



# Nagoya International School

## 2020-2021 School Profile

*We empower our students to think creatively and critically, pursue lifelong learning and contribute positively to the global community.*

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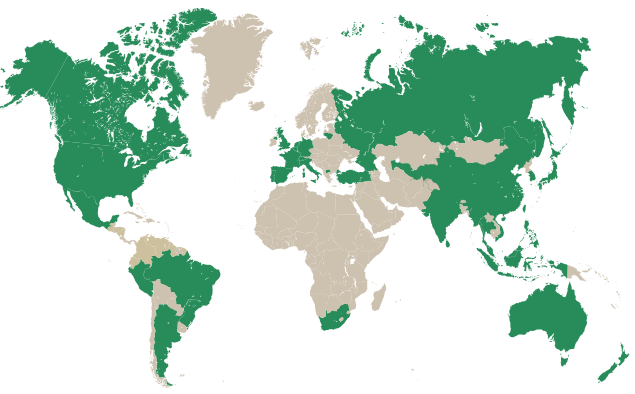
## Our School and Community

Nagoya International School (NIS) is an independent, non-profit, co-educational preschool-Grade 12 day school established in 1964 to serve the needs of the bicultural, international, and internationally minded community of Nagoya, Japan. NIS serves students whose parents work in the international business community, as well as Japanese nationals and other long-term foreign residents of Nagoya. Nagoya – along with the nearby city of Toyota and wider surrounding prefectures of Gifu, Mie and Shizuoka – is considered the center for Japan's automotive and aerospace industries. As a result, a number of students commute for up to four hours a day.

NIS is an inclusive school, and we enroll students with diverse gifts, talents and dreams who both benefit from the programs we offer and have the opportunity to achieve the objectives of our mission. The Grade 12 (Class of 2021) consists of 35 students, representing nine nationalities. Our total student enrollment is 465 (as of September 22) with approximately half the student population divided between Primary School (PreK-5) and Secondary School (grades 6-12). The Secondary School faculty consists of 51 teachers representing 12 different nationalities. School-wide, the student-teacher ratio is approximately 9:1.

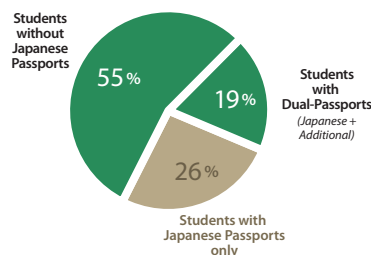
The 180-day school year is divided into two semesters, starting mid-August and finishing in mid-June.

### Student Nationalities (as of Sept. 22, 2020 = 36)

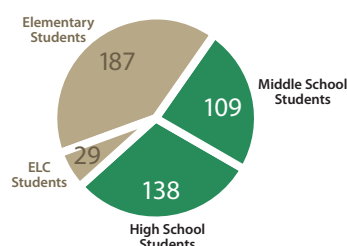


Argentina	India	Nepal	South Africa	UK
Australia	Indonesia	Netherlands	South Korea	US
Belgium	Italy	New Zealand	Spain	Uzbekistan
Brazil	Japan	Pakistan	Sri Lanka	Vietnam
Canada	Lithuania	Peru	Switzerland	
China	Macedonia	Philippines	Taiwan	
France	Malaysia	Portugal	Thailand	
Germany	Mexico	Russia	Turkey	

### Nationality Breakdown



### Enrollment by Division



### Home Languages

Afrikaans  
Chinese (Mandarin)  
English  
French  
German  
Hindi  
Indonesian  
Italian  
Japanese  
Kannada  
Korean  
Malayalam  
Nepali  
Portuguese  
Pushto  
Russian  
Spanish  
Tagalog  
Telugu  
Thai  
Turkish  
Ukrainian  
Urdu  
Uzbek  
Vietnamese

## Accreditation, Curriculum and Activities

NIS is accredited by the *Council of International Schools* (CIS) and the *Western Association of Schools and Colleges* (WASC) and is an authorized three program *IB World School*. NIS was authorized in 2008 to teach the IB Diploma level. All students in Grades 11 and 12 are encouraged to follow IB Diploma Programme (IBDP) courses and more than 90% take the full IB Diploma. All qualifying students also receive an accredited NIS High School diploma.

NIS offers a wide range of extracurricular activities, including: Choir, Chess Club, Dolphin Wave Newspaper, NIS Homebuilders, Model United Nations, Musicals, Nagoya Honor Society, Red Cross, Robotics Team, Service Dog Club, Student Council and Year-book. Sports include: Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Soccer, Softball, Tennis and Volleyball.

