



KANG CHIAO

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High School (G9-G12)

Academic Overview



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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to High School

This booklet has been developed to assist you in planning an academic schedule that will meet your individual needs, interests, and goals for further education. It describes the courses that Kang Chiao International School-Linkou Campus (KCISLK) will offer in the 2018-2021 academic year.

Parents and students of G9-G12 should carefully read the Program of Studies and related information. This booklet will also be useful for middle school G8 students to prepare for their selection of courses for G9. In consultation with the counselor and teachers, G9-G11 will make an appropriate selection of courses for the following academic year.

The inclusion of a course in this booklet does not guarantee that the course will be offered or necessarily fit into the student's schedule, as scheduling of courses is dependent on a minimum number of students signing up to take the course, and the most effective utilization of teachers. **The school reserves the right to cancel any course for administrative reasons.**

The High School Program (G9-G12) at KCISLK is designed to prepare students for college and university admission. Students are advised to take courses that are academically challenging and meet the admission requirements of universities in the country in which they intend to study. Be sure to choose courses that are suited to individual interests and occupational plans.

KCISLK offers honors, Advanced Placement (AP) courses. These are college-level courses that give students the opportunity to study individual subjects in depth. Students are challenged to work hard in order to learn as much as they can about a subject, to discover new interests, and to prepare themselves for the rigors of college work. 90% of colleges and universities in the United States give credit and/or advanced standing to students with AP examination scores of 3 or higher. This is determined by individual institutions.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Curriculum

KCISLK offers students a curriculum that allows them to explore aspects of their own individuality and their relationship with the world in the context of a rigorously academic college preparatory program.

Graduation Credit Requirements

KCISLK requires every high school student to complete four full years. Students must be enrolled in eight periods daily, and in order to receive a graduation diploma the student must have successfully earned 26 credits and maintained a minimum 1.5 GPA. The 26 credits to be earned are as follows:

Subject	Credits	Subject	Credits
English	4	Chinese	2
Mathematics	4	Science	3
Social Studies	3	Physical Education & Health	4
Electives (Art, Performing Arts, Computer Science, Home Economics, World Language)			6

Note:

The exact choice of the courses from G9- G12 will be based on students' individual college goals.

Grading and Course Weighting

The scale below indicates the corresponding percentage, letter grade, and how it converts into weighted and non-weighted courses/GPA.

In order to encourage high school students to enter the more rigorous academic programs and to ensure that their efforts and achievements are appropriately and fairly reflected for class ranking purposes, a grade weighting system is maintained.

Grade	Percentage	GPA Non-weighted	Honors /AP Weighted
A+	97-100	4.3	4.8
A	93-96	4.0	4.5
A-	90-92	3.7	4.2
B+	87-89	3.3	3.8
B	83-86	3.0	3.5
B-	80-82	2.7	3.2
C+	77-79	2.3	2.8
C	73-76	2.0	2.5
C-	70-72	1.7	2.2
D+	67-69	1.3	1.8
D	63-66	1.0	1.5
D-	60-62	0.7	1.2
F	0-59	0.0	0.0

Notes:

1. This grading system will be used for overseas school application purposes.
2. The current report card grading system will be used locally.
3. GPA grades: weighted; Percentage grades: non-weighted.

Honors Courses Policy

1. Students who are eligible to enroll in honors classes must pass assessment benchmarks and secure a teacher recommendation.
2. New students to the program will be automatically placed in the regular program; however, they may move to the honors program after passing assessment benchmarks and securing the teacher's recommendation.
3. Students who have committed to the honors course may not drop the course unless their teacher recommends they do so. Students who do not meet course expectations after the first assessment of the semester may need to return to the regular class.
4. Honors students' in-class work will be comprised of more challenging assignments. Students will explore subjects in more depth than in regular classes. Assessment tests will be the same as those taken by the regular classes.
5. If the student meets course expectations, an addition of 0.5 to the subject GPA will be given.

Honors Course Selection

Honors English Literature and Language Arts 9
Honors English Literature and Language Arts 10
Honors Biology 9
Honors Chemistry 10
Honors Geometry 9
Honors Algebra II 10
Honors Pre-Calculus 11
Honors Medieval World History 9
Honors Modern World History 10
Honors US History 11
Honors Chinese 10
Honors Chinese Literature and Composition 12

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

6. The AP Program offers high school students the equivalent of first year university courses in a variety of areas. Individual courses go into great depth and prepare students to take the external AP examination administered by the College Board of the United States. The exams are taken to earn either advanced standing or course credits in many universities in the USA, Canada, and many other countries. Students applying to competitive schools in the US, Canada, or Australia should consider AP as a transformative component of admission preparations.

