



# THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF PORT OF SPAIN

CONFIDENCE EXCELLENCE INTEGRITY

## About ISPS

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. Graduates earn a US High School Diploma.

ISPS was founded in 1994 and has been accredited by The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools since 1996. Admission to the high school is non-selective.

ISPS families are local nationals or members of the expatriate business and diplomatic communities to Trinidad & Tobago. The High School (Grades 9-12) includes 131 students from around 20 different nations with approximately 77% local, 5% American, 6% from Latin America and 12 % from other countries, including the UK and Canada.

Educational and experiential trips are considered an important aspect of the curriculum. Community service is actively encouraged. Sporting events, cultural programs, student government, Model United Nations, drama productions and interaction with other regional American/International schools are scheduled throughout the year.

## Our Faculty

Sixteen full-time faculty members teach in the High School. Many of our teachers hold advanced degrees and/or have experience teaching in international schools worldwide.

ISPS teachers have an average of over 20 years of teaching experience. The average class size is 11 students.

## ISPS Curriculum

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.

## Credit for AP Courses

Most AP subjects are two credit courses. Human Geography, Statistics, Economics and Psychology are exceptions in that they are single credit courses.



## High School Profile 2018-2019

|                   |                            |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| AP Calculus AB    | AP English Lit. & Comp.    |
| AP Statistics     | AP English Lang. & Comp.   |
| AP Human Geog.    | AP Spanish Lang. & Culture |
| AP Psychology     | AP Physics 1               |
| AP Studio Art     | AP Physics 2               |
| AP World History  | AP Chemistry               |
| AP Microeconomics | AP Biology                 |
| AP Macroeconomics |                            |

Students are accepted into AP courses upon recommendation from teachers together with a minimum grade of "B" in prerequisite courses. ISPS offers no Honors courses.

At this time Community Service is not a graduation requirement.

## Grading System for 11&12 & Grade Point Averages

The school year consists of 182 instructional days divided into semesters and quarters. Formal grade reports are issued at the end of each quarter and exams taken at the end of each semester.

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.

|    |          |     |
|----|----------|-----|
| 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 |

## 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 five core academic areas of English, Math, Science, Social Science and Modern Languages according to the table below.

In addition to these, students must complete 2 credits in PE and a half credit in Computer Technology.

Electives and/ or additional academic credits make up the required 26.

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| English                  | 4         |
| Mathematics              | 3         |
| Social Studies           | 3         |
| Science                  | 3         |
| Foreign Language (same)  | 3         |
| <b>Total Academic</b>    | <b>16</b> |
| Physical Education       | 2         |
| Technology               | 0.5       |
| Electives/Other Academic | 7.5       |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>26</b> |

## Standardized Testing

In the High School, the following standardized tests are available: PSAT, SAT Reasoning Test, SAT Subject Tests, ACT and AP Exams. Students in grades 9 - 11 are required to do the PSATs. It is recommended that juniors do the SAT Reasoning Test 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.

## AP Results, 2013-2018

| Subject                            | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | Global Average (2017) |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------|
| Biology                            | 3.47    | 3.92    | 4       | 3.250   | 4.077   | 3.25                  |
| Calculus AB                        | 3.77    | 3.78    | 3.9     | 2.864   | 3.273   | 2.86                  |
| Calculus BC                        | 5.0     | -       | -       | -       | 4.0     | -                     |
| Chemistry                          | 2.8     | 2.33    | 2.11    | 3.15    | 3.059   | 3.15                  |
| Economics Macro                    | 3.73    | 4.17    | 3.93    | 2.54    | 2.963   | 2.54                  |
| Economics Micro                    | 3.64    | 4.06    | 3.85    | 3.09    | 3.375   | 3.09                  |
| English Lang                       | -       | -       | -       | 3.29    | 3.133   | 3.28                  |
| English Lit                        | 3.07    | 3.46    | 3.33    | 4.33    | 2.0     | 4.33                  |
| Environmental Science              | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                     |
| French                             | 5.0     | 3.0     | 5.0     | 4.25    | -       | 3.33                  |
| German Language                    | -       | -       | 5.0     | -       | 5.0     | -                     |
| Human Geography                    | 3.5     | 3.56    | 4.33    | 4.62    | 4.286   | 4.62                  |
| Physics B                          | 2.88    | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                     |
| Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism | 4.0     | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                     |
| Physics C: Mechanics               | 5.0     | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                     |
| Physics 1                          | -       | 3       | 3.00    | 2.5     | 2.467   | 2.5                   |
| Physics 2                          | -       | 3.2     | 3.00    | 3.5     | 2.600   | 3.5                   |
| Psychology                         | 3.08    | 3.31    | 2.81    | 3.58    | 3.056   | 3.58                  |
| Spanish Language                   | 4.8     | 4.67    | 4.25    | 4.29    | 4.125   | 4.29                  |
| Statistics                         | 3.25    | 3.5     | 3.29    | 2.4     | 1.714   | 2.4                   |
| Studio Art 2-D Design              | 3.2     | 3.0     | 4.5     | 4       | 3.333   | 4                     |
| Studio Art 3-D Design              | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                     |
| Studio Art Drawing Portfolio       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                     |
| US History                         |         | -       | 4.5     | -       | -       | -                     |
| World History                      | 3.13    | -       | 3.5     | -       | 3.529   | 3.04                  |
| European History                   | -       | 3.59    | -       | 3.05    | 3.045   | 2.71                  |
| Overall Average                    | 3.49    | 3.67    | 3.62    | 3.19    |         | -                     |
| Total No. of Exams                 | 166     | 218     | 188     |         |         |                       |
| Total Students                     | 79      | 105     | 85      |         |         |                       |