## IB Diploma Programme (IBDP) and Assessment

The IBDP is structured to provide students with a rigorous and balanced education, to facilitate geographic and cultural mobility, and to promote international understanding and awareness. Courses are examined externally in May of Grade 12, but all have at least a 20% internally assessed component that is externally moderated. Each subject is graded on a 1 (minimum) through 7 (maximum) scale. The following courses are taught at IB *Higher Level* (HL) and at *Standard Level* (SL):

**Languages A** English Literature • English Language & Literature • Japanese Language & Literature

**Languages B** English B • Japanese B • Japanese *ab initio* (SL only)

**Individuals & Societies** Economics • History

**Experimental Sciences** Biology • Physics • Chemistry • Environmental Systems & Societies (SL only)

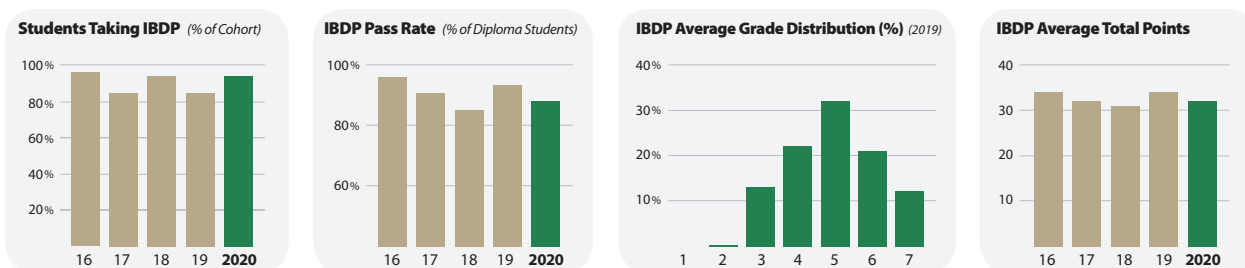
**The Arts** Visual Arts • Theater

**Mathematics** Applications & Interpretation • Analysis & Approaches

\* Students are able to study additional accredited IB courses through Pomoja Education online

## IBDP Results, Grades, and Class Rank

The maximum IBDP score is 45 points (*six courses=maximum 42 points, plus three extra points for TOK and the Extended Essay*). The IBDP at NIS is non-selective. NIS teachers predict grades within a one point range for a 93% level of accuracy.



NIS reports grades according to the full IB assessment criteria based on the 7-point scale. This scale is applied at a developmentally appropriate level within the context of a two-year course in the case of the DP in Grades 11 & 12. Grades are issued at the end of each semester. Due to our belief in criteria-referenced education in which students are judged against their learning, rather than against each other, NIS does not provide class ranking.

GPA can be calculated for NIS students but as high school courses span the IB MYP and DP programmes this is considered a less than ideal measure of our student's progress. A student's GPA is approximated using the following conversion: **7** (A+/4.3), **6** (A or A-/4.0), **5** (B+, B or B-/3.3), **4** (C+, C, or C-/2.3), **3** (D+/1.3), **2** (D/1.0), **1** (F/0), **0** (I-F/0).

## University Acceptances (Class of 2020)

### USA

College of Charleston  
Culinary Institute of America  
Emmanuel College  
Fordham University  
George Mason University  
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences  
Michigan State University  
Northeastern University  
Oberlin College  
Pace University  
Penn State Altoona  
Penn State University  
Purdue University  
Seattle University  
Texas A&M University  
University of California Berkeley  
University of California Davis (2)

University of California San Diego  
University of California Santa Cruz  
University of Colorado  
University of Florida  
University of North Dakota  
University of North Texas  
University of the Pacific  
University of San Francisco (2)  
University of Texas  
University of Utah (2)  
University of Washington (3)  
Washington State University

### CANADA

Dalhousie University  
Emily Carr University of Art and Design  
King's University College at Western University

McGill University  
McMaster University  
Mount Allison University  
Ontario College of Art and Design  
Queen's University  
University of British Columbia (3)  
University of Saskatchewan  
University of Toronto (2)  
York University

### UK (Conditional)

City London College  
King's College London (2)  
Queen Mary University  
University of Bath  
University of London College  
University of Sheffield  
University of St. Andrews

### JAPAN

Chuo University  
Hosei University (2)  
Keio University  
Ritsumeikan (3)  
Sophia University (3)  
Waseda University (2)

### OTHER

Tilburg University (2) (Netherlands)  
University of Amsterdam (Netherlands)  
University of Leiden (Netherlands)