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses Selection

Subjects	Grade 11	Grade 12
English	AP English Language and Composition	AP English Language and Composition
		AP English Literature and Composition
Chinese	AP Chinese Language and Culture	
Social Studies	AP US History	AP US History
		AP Macroeconomics
Math	AP Calculus AB	AP Calculus AB
		AP Calculus BC
		AP Statistics
Science	AP Physics 1	AP Chemistry
		AP Biology
		AP Environmental Science

Admission to the AP Courses

KCISLK students must demonstrate the following before being admitted to AP courses:

1. high level of motivation and good grades across the majority of subject areas.
2. Fulfillment of course prerequisites as stated in this guide. English, Social Studies, Math, Science
3. An understanding and acceptance of the increased homework demands.
4. Teacher recommendation.
5. AP course entrance exam if needed.

Student Selection of Courses

1. The student will meet with the counselor / academic coordinator who will explain the scheduling and course selections. Based on the teacher's recommendation and student's interest, the counselor or coordinator will help students make appropriate choices on the course selections.
2. Students should log into their email account and then complete the online application form within the time frame given per grade level. ([Application form](#)).
3. Prerequisites, which accompany some courses, are intended to aid the student in course selection and make the student aware of the intellectual maturity and prior knowledge required for admission to the course.
4. Teacher evaluation of the applications will take place after the submission deadline, which may include personal interviews and entrance written exams.
5. Tentative class lists will be generated and students' schedules will be made for the first semester.
6. Any changes in classes must be made prior to the first day of school. Under extenuating circumstances, a change may be made within the first two weeks of classes.

AP Exam

AP exam is a requirement for students to take at the completion of each AP course. AP exams are given once a year around the first two weeks in May as determined by the College Board. Policies for granting college credit based on performance on an AP test vary from college to college. Students should consult college admissions offices to determine individual institution policies.

For more information about AP exam registration, please contact our AP coordinator, Carrie Shen in the Counseling and Language Center.
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G9-G12 Program of Studies 2018-2021

Courses Offered *A minimum of 26 credits is required for graduation.*

ART

Fine Arts 9
Fine Arts 10
Fine Arts 11
Portfolio Art
AP Studio Art: 2D Design

COMPUTER SCIENCE and ROBOTICS

Computer Programming 9
Computer Programming 10
Computer Programming 11
Computer Science
Media Production
Robotics Engineering Technology
Apps Inventor
3D Design Programming

CHINESE

Chinese 9
Chinese 10
Chinese 11
AP Chinese Language and Culture
Chinese Literature and Composition

ENGLISH

English Literature 9
English Language Arts 9
English Literature 10
English Language Arts 10
English Literature 11
English Language Arts 11
English Literature 12
English Language Arts 12
AP English Language and Composition
AP English Literature and Composition

MATHEMATICS

Geometry
Algebra II
Pre-Calculus
College Algebra
Calculus
AP Statistics
AP Calculus AB

AP Calculus BC

PERFORMING ARTS

Performing Arts
Band
Design

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH

Physical Education & Health 9
Physical Education & Health 10
Physical Education & Health 11
Physical Education & Health 12

SCIENCE

Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Environmental Science
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Environmental Science
AP Physics I
AP Physics C: Mechanics
AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism

SOCIAL STUDIES

Medieval World History
Modern World History
US History II
Business Studies
Psychology
AP Macroeconomics
AP Microeconomics
AP Psychology
AP US Government and Politics
AP US History

WORLD LANGUAGE

Spanish I
Spanish II
French I
French II
Japanese I
Japanese II

4 Year Course Individual Planner

Student Name: _____ Student No. _____				
	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English Literature and Language Arts	English Literature and Language Arts 9	English Literature and Language Arts 10	English Literature and Language Arts 11	English Literature and Language Arts 12
Chinese	Chinese 9	Chinese 10	AP Chinese Language and Culture	Chinese Literature and Composition
Math	Geometry	Algebra II	Pre-Calculus	Calculus
Science	Biology	Chemistry	Physics Environmental Science	
Social Studies	Medieval World History	Modern World History	US History	
PE & Health	PE & Health 9	PE & Health 10	PE & Health 11	PE & Health 12