from other countries, including the UK and Canada. The primary language of instruction at ISPS, in all grades, is English. Approximately 82% of our student population has identified English as either their primary or secondary language, with Spanish as the highest second language spoken.

## TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO



**259**  
STUDENTS IN  
GRADES PK-12



**38**  
STUDENTS IN THE  
CLASS OF 2023

**54**  
NATIONALITIES  
REPRESENTED IN  
GRADES PK-12

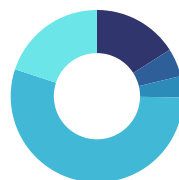
**22**  
MAX CLASS SIZE



LESSONS ARE  
**1 x WEEKLY  
45 MINUTES**  
**2 x WEEKLY  
85 MINUTES**  
\*PER COURSE



## PASSPORT HOLDERS 2023-2024 GRADES PK- 12



16% US  
5.3% England  
4% Canada

55% Trinidad & Tobago  
20% Other



## ISPS CURRICULUM

High schoolers typically have seven academic courses in addition to Service Learning and Guidance within their schedules with educational and experiential trips being an important aspect of the curriculum.

Service Learning is now built into the academic day and all students actively participate in at least one of several service learning opportunities. Sporting events, cultural programs, student government, drama productions and opportunities to interact with other regional American/International schools, such as CAISSA, Model United Nations, and the Global Issues Network, are scheduled throughout the year.

In general, we strive for students to have an active, healthy, challenging, global and balanced lifestyle. Courses in the High School are college preparatory courses with Advanced Placement (AP) courses available. Students in grades 9 and 10 complete years 4 and 5 of the IB MYP program, including the Personal Project. Students in 11th and 12th grade engage in the AP Program and other college preparatory courses.

## AP COURSE OFFERINGS

2-D Art Design	Psychology
English Lang. & Comp	Calculus AB
English Lit. & Comp	Biology
Comparative Govt. & Politics	Chemistry
Human Geography	Physics 1
World History	Physics 2
Macroeconomics	Research
Microeconomics	Seminar

## CREDIT FOR AP COURSES

Most AP subjects are one credit courses. However, AP Biology, AP Calculus, AP Studio Art and AP Chemistry count for 1.5 credits.

## GRADING SCALE

Grade	Scale	Points
A	95-100	4.0
A-	90-94	3.7
B+	87-89	3.3
B	84-86	3.0
B-	80-83	2.7
C+	77-79	2.3
C	74-76	2.0
C-	70-73	1.7
D+	67-69	1.3
D	64-66	1.0
D-	60-63	0.7
F	Below 60	0.0

- Courses and credits earned from other High Schools are not calculated in the cumulative GPA but are reported (and credits awarded) on the ISPS transcript.

## GRADUATION CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

	Minimum
English	4
Mathematics	3
Social Studies	3
Science	3
Foreign Language	3
Total Core Academic	16
Physical Education	1.5
Electives/Other Academic	8
Total	26

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to obtain a High School Diploma from ISPS, students must earn a minimum of 26 credits while enrolled in grades 9-12.

Of these, 16 must be from the core academic areas of English, Math, Science, Social Science and Modern Languages according to the table below. In addition to these, students must complete 1.5 credits in PE and at least 1 in the Arts. Electives and/or additional academic credits make up the required 26.

Students are enrolled into AP courses based on academic performance, recommendation from teachers and overall rigor of student schedules.

## Course Offerings 2023-2024

It should be understood that the viability of courses will be dependent upon student interest, available staffing, and timetable limitations.

### AP Capstone

AP Seminar  
AP Research

### Arts

Visual Art 1  
Music 1  
Design 1  
Drama 1  
Visual Art 2  
Music 2  
Open Studio  
Art & Design  
AP Studio Art

### English

English 9  
English 10  
English 11  
AP English Lang. & Comp.  
Creative Writing  
AP English Lit. & Comp.

