

# Kunming International Academy

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## 2016-2017 High School Profile

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### Mission Statement

The purpose of Kunming International Academy, as a private and non-profit institution, is to provide a quality education for the children of the international community within the framework of a faith-based worldview. This education is designed to help develop mature and healthy young adults to achieve their full potential as world citizens.

### Expected Schoolwide Learning Results (ESLRs)

By providing a high quality of education within a faith-based worldview, we expect students at KIA to be:

1. Developing an understanding of a Faith-based worldview.
2. Discovering and utilizing academic abilities.
3. Communicating effectively.
4. Contributing positively to society.
5. Developing critical thinking.
6. Applying self-directed learning skills.

### The School and Community

Kunming International Academy (KIA) is a K3 (3 year olds) to grade 12 school located in Kunming in the Yunnan province, People's Republic of China. The school was founded in 1994, with only 14 students, with the purpose of serving the expatriate community of Kunming.

In February 2001, KIA established a partnership with OASIS International Schools. OASIS is headquartered in Southaven, Mississippi, United States of America and supports 19 different international schools worldwide.

The enrollment at KIA has been on the rise in recent years. In 2001-2002 the student population (JK-12<sup>th</sup>) was 108. The 2016-2017 student enrollment holds steady at just under 300. There are currently 75 students enrolled in grades 9-12. There were 10 seniors who graduated in the class of 2016 last May.

The foreign community in Kunming represents people from various parts of the world. Currently, KIA is serving about 193 families with children representing 28 nationalities. The 88 staff members at KIA are from 13 different countries.

The expatriate population in Kunming grows each year, and thusly contributes to the rise of the KIA student enrollment. There are approximately 5,000 foreigners living in the city of Kunming currently as Chinese language students, business people, and foreign experts.

### ELL Program

KIA has an English Language Learner (ELL) program to meet the needs of students whose mother tongue is not English. The purpose of this program is to serve the student population that has English as their second, third or fourth language.

Students who do not use English as their first language must pass an English proficiency test for admission. KIA uses the Language Assessment Scale (LAS) to test new students. Students must reach a minimum level of speech emergence as defined by the LAS for placement in grades 1-11. K3 through Kindergarten (5 year old) students are not required to pass any English exam.

## KIA High School Graduation Requirements

In order to qualify for graduation from KIA, a student must complete the following minimum requirements in grades 9 through 12.

<b>Courses Specifically Required</b>	<b>Prior to 2013</b>	<b>*Beg. in 2013</b>
<b>English Language Arts</b> *Speech (.5 credit)	<b>4 credits</b>	<b>4.5 credits</b>
<b>Mathematics</b> Algebra I (1 credit) <i>may be taken in grade 8</i> Geometry (1 credit)	<b>3 credits</b>	<b>3 credits</b>
<b>Science</b> Biological Sciences (1 credit) Physical Sciences such as IPC, Chemistry, or Physics (1 credit)	<b>3 credits</b>	<b>3 credits</b>
<b>Social Studies</b> *World Religions (1 credit) *World View (1 credit)	<b>3.5 credits</b>	<b>5 credits</b>
<b>Fine Arts</b>	<b>1 credit</b>	<b>1 credit</b>
<b>Foreign Languages</b> It is strongly recommended that both credits must be in the same language.	<b>2 credits</b>	<b>2 credits</b>
<b>Wellness</b>	<b>1 credit</b>	<b>1 credits</b>
<b>Character &amp; Personal Dev.</b> *Character Formation (.5 credit)	<b>.5 credit</b>	<b>.5 credit</b>
<b>Electives</b>	<b>5 credits</b>	<b>5 credits</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>23 credits</b>	<b>25 credits</b>

### Physical Education Credit

Until the spring of 2012, students received a maximum of 1 semester (0.5 credit) of Physical Education credit by being involved in KIA sponsored high school sports. The equivalent semester class time (55 hours) must be verified in practice or games in order to be granted 0.5 credits. This is no longer an option because of the addition of PE classes during the school day.