## Colleges

College Guidance at ISPS focuses on matching students with prospective colleges and universities. Following is a select list of colleges that our graduates have been accepted to in the last five years.

- American University, USA
- Bentley University, USA
- BES La Salle, Spain
- Boston University, USA
- Brock University, Canada
- Curry College, USA
- Duke University, USA
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ., USA
- Fordham University, USA
- George Washington University, USA
- Georgia Institute of Technology, USA
- Hofstra University, USA
- International Culinary Center, USA
- King's College London, UK
- La Univ. politécnica de Madrid, Spain
- Lawrence Technological University, USA
- Long Island University, Post, USA
- Lynn University, USA
- Manchester Metropolitan University, UK
- McGill University, Canada
- Mercer University, USA
- Northeastern University, USA
- Onondaga Community College, USA
- Oxford Brookes University, UK
- Pace University, New York City, USA
- Royal Coll. of Surgeons in Ireland, Ireland
- Royal Holloway, University of London, UK
- Saint Joseph's University, USA
- Savannah College of Art and Design, USA
- S. Alberta Inst. of Technol., Canada
- St Leo University, USA
- St. Edward's University, USA
- St. John's Uni. - Queens Campus, USA
- Stanford University, USA
- Syracuse University, USA
- Temple University, USA
- Texas Tech University, USA
- The George Washington University, USA
- UC Berkeley, UK
- Universidad de Carlos de II, Spain
- Universidad de Los Andes, Colombia
- Universidad de Navarra, Spain
- University College Cork, UK
- University of Aberdeen, UK
- University of Arkansas, USA
- University of Bristol, UK
- University of British Columbia, Canada
- Uni. of California, Santa Barbara, USA
- University of Central Florida, USA
- University of Colorado at Boulder, USA
- University of Edinburgh, UK
- University of Exeter, UK
- University of Florida, USA
- University of Guelph, Canada
- University of Houston, USA
- University of Lancaster, UK
- University of Louisiana, USA
- University of Miami, USA
- University of New Mexico, USA
- University of Pennsylvania, USA
- University of Reading, UK
- University of San Francisco, USA
- University of South Florida, Tampa, USA
- University of Surrey, UK
- University of Tampa, USA
- University of the West Indies, Trinidad
- University of Toronto, Canada
- University of Victoria, Canada
- University of Waterloo, Canada
- Virginia Tech, USA
- Western University, Canada

## The Grading System for 9&10

Progress in all MYP subjects can be monitored through our online grade-book. Formal reports are issued at the end of each quarter and semester. The MYP assessment criteria offer a rigorous evaluation of a students' academic achievement, while ISPS also reports on students' overall approach to learning skills.

(See Middle School Profile for Grading Scheme)

## SAT 1 Score Range

| Class of | Critical Reading | Math | Writing |
|----------|------------------|------|---------|
| 2014     | 538              | 542  | 538     |
| 2015     | 564              | 570  | 544     |
| 2016     | 584              | 589  | 561     |
| 2017     | 631              | 628  | N/A     |
| 2018     | 614              | 620  | N/A     |

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