



School Profile 2021-2022

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Accreditations:

The International Baccalaureate Organization to offer the IB Diploma Programme (IBDP)

The University of Cambridge International Examinations as a registered test center

Edexcel Pearson IGCSE as a registered test center

New England Association of Schools and Colleges

What Makes us Different

The British International School of Boston (BISB) is a non-sectarian, co-educational, college preparatory, independent, day school located in Boston. From Toddlers through High School, each child's academic success is rooted in a globally-recognized combination of highly-acclaimed international curricula presented by exceptional faculty.

BISB goes beyond traditional education by providing students with global opportunities and perspectives. As a member of Nord Anglia Education, a family of 75 premium schools in 29 countries, BISB provides its students with enriched curricula through collaborations with The Juilliard School, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and UNICEF. Worldwide learning opportunities are offered through our Global Campus platform, from expeditions and experiences in Tanzania and Switzerland, to summer programs and international sports competitions.

Community & Environment

BISB serves 485 students from 18 months to 18 years, representing 80+ heritages, with 75% of the community from the US. There are 103 students in the Middle School and 91 in the High School. The early years program begins at 18 months. Subsequently students move on to UK Reception through Year 13, equivalent to US Pre-K through Grade 12.

BISB has 54 full-time and 3 part-time teaching staff, providing a faculty to student ratio of 1:5. The experienced teaching staff are recruited from the United Kingdom and international schools worldwide.

Grading System

Three grades are reported on transcripts per academic year, whereby the final grade in Years 11 & 13 (grades 10 & 12) are attained via externally assessed examinations from the respective curricula at each level of study. Grades are representative of student attainment (across several summative and formative assessments), which is derived from challenging replica of IGCSE & IBDP assessments. IGCSE grades are awarded in letters whereas the IBDP grades are awarded as numbers; outlined by each awarding organization. For more information, see grading criteria for each curriculum program and the BISB Grade conversion. We do not rank GPA.

High School Curriculum

BISB attracts families seeking a high-quality and internationally-based education with a strong global perspective. The rigor of the High School curricula builds upon the challenging Middle School curriculum. Our High School curriculum is divided into two levels; each level is a separate two-year course of study. Both programs have earned a reputation for rigorous assessment, where each student's performance is measured against internationally established norms. Level 1 (Grades 9 and 10) is built upon the IGCSE (International General Certificate of Secondary Education), a program where students typically study ten subjects concurrently for two years. Level 2 (Grades 11 and 12) is built upon the prestigious IBDP (International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme), which provides a challenging, internationally-focused educational experience.

To receive an IB diploma, a student must receive a minimum of 24 out of 45 points; the world-wide average score is 33 points and the percentage of students receiving the diploma is 89%. In 2021 **100% of BISB students have attained the IB diploma with an average score of 37.** The academic programs at BISB are time-intensive, therefore the number and range of extra-curricular activities are limited.

Suggested Grade Conversion

IBDP	IGCSE	USA	GPA
7	A*	A+	4.5
6	A	A	4.0
5	B	B+	3.5
4	C	B	3.0
-	D	C+	2.5
3	E	C	2.0
-	F	D+	1.5

IGCSE (International General Certificate of Secondary Education) Course Offerings:

Required Courses:

Biology
Chemistry
English Language
English Literature
History
Physics
Mathematics
Spanish or French

Three Electives from:

Additional Foreign Language
Advanced Mathematics
Business Studies
Computer Science
Drama
Geography
Physical Education
Music
Visual Art

IBDP (International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme)

Course Offerings:

1. English Literature (HL/SL), English Language and Lit (HL/SL)
2. Spanish B (SL or HL), Spanish ab initio (SL), French B (SL or HL), French B ab initio (SL)
3. History (SL) or History of the Americas (HL), Business Management (HL/SL), Psychology (SL)
4. Mathematics AI (HL or SL), Mathematics AA (HL or SL)
5. Biology (SL or HL), Chemistry (HL or SL), Physics (HL/SL), Environmental Systems & Societies (SL), Computer Science (SL & HL)
6. Electives: Visual Arts (SL or HL), Business & Management (HL & SL), Theatre (HL), Film (HL/SL)

Global Campus

Our Global Campus helps students explore the world, learn new skills and set their sights higher, developing a truly international perspective through outstanding online, in-school and worldwide experiences. From our in-school challenges to expeditions in Tanzania or Switzerland, we inspire your child to be ambitious in their learning.