### Mandarin Language Credit

Because KIA does not offer a Mandarin course more advanced than AP Chinese Language and Culture, a high school student can earn 2 foreign language credits by attending AP Chinese Language and Culture and passing the semester exams or the Advanced Placement Exam

### Transfer Credits

Credits and letter grades earned from another educational institution or home school will be acknowledged by review of administration or counselor. Transcripts or proof of an organized curriculum is required.

### Course Offerings

The following courses are offered at KIA, along with their credit worth:

- **English:** World Literature (1), American Literature (1), Asian Literature (1), British Literature (1), Analysis of Literature (1), AP English Language (1), English Language Development/ELD (1 each year)
- **Math:** Algebra I (1), Geometry (1), Algebra II (1), Business Math (1), Advanced Math (1), AP Calculus AB (1)
- **Science:** Biology (1), Chemistry (1), Physics (1), Anatomy & Physiology (1), Forensics (1), AP Biology (1), AP Chemistry (1)
- **Social Studies:** World Geography (1), World History: Origins-1500 (1), World History: 1500-Present (1), U.S. History (1), U.S. Government (.5), Economics (.5), World Religions (1), Philosophy (.5), World View (1), Phil. of Contemporary Culture (.5)
- **Fine Arts:** Yearbook (.5), Drama (.5), Art (.5), Music (.5), Newspaper (.5), Film Appreciation (.5)
- **Foreign Language:** Communicative Chinese (1), Intermediate Chinese (1), Advanced Chinese (1), AP Prep Chinese (1), Content Literacy Support/CLS (1 each year), Spanish 1 (1), Spanish 2 (1)
- **Wellness:** PE (.5), Sports (.5 – can only receive .5 credit one time), Health (.5)
- **Character & Personal Development:** Character Formation (.5), College Prep (.5),
- **Online Courses:** To better enhance the learning experience, KIA offers a wide-range of online learning options. Students can take .5 and 1 credit courses online.

## Class Rank and Grade Point Average

Class rank is based on the grade point average of final semester course grades for grades 9-12 classes.

The grade point average is a compilation of all courses in grades 9-12. The following grade point designations are made:

Percentage	Letter Grade	GPA Value	GPA Value for AP Classes
98 – 100	A+	4.00	5.00
93 – 97	A	4.00	5.00
90 – 92	A-	3.67	4.67
88 – 89	B+	3.33	4.33
83 – 87	B	3.00	4.00
80 – 82	B-	2.67	3.67
78 – 79	C+	2.33	3.33
73 – 77	C	2.00	3.00
70 – 72	C-	1.67	2.67
68 – 69	D+	1.33	2.33
63 – 67	D	1	2.00
60 – 62	D-	0.67	1.67
0 – 59	F	0	0

## Transcript Designations

- **HC** – Homeschool credit
- **TC** – Transferred credit from other institution
- **OC** – Online course
- **L** – Refer to letter for more information
- **WP** – Withdraw/Pass (passing grade at point of withdrawal)
- **WF** – Withdraw/Fail (failing grade at point of withdrawal)
- **NC** – No credit
- **I** – Incomplete

## Curriculum

KIA uses an English-language college preparatory curriculum that is based on the American system. The educational program is adapted to the needs of the international student as much as possible. KIA seeks to include emphases that transcend any one culture or nationality.

## Standardized Testing

KIA is a test center for the PSAT, SAT, ACT and AP testing programs.

## SAT Average Test Results

Average for year students tested in	# tested	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
2011-2012	30	560	600	560
2012-2013	35	500	620	520
2013-2014	30	570	610	560
2014-2015	27	560	610	550
2015-2016 (Old SAT)	19	554	623	546
2015-2016 (New SAT)	5	606	616	

## ACT Average Test Results

Average for year students tested in	# students	English	Math	Reading	Science	Writing	Composite
2010-2011	8	25	25	26	24	22	25
2011-2012	9	25	25	28	24	23	26
2012-2013	4	27	26	29	26	26	27
2014-2015	5	30	28	31	28	28	30
2015-2016	4	23	22	25	25	25	24

