

# Educating To Make A Difference



**Innovative Personalised  
ISS High School Diploma**



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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL  
SINGAPORE CAMPUS

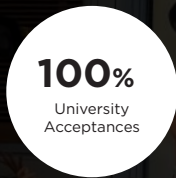
# 1 Innovative Personalised ISS High School Diploma Pathway

The ISS High School Diploma (HSD) program provides a personalised, two-year American-style curriculum fully accredited and recognised by universities worldwide.

The program empowers senior students to take charge of their learning, nurturing their academic interests and passions in a real-world environment. With a customized pathway to success, students gain valuable experience and skills, preparing them for future academic and career pursuits.



## HSD Programme Students



## QS World University Rankings



Pratt Institute

King's College  
London

## University Acceptances

ISS HSD graduates have gained university admissions to highly ranked universities such as Pratt Institute NYC, USA, King's College London UK, and Sophia University Japan.



# 2 Curriculum

The programme consists of 4 interrelated parts that are intentionally designed and carefully sequenced to enhance the development of students' skills and competencies, preparing them for a changing world.

## Foundation Courses

Students study Language, mathematics and English as foundation courses and use the course content and assessment framework to develop their skills and academic knowledge. Students also have the opportunity to sit for IB Diploma certificates in these areas.

## Specialised Courses

These courses such as Leadership and Civic Engagement and Entrepreneurship are challenging, transdisciplinary, inquiry and project-based, enabling students to create real-world applications of their learning. Evidence of learning is curated in a broad range of assessments and learning portfolios.

## Portfolio

Provides students with the opportunity to gradually move their learning beyond the classroom and meaningfully tackle real-world situations and challenges.

The portfolio includes a variety of:

- global stewardship projects
- awareness campaigns
- entrepreneurial projects
- personal and professional portfolio projects including, development of competitive profiles for university applications



## ISS HSD Capstone Project

The capstone project is a cumulative learning experience. The capstone project asks students to create impactful, innovative and authentic projects. Students propose a real-world application of their project and develop a plan for completion during their final year.



# 3 Constructing Competencies

Competency-based learning is a powerful approach that focuses on developing specific skills, abilities, and knowledge. The ISS HSD programme equips students with the skills they need to succeed in a constantly changing world.



Self-directed learning and project-based experiences lead to being **Purposeful**



Communication and teamwork leads to **Empathic Communicators**



Critical and creative thinking leads to **Lateral Thinking**



Prepares students for a changing world



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## Portrait of A Graduate



### Nurturing Mindset

Leadership & Team Work  
Local & Global Perspectives  
Ethical Decision Making  
Adaptability

### Empowering Learning Experiences

Real-world Context  
Project-based Learning  
Community-based Learning  
Rigorous and Relevant Lessons  
Capstone Project

### Lateral Thinking

### Prepared For A Changing World

### Empathic Communicator

### Purposeful

### Inspiring Skills

Self-directed Motivator  
Engaged Global Citizen  
Solution-oriented  
Project Leader  
Social & Emotional IQ

# HSD & Traditional Schooling

## A Comparison

### HSD Programme

Emphasises diverse assessment methods such as projects, portfolios, and real-world applications, promoting deeper understanding and critical thinking.

**Nurtures holistic development by integrating academics with real-world experiences, ethics, and community engagement.**

Prioritises competency-based learning, ensuring students achieve mastery in skills and knowledge before moving forward.

**Equips students with practical skills, critical thinking, and problem-solving abilities, preparing them for university and career success.**

Encourages innovative teaching methods, integrating technology and experiential learning to enhance engagement and understanding.

### Traditional School

Primarily relies on standardised tests and exams, which may not fully capture students' practical skills and abilities.

**Primarily focuses on academic subjects, often overlooking character development and practical life skills.**

Relies on fixed timelines for syllabus completion, which might not allow sufficient time for mastery.

**Focuses on rote memorisation and test-taking skills, which may not translate effectively to real-world scenarios.**

Primarily employs traditional teaching methods, which might not resonate with all students' learning preferences.

#### Assessment Practices

#### Holistic Approach

#### Skill Mastery

#### Career Preparation

#### Innovative Learning

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## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQS)

### **School Year**

Semester 1 - August to December  
Semester 2 - January to June

### **School Hours**

From 8am to 3pm for all grade levels.

### **Average Class Size**

15 - 20 students

### **Nationalities of the students in school**

A mixture of Japanese, Chinese, Korean, UK, US, Australian, Indian, Thai, Singaporeans, Russian, etc.

### **Are interviews for prospective students required?**

As and when necessary.

### **Does the school accept Student's Pass (STP) holders?**

Yes, as an EduTrust certified school, ISS accepts Student's Pass (STP) holders. However, approval is at the discretion of the Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) Singapore.

Following a successful application and confirmation of the offer from us, we will initiate the STP registration process. A Registration Acknowledgement Letter from ICA will then be provided to the family and/or applicant to proceed with the formal online application with ICA directly.

### **EAL Support**

EAL (English as an Additional Language) support is provided across Primary School and High School.

### **Rolling Enrolment**

We accept applications throughout the year and practise rolling enrolment to accommodate families who may be relocating to Singapore at various times of the year. Places are subject to availability and all application requirements.

### **Technology Requirement**

Students from Grade 6 to Grade 12 are required to have their own MacBook. Software installation will be done at school.





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