

School Profile

2026/2027

Copenhagen International School

Copenhagen International School (CIS) is one of the founding IB World Schools, nestled right in the heart of Copenhagen, Denmark. Founded in 1963, CIS is home to 850 students aged between 3-19 from 80 countries. The primary and secondary school campuses were brought together in 2018 in a flagship of sustainability in the modern district of Nordhavn.

Vision

Educating champions of a just and sustainable world

Mission

Learning to build community. Copenhagen International School will develop the potential of each learner by offering educational excellence in a stimulating environment of cultural diversity and mutual respect.

Accreditation

CIS is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and is fully authorised by the International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO) to deliver the Primary Years, Middle Years, and Diploma of the International Baccalaureate Programmes. CIS is certified to award a U.S. High School Diploma and the IB Diploma.



School and community

Countries* represented: 80
Enrolment: 800
Secondary School: 510
Class of 2026: 90

*Denmark 21 %, USA 16 %; UK 7 %;
India 4 %, Germany 4 %

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Academic Programmes

CIS offers an academically rigorous university/college preparatory programme in the English language. Students in Grades 6 -10 complete the IB Middle Years Programme, while the majority of students in Grades 11-12 follow the IB Diploma Programme curriculum. All CIS students are working toward a NEASC accredited U.S. High School Diploma. CIS believes in open access; therefore, any student who wishes to take the full IB Diploma Programme is able to enrol in this course of study. 73 students of the Class of 2027 are IB Diploma candidates, with 5 students enrolled in high school courses, which largely follow the IB curriculum.

Application Policy

Students are strongly advised to submit no more than 10-12 college applications. Admissions offices can be confident that any application from CIS is a well-considered and thoughtful submission.

(Note: UCAS, University of California, and Danish applications each count as a single application.)

Graduation Requirements

To earn our U.S. High School Diploma, students are required to earn a minimum of 22 credits and fulfil our Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) requirements. With a passing grade of 3, we issue 0.5 credits for semester-long courses and a year-long course earns 1.0 credit. The chart indicates the minimum number of credits required in each discipline.

Required

SUBJECT	CREDIT	
English	4*	<i>*The fourth English credit must be completed during Grade 12.</i>
Mathematics	3	
Individuals & Societies	3	
Sciences	3	
Languages	3	
Electives	4	
Physical & Health Edu	2	
Total	22	

Assessment

CIS awards achievement grades once every semester using the 1-7 grading system of the IB. Assessment is criterion referenced using either MYP grade descriptors in Grades 6-10, or IB Diploma descriptors in Grades 11 and 12. In both cases, a grade of 3 is considered to be the minimum passing grade. Student rankings are not used in our grading policy. CIS is operated in accordance with all applicable Danish regulations for private schools and gymnasiums.

Achievement Grade

- 7 Excellent
- 6 Very Good
- 5 Good
- 4 Satisfactory
- 3 Basic
- 2 Poor (no credit)
- 1 Very Poor (no credit)

Grading Scale

GRADING SYSTEM

Grade 11 and 12: IB DP

Standard Level	GPA Standard Level (SL)	GPA Higher Level (HL)	GPA US High School level
7	4.25	4.5	4
6	4	4.25	3.70
5	3.75	4	3.3
4	3	3.25	2.7
3	2.25	2.5	2
2	1.25	1.5	1.0
1	0	0	0

IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME COURSES OFFERED*

GROUP 1: Language & Literature

- English A Language & Literature HL/SL
- Danish A Literature HL/SL
- Self-taught Literature A SL

GROUP 2: Language Acquisition

- Danish B HL/SL
- French B HL/SL
- German B HL/SL
- Spanish B HL/SL
- German ab initio SL
- Danish ab initio SL

GROUP 3: Individuals & Societies

- Business Management HL/SL
- Economics HL/SL
- Geography HL/SL
- History HL/SL
- Environmental Systems & Societies, HL/SL

GROUP 4: Sciences

- Biology HL/SL
- Chemistry HL/SL
- Computer Science HL/SL
- Physics HL/SL
- Environmental Systems & Societies HL/SL

GROUP 5: Mathematics

- Mathematics Analysis & Approaches HL/SL
- Mathematics Applications & Interpretations HL/SL

GROUP 6: The Arts

- Music HL/SL
- Theatre HL/SL
- Visual Arts HL/SL

**All courses are also offered at High School Diploma level*

IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME RESULTS

	2026	2025	2024	2023
Full Diploma Entries	82	89	69	65
IB Course Entries	8	0	4	5
Diplomas awarded	77	85	64	57
Pass Rate (CIS)	94%	95.5%	93%	88%
Pass Rate (Global)	82.6%	81.26%	80%	79%
Mean Diploma Score (CIS)	34	33	34	34
Global Mean	30.9	30.58	30	30
Highest Diploma Score (Max 45)	43	44	44	45

UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

United Kingdom

Birkbeck, University of London
Brighton and Sussex Medical School
Cardiff University
City St George's, University of London
Durham University
Glasgow School of Art
Imperial College London
King's College London
Kingston University
Lancaster University
Loughborough University
Northeastern University London
Queen Mary University of London
Regent's University London
Royal Holloway, University of London
University College London
University of Bath
University of Brighton
University of Chester
University of Derby
University of East London
University of Edinburgh
University of Essex
University of Exeter
University of Kent
University of Leeds
University of Liverpool
University of Manchester
University of Nottingham
University of Portsmouth
University of Reading
University of Sheffield
University of Southampton
University of St Andrews
University of Staffordshire
University of Surrey
University of the Arts London
University of the West of England
University of Warwick
University of Westminster
University of Winchester
University of York

Europe

American College Dublin (Ireland)
American University of Paris (France)
American University of Rome (Italy)
Amsterdam University College (Netherlands)
BIMM University Berlin (Germany)
Center Air Pilot Academy (Denmark)
Comillas ICADE, Universidad Pontificia Comillas (Spain)
Copenhagen Business School (Denmark)
Delft University of Technology, TU Delft (Netherlands)
École Polytechnique (France)
EHL Hospitality Business School (Switzerland)
Eindhoven University of Technology (Netherlands)
Erasmus University College (Netherlands)
Erasmus University Rotterdam (Netherlands)
Esade (Spain)
ÉSEC Paris (France)
ESEI International Business School (Spain)
ESIC University (Spain)
ESRA Nice (France)
EU Business School (Spain, Germany and Switzerland)
European School of Economics, Madrid (Spain)
Forward College (Portugal, France and Germany)
Franklin University Switzerland (Switzerland)
GBSB Global Business School (Spain and Malta)
Gdańsk University of Technology (Poland)
IE University (Spain)
KEDGE Business School (France)
KTH Royal Institute of Technology (Sweden)
Lancaster University Leipzig (Germany)
Leiden University (Netherlands)
Luiss University (Italy)
Luxembourg School of Business (Luxembourg)
Maastricht University (Netherlands)
Macromedia University of Applied Sciences (Germany)
Medical University of Gdańsk (Poland)
Medical University of Łódź (Poland)
Neapolis University Pafos (Cyprus)
Norwegian University of Life Sciences, NMBU (Norway)
Poznań University of Medical Sciences (Poland)
Radboud University (Netherlands)
Roskilde University (Denmark)
Saint Louis University, Madrid Campus (Spain)
SBS Swiss Business School, Barcelona Campus (Spain)
Stockholm School of Economics (Sweden)
TBS Education (France)
Universidad Europea de Madrid (Spain)
University College Cork (Ireland)
University of Amsterdam (Netherlands)
University of Gdańsk (Poland)
University of Groningen (Netherlands)
University of Navarra (Spain)
University of New York in Prague (Czechia)
Utrecht University (Netherlands)
Webster Geneva Campus (Switzerland)
Willem de Kooning Academy (Netherlands)

Asia & Oceania

Australian National University (Australia)
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Hong Kong SAR, China)
International Christian University (Japan)
Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence (United Arab Emirates)
Ritsumeikan University (Japan)
Sophia University (Japan)
Waseda University (Japan)

Canada

Concordia University
Fraser International College
Humber College
Huron University
International College of Manitoba
McGill University
McMaster University
Ontario Tech University
Queen's University
Saint Mary's University, Halifax
University of British Columbia
University of Toronto
University of Waterloo
Western University

UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

United States

American University
Augustana College
Beloit College
Binghamton University, SUNY
Bucknell University
Butler University
California Lutheran University
Calvin University
Case Western Reserve University
Central Connecticut State University
Chaminade University of Honolulu
Christopher Newport University
Colgate University
College of Charleston
Columbia College Chicago
Concordia College
Cotley College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Florida International University
Foothill-De Anza Community College District
George Mason University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Glenville State University
High Point University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hollins University
Houston Christian University
Illinois College
Iowa State University
Juniata College

Kenyon College
Lewis University
Louisiana State University
MCPHS University
Milwaukee School of Engineering
Missouri Southern State University
The New School
Newman University
Northeastern University
Northwest Missouri State University
Ohio Northern University
Ohio State University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Old Dominion University
Purdue University Fort Wayne
Purdue University Northwest
Queens College, CUNY
Quinnipiac University
San Diego State University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Simpson College
Snow College
Springfield College
Stony Brook University, SUNY
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
SUNY Geneseo
Syracuse University
Texas A&M University
Trinity College, Connecticut
Tulane University

United States Naval Academy
University at Buffalo, SUNY
University of Alabama
University of Arizona
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Merced
University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Connecticut
University of Dayton
University of Iowa
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota Twin Cities
University of Missouri
University of Mount Union
University of Nevada, Reno
University of Redlands
University of San Francisco
University of South Dakota
University of Tennessee at Martin
University of Texas at San Antonio
University of the Incarnate Word
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Virginia Commonwealth University
Wake Forest University
Washington College
Wesleyan College
Wheaton College
Whittier College
William & Mary
Woodbury University
Xavier University
York College of Pennsylvania

Global Top 50 (Times Higher Education)

Imperial College London
University College London
University of Edinburgh
King's College London
University of Toronto

Global Top 50 (QS Rankings)

Imperial College London
University College London
University of Edinburgh
University of Manchester
University of Toronto
King's College London