## 2008-2016 AP Exam Results

Course	# of Students with Exam scores of...				
	5	4	3	2	1
Art History	2	1	2	2	5
Biology	25	7	5	1	0
Calculus AB	20	13	6	2	2
Chemistry	12	11	3	3	0
Chinese	89	23	7	0	0
Comp Govt & Pol	1	0	1	0	0
Comp Science A	0	0	0	1	0
Eng Lang & Comp	9	13	5	0	0
Eng Lit & Comp	1	1	2	2	0
European History	1	1	2	0	1
Human Geography	6	10	7	3	4
Italian Lang & Cul	1	0	0	0	0
Macroeconomics	0	2	1	0	0
Microeconomics	1	1	1	0	3
Music Theory	0	1	0	0	0
Psychology	21	16	9	4	7
Physics B (to 2014)	0	0	1	0	0
Physics 1	1	2	4	0	0
Statistics	1	3	4	0	0
US Govt & Pol	0	1	0	0	0
US History	2	1	1	1	0
World History	7	11	14	1	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>

## Community Service

Each spring all high school students are invited to attend the KIA service trip which may count as their 25 required hours. The students spend 3-5 days in a Chinese village serving the people by helping with various construction projects, teaching English, computer education and other needs of the people.

Students are also required to complete a senior service learning project during the fall of grade 12. Each student completes 25 hours of community service in an area of their choice. Each student prepares a presentation and shares their experiences with students, staff and parents.

## Extra-Curricular Activities

KIA supports a comprehensive school activities program intended to enhance the physical, social, emotional, spiritual, artistic, and intellectual growth of students and offer opportunities for developing qualities of leadership, character, service, and cultural appreciation. All students involved in KIA-sponsored activities must read and agree to the expectations and policies available in the guidance office or online.

KIA offers the following options for students to participate in as extra-curricular activities:

- Boys & Girls Basketball
- Soccer
- Drama & Musical Performances (cast & crew)
- Christmas Program
- Boys & Girls Volleyball
- Student Government
- Student Leadership Team
- Orchestra
- Track & Field

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Academy of Art Institute (CA, USA); Asbury College (KY, USA); Ateneo De Manila University (Philippines); Azusa Pacific University (CA, USA); Baylor University (TX, USA); Berea College (KY, USA); Belhaven University (MS, USA); Biola University (CA, USA); California State University, Northridge (CA, USA); Cairn University (PA, USA); Calvin College (MI, USA); Carroll College (WI, USA); Capernwray Bible College (UK); Crown College (MN, USA); Culver-Stockton College (MO, USA); Drexel University (PA, USA); Dallas Baptist University (TX, USA); Evangel University (MS, USA); Grand Canyon University (AZ, USA); Geneva School of Diplomacy (Switzerland); Georgia Tech (GA, USA); Hofstra Honors College (NY, USA); Hong Kong Chinese University (HK); Hong Kong University (HK); Hong Kong University of Science & Technology (Hong Kong); Hope College (MI, USA); Houghton College (NY, USA); Kasetsart University (Thailand); Liberty University (VA, USA); McGill University (Quebec, Canada); Mississippi State University (MS, USA); Montana State University (MT, USA); Moody Bible Institute (IL, USA); New Mexico State (NM, USA); Newcastle University (UK); Otago University (New Zealand); North Carolina State University (NC, USA); Parsons School for Design (NJ, USA); Pratt Institute (NY, USA); Rollins College (FL, USA); Roskilde University (Denmark); Seattle Pacific University (WA, USA); Southern Illinois University (IL, USA); Susquehanna University (PA, USA); Taylor University (IN, USA); Tufts University (MA, USA); Trinity Western University (Canada); University of California, Irvine (CA, USA); University of Florida (FL, USA); University of New York, Albany (NY, USA); University of New York, Buffalo (NY, USA); University of Portland (OR, USA); University of Western Sydney (Australia); University of Rhode Island (RI, USA); University of Witwatersrand (South Africa); Ventura College (CA, USA); Virginia Commonwealth University (VA, USA); Virginia Tech University (VA, USA); Western Washington University (WA, USA); Wheaton College (IL, USA); Wichita State University (KS, USA); William Carey University (MS, USA); Yonsei University (Seoul, Korea); York University (Ontario, Canada)