### Mathematics

Integrated Math 9 S  
Integrated Math 9 E  
Integrated Math 10 S  
Integrated Math 10 E  
Integrated Math 11  
Precalculus  
Business Math  
AP Calculus AB

### Physical & Health Education (PHE)

PHE 9  
Advanced PHE

### Science

Biology 1  
Physics 1  
Biology 2  
Chemistry  
Environmental Science  
AP Biology  
AP Chemistry  
AP Physics 1  
AP Physics

### Social Science

Individuals & Societies 9  
Individuals & Societies 10  
Contemporary Issues  
AP Human Geography  
AP Psychology  
AP World History  
AP Macroeconomics  
AP Microeconomics

### Spanish

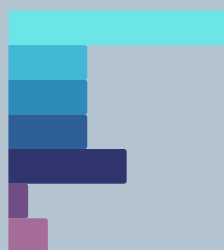
Spanish Emergent C  
Spanish Emergent C+  
Spanish Capable  
Pre-AP Spanish  
AP Spanish Lang. & Culture

### Notes:

*In addition to courses offered face-to-face, students have opportunities to participate in Wisconsin Virtual School (WVS) courses online.*

## CLASS OF 2023 GPA STATISTICS

Above 4.00	13 students
3.75 - 3.99	2 students
3.50 - 3.74	9 students
3.25 - 3.49	7 students
3.00 - 3.24	2 students
2.75 - 2.99	1 students
2.50 - 2.75	2 students
below 2.5	1 students



These statistics are based on a weighted cumulative GPA and only ISPS grades are included. ISPS does not rank students.

## GRADING SYSTEM FOR 11 AND GRADE POINT AVERAGES

The school year consists of 183 instructional days divided into semesters and quarters. Formal grade reports are issued at the end of each quarter. Exams are given at the end of each semester and count toward the semester grade.

Only final grades are entered on students' cumulative transcripts. GPA's are computed using the following scale for all ISPS courses. AP courses are weighted.

## 2023 ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) SCORES

	ISPS ▼	WORLD ▼
2-D Art & Design [6]	4.00	3.36
Art History [13]	3.62	3.04
Biology	3.42	3.04
Calculus AB [15]	2.60	2.99
Chemistry [8]	3.25	3.26
Comparative Govt. & Politics [15]	3.40	3.14
English Lang. & Comp. [7]	3.43	2.82
English Lit. & Comp. [36]	3.50	3.26
Human Geography [14]	4.36	2.75
Macroeconomics [8]	3.00	3.08
Microeconomics [3]	3.33	3.25
Physics 1 [10]	2.50	2.55
Physics 2 [4]	2.50	3.15
Psychology [17]	4.06	2.89
Research [11]	3.64	3.34
Seminar [9]	3.22	3.24
Spanish Lang. & Culture [7]	3.14	3.60

## STANDARDIZED TESTING

In the High School, the following standardized tests are typically available: SAT, SAT Subject Tests, ACT and AP Exams. Students in Grades 9-10 take the MAP test twice annually. Students in grades 9-11 are required to do the PSATs. It is recommended that juniors do the SAT at least once before their Senior year. Students are encouraged to do SAT Subject Tests as they complete respective AP courses. AP exams are administered in May of every year in accordance with the College Board's policies and procedures.

## GRADING SYSTEM FOR GRADES 9 & 10

Progress in all MYP subjects can be monitored through PowerSchool Unified Classroom. Formal reports are issued at the end of each quarter and semester. The MYP assessment criteria offers a rigorous evaluation of a student's academic achievement, while ISPS also reports on students' overall approach to learning (ATLs).

## SAT Average Scores

Class of	ERW	Math
2018	614	620
2019	605	597
2020	607	594
2021	626	640
2022	551	565

← • Number in brackets indicates the number of ISPS students who sat the exam.