Model United Nations

Our Model UN club is another great way our global campus gives our students opportunities to both see the world, and learn from it. Last year the students had a truly international experience with meetings in Monterrey, Mexico and New York City.

Duke of Edinburgh

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is the world's leading youth achievement award. The British International School of Boston is proud to be the only school in the metro Boston area to offer The Award and has been doing so since 2006. In 2017 we were pleased to have our first participant complete their Gold Award!

U.S. College Acceptances and Matriculations 2017-21

*Denotes multiple acceptances

American University*	Seattle University
Babson College*	Simmons University – Dean's Scholarship
Bard College	St. Lawrence University
Bates College*	St. Michael's College
Beloit College	Stonehill College
Bentley University*	Syracuse University*
Berklee College of Music	Trinity College
Boston College*	Tufts University*
Boston University*	Union College
Brandeis University	U. of California – San Diego
Bryant University	U. of California – Santa Barbara
Case Western Reserve University	U. of California, Santa Cruz
Colby College	U. of Connecticut
College of the Holy Cross*	U. of Delaware
College of Wooster	U. of Denver*
Connecticut College	U. of Maryland, Baltimore County (Honors Program)
Cornell College	U. of Massachusetts – Honors College
DePaul University	U. of Massachusetts Amherst*
Drew University	U. of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
Earlham College	U. of Massachusetts, Lowell*
Embry Riddle University	U. of Massachusetts, Lowell, Honors Program
Emerson College*	U. of Miami
Fordham University*	U. of New England
Georgia Institute of Technology	U. of New Hampshire
Grinnell College	U. of Pennsylvania - Wharton Business School
Harvard University	U. of Rhode Island
Juniata College	U. of Rochester
Kalamazoo College	U. of Tampa
Lawrence University	U. of Vermont
Lewis & Clark College	Wake Forest University
Macalester College*	Washington University, St. Louis
Marist College	Wentworth Institute of Technology*
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	Westminster College
Mercyhurst University	Wheaton College*
Merrimack College	Wilson College
Miami University (OH)	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Northeastern University*	Worcester State University
Northeastern University–Deans Scholarship	
Northeastern University–Honors College	
Oberlin College	
Occidental College*	
Purdue University	
Quinnipiac University	
Reed College	
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	
Rochester Institute of Technology*	
Sarah Lawrence College	

International College Acceptances and Matriculations 2017-21

United Kingdom:	Newcastle University	University College London	University of Warwick*	York University
Abertay University	Nottingham Trent University	University of Edinburgh*	Canada:	Netherlands:
Bath Spa University	Oxford Brookes University	University of Exeter*	Acadia University	Erasmus University
City University of London	Richmond, The American University London	University of Glasgow	Bishop's University	Leiden University
Dublin City University	Royal Holloway, U. of London	University of Liverpool	Dalhousie University	Portugal:
Durham University*	University College London*	University of Manchester	McGill University	Nova School of Business & Economics
Imperial College London*	University of Bath	University of Reading	Mount Allison University	Spain:
Keele University	University of Brighton	University of Southampton	Quest University	Cardinal Herrera University
Kings College London*	University of Bristol	University of St Andrews*	Ryerson University	CUNEF
Lancaster University*	University of Cambridge	University of Surrey*	Trent University	St. Louis University, Madrid
Loughborough University			University of British Columbia*	UFV
			University of Lethbridge	Sweden:
			University of Toronto*	Karolinska Institute