SHANGHAI STAR-RIVER BILINGUAL SCHOOL

PREPARING STUDENTS FOR A GLOBAL WORLD THROUGH AN INTEGRATED EDUCATION

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The school

Based on the administration's decades of successful experience with Shanghai High School Local Division and International Division, Shanghai Star-River Bilingual School (SSBS), a pioneer school located in Shanghai's Minhang District, focuses on combining the strengths of the Chinese and international educational systems in order to explore a hybrid teaching theory suitable for local students of local context. SSBS opened in fall of 2012 and currently enrolls 2000+ students in grades 1-12.

Overview of Curriculum

The curriculum, consisting of **academic courses** and **developing mastery**, aims to broaden students' educational experience and challenge them to develop their own philosophy and morality. **Comprehensive evaluation** is developed to measure the extent to which students have mastered knowledge understanding and application skills in academic courses and achieved personal development in extra-curricular activities.

Academic Courses

In SSBS, balance in curriculum is achieved through an emphasis on **international-style elective courses**, taught fully in English, while incorporating **local high school compulsory courses** taught in Chinese to its students, the majority of whom come from local backgrounds.

The international-style elective courses are made up of six main subject groups (Experimental Science, Humanities, Mathematics, Foreign Language, Chinese, Arts and PE). There are different courses within each subject field to allow for flexibility of interest. Furthermore, each of the courses is stratified into different difficulty levels from standard to honors to AP levels to facilitate learning and maintain small class sizes.

Developing Mastery

To develop mastery, SSBS implements various campus activities with distinctive themes in accordance with students' characteristics and grade levels, allowing students to acquire component skills, practice integrating them, and know when to apply what they have learned and mastered in preparation for success in a rapidly changing digital society.

• **Community Immersion:** Students gain exposure and insight into different ways of life in the community, as well as career options. e.g., career days, presentations, published articles, exhibits.

• **Social Activities:** Students practice a skill in established arenas for competition with a structured organization. e.g.,matches, competitions,

Admission Policy

A holistic review process evaluates academic excellence, intellectual vitality, and the personal context of each applicant.

SSBS middle school graduates: SSBS middle school graduates are automatically eligible to take the SSBS High School Academic Entrance Examination. The exam score together with the student's transcript and recommendation from school is used as criterion of admission into SSBS high school.

Local middle school graduates: In order to be admitted conditionally, prospective students must apply, then take the SSBS Enrollment Examination before undergoing an interview. Students are qualified for the final admission if they successfully graduate from Shanghai-based middle schools, with High School Entrance Examination (*zhongkao*) scores above that of the entrance level of top-tier high schools in Shanghai.

Graduation Requirement

Students in grades 10-12 generally take six academic courses and an elective each year. The minimum requirements for graduation from SSBS include the satisfactory completion of three years of Chinese, English and mathematics, three yeas of experimental science (biology, chemistry, computer science and physics), three years of social humanities, three years of Arts and PE.

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• **Subject-Based Inquiry:** Students delve into areas of interest or passion related to an academic subject of course. e.g., research project, presentation, or essay.

• **Interest Oriented Development:** Students explore areas of interest not related to academic subject or course. e.g.,gallery showing, recital, exhibition.

• **Charity and Service:** Students volunteer or fundraise for charities and nonprofits on the local and international scale. e.g., events, presentations on impact, volunteer days, published articles.

Comprehensive Evaluation

• **For all academic courses except Arts and PE**: SSBS does not rank students numerically because of our highly academic nature and small class size. Instead, individual, weighted grade point averages are reported. ***Grade point average is based on international-style elective courses*** (except Arts P.E.) taken at SSBS from 10th grade through 12th grade. The weight of different courses is based on the teaching hours of the courses per week. The grade points are determined by the course difficulty level. ***The school has chosen not to rank students.*** Because of highly competitive nature of admission to SSBS, the variety of academic backgrounds of our students, and various mastery the students develop, a numeric rank would not be a fair or useful way to reflect the strength and differences within and among students.

• **For extra-curricular activities**: each student must finish minimum of 80 hours of activities & community service for graduation. The school utilizes a teacher's evaluation form to assess the extent of activity fulfillment as well as students' personal development.

Grading Scale

Letter Grade	Percentile	Standard Course	Honors Courses		Advanced Honors Courses	Pre-AP Courses	AP Courses
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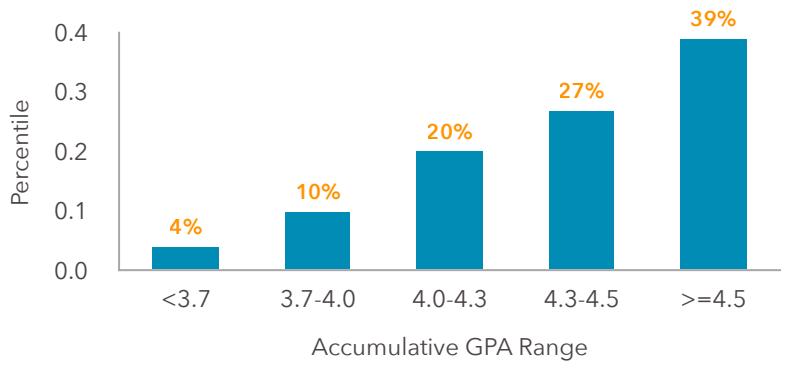
A+	97-100	4.0	4.3	4.5	4.7	4.8	5.0
A	92-96	4.0	4.3	4.5	4.7	4.8	5.0
A-	87-91	3.7	4.0	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.7
B+	82-86	3.3	3.6	3.8	4.0	4.1	4.3
B	77-81	3.0	3.3	3.5	3.7	3.8	4.0
B-	70-76	2.7	3.0	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.7
C	65-69	2.2	2.5	2.7	2.9	3.0	3.2
D	60-64	1.7	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.7
F	0-59	0	0	0	0	0	0

Grade Range Distribution (Class of 2026, August 2025)



Test Results-Mean(Class of 2026 through September 2025)

TOEFL (Mid 50%, 177 students)

Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total
28-30	27-30	24-28	26-28	108-114

ACT (Mid 50%, 30 students)

Math	Science	English	Reading	Total
34-36	33-36	32-36	32-34	32-35

SAT (Mid 50%, 159 students)

Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	Math	Total
690-750	780-800	1480-1540

Advanced Placement Examination (178 students, 902 exams taken)

The chart below show the percentage of students who have scored 5 globally versus SSBS students in classes with more than 10 students.

Subject	% World students score 5	% SSBS students score 5	Subject	% World students score 5	% SSBS students score 5
Biology	19%	83%	Microeconomics	19%	90%
Calculus BC	44%	97%	Physics 1	18%	57%
Chemistry	17%	85%	Physics 2	20%	97%
Computer Science A	25%	96%	Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	23%	72%
English Language & Composition	13%	50%	Physics C: Mechanics	20%	82%
Environmental Science	12%	73%	Seminar	10%	35%
Human Geography	17%	71%	Statistics	17%	80%
Macroeconomics	18%	84%	World History: Modern	14%	56%

Courses offered 2025-2026

* courses graded as Pass/Fail + courses not used to calculate grade point average

International-style Elective Courses					Local High School Compulsory Courses
Standard Courses	Honors & Advanced Honors Courses		Pre-AP & Advanced Placement Courses		
S Art & Design	AH/H/H- American Literature	H Europe History	Pre-AP English Literature and Composition	AP Macroeconomics	Geography*+
S Biology	AH/H British Literature	H History (World)	AP Art & Design	AP Microeconomics	History *+
S Chemistry	AH/H English Composition and Research	H History(US)	AP Art History	AP Multivariable Calculus	Civic Education*+
S Economics	AH/H/H- Language Arts I/II	H Human Geography	AP Biology	AP Multivariable Calculus Plus	Arts+
S Environmental Science	AH/H/H- World Literature	H Macroeconomics	AP Calculus AB	AP Music Theory	PE+
S Europe History	H Art History	H Microeconomics	AP Calculus BC	AP Physics C Electricity and Magnetism	Optional+
S Human Geography	H Biology	H Music Theory	AP Chemistry	AP Physics C Mechanics	
S Linear Algebra	H Calculus AB	H Physics C Mechanics	AP Computer Science A	AP Physics I	
S Physics	H Calculus BC	H Physics I	AP Computer Science Principles	AP Physics II	
S Psychology	H Chemistry	H Physics II	AP English Language and Composition	AP PreCalculus	
	H Chinese LiteratureI/II/III	H Precalculus	AP English Literature and Composition	AP PreCalculus Plus	
	H Computer Science A	H Psychology	AP Environmental Science	AP Psychology	
	H Computer Science Principles	H Research	AP Europe History	AP Research	
	H Environmental Science	H Statistics	AP History (US)	AP Seminar	
			AP History (World)	AP Statistics	
			AP Human Geography	AP Statistics Plus	

AP Course Selection: SSBS High school students will take normally ten and a maximum of fourteen AP courses before graduation. Students will normally take about two AP courses in 10th grade, three AP courses in 11th grade and five AP courses in 12th grade.

Selected College Acceptance Results of 2017-2025

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY
Amherst College	Kenyon College	University of California-Davis
Bard College	King's College London	University of California-Los Angeles
Barnard College	Lehigh University	University of California-San Diego
Bates College	LSE	University of California-Santa Barbara
Boston University	Macalester College	University of California-Santa Cruz
Brandeis University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Cambridge
Brown University	Miami University-Oxford	University of Chicago
Carleton College	Mount Holyoke College	University of Connecticut
Carnegie Mellon University	New York University	University of Delaware
Claremont McKenna College	Northeastern University	University of Maryland
Colby College	Northwestern University	University of Massachusetts-Amherst
Colgate College	Oxford University	University of Miami
College of the Holy Cross	Pennsylvania State University	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
College of William and Mary	Pomona College	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Columbia University	Purdue University-West Lafayette	University of Notre Dame
Cornell University	Queens University	University of Pennsylvania
Dartmouth College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Rochester
Davidson College	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Southern California
Dickinson College	Rice University	University of Sydney
Duke University	Rose-Hulman	University of Texas- Austin
Emerson College	Rutgers University	University of Toronto
Emory University	Skidmore College	University of Virginia
Franklin&Marshall College	Smith College	University of Washington-Seattle
Georgetown University	Stanford University	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Georgia Institute of Technology	Swarthmore College	Vanderbilt University
Grinnell College	The Ohio State University	Villanova University
Hamilton College	Tufts University	Wake Forest University
Harvard University	Tulane University	Washington and Lee University
Haverford College	University College London	Washington University in St. Louis
Imperial College London	University of California- Irvine	Wellesley College
Johns Hopkins University	University of California-Berkeley	Yale University