## AP RESULTS, 2019 - 2023

Subject	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Global Average (2023)
2-D Art & Design	3.80	4.30	3.30	3.90	4.0	3.36
Art History	-	-	3.00	-	3.62	3.04
Biology	3.50	3.40	3.50	-	3.42	3.04
Calculus AB	3.20	3.70	3.40	2.40	2.60	2.99
Calculus AB Subs	4.00	-	3.00	-	-	-
Calculus BC	3.70	4.50	2.90	-	-	-
Chemistry	2.00	2.60	3.30	2.80	3.25	3.26
Comp. Govt & Policies	-	4.00	3.40	4.20	3.40	3.14
Eng Lang & Comp	3.10	3.10	3.10	2.90	3.43	2.82
Eng Lit & Comp	4.00	2.50	2.80	4.50	3.50	3.26
Envi. Science	-	5.00	-	-	-	-
European History	3.30	-	-	-	-	-
Human Geography	4.50	4.00	4.40	4.00	4.36	2.75
Macroeconomics	2.70	3.10	2.60	2.40	3.00	3.08
Microeconomics	3.30	2.80	3.10	1.80	3.33	3.25
Physics 1	2.00	4.00	2.20	2.50	2.50	2.55
Physics 2	5.00	-	-	2.00	2.50	3.15
Psychology	2.70	3.50	2.80	3.50	4.06	2.89
Research	-	-	4.00	3.30	3.40	3.34
Seminar	2.70	2.80	3.33	3.38	3.22	3.24
Spanish Lang. & Culture	4.70	3.90	4.60	4.00	3.14	3.60
World History Modern	-	3.10	-	3.70	-	-
Total No. of Exams	175	175	166	145	195	-
Total Students	90	90	63	85	66	-

### UNITED STATES

American University  
Brown University  
Boston University  
Curry College  
Duke University  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
Emory University  
Fordham University  
George Washington University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Hofstra University  
Illinois Institute of Technology  
International Culinary Center  
Lawrence Technological University  
Long Island University, Post  
Loyola Marymount University  
Lynn University  
Mercer University  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern University  
Pace University, New York City  
Penn State University  
Saint Joseph's University  
Santa Clara University  
Santa Fe College  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
St Leo University  
St. Edward's University  
St. John's Uni. - Queens Campus  
Stanford University  
Syracuse University  
Temple University  
Texas Tech University  
The New School USA  
University of Arkansas  
University of California, Santa Barbara

University of California, Berkeley  
University of Central Florida  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
University of Florida  
University of Houston  
University of Louisiana  
University of Miami  
University of New Mexico  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of San Francisco  
University of South Florida, Tampa  
University of Tampa  
Virginia Tech

### CANADA

Brock University  
King's University College, Western University  
McGill University  
Ryerson University  
S. Alberta Inst. of Technol.  
Seneca College  
Sheridan College  
University of Alberta  
University of British Columbia  
University of Guelph  
University of Toronto  
University of Victoria  
University of Waterloo  
Western University

### UNITED KINGDOM

King's College London  
Manchester Metropolitan University  
Oxford Brookes University  
Royal Coll. of Surgeons in Ireland, Ireland  
Royal Holloway, University of London  
Royal Veterinary College  
University College Cork  
University of Aberdeen  
University of Bristol  
University of Edinburgh

University of Exeter  
University of Lancaster  
University of Leeds  
University of Reading  
University of Surrey

### EUROPE

BES La Salle  
La Univ. politécnica de Madrid  
Universidad de Carlos de II  
Universidad de Navarra

### OTHER

Universidad de Los Andes  
Universidad Marista de Merida  
University of the West Indies

### KEY

Listed = Acceptances

**Bold Type = Matriculation**

**() - Number of students Matriculated**

## ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIPS

**Trinidad & Tobago Ministry of Education**

**IBO** International Baccalaureate Organization

**NEASC** The New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) is an independent, voluntary, nonprofit membership organization which partners with over 1500 public, independent, and international schools in the US and worldwide to assess, support, and promote high quality education for all students through accreditation, professional assistance, and pursuit of best practices.