SCHOOL PROFILE 2026 — 2027

SHANGHAI HONGRUN BOYUAN SCHOOL

Located on a beautiful, ten-acre lakeside campus adjacent to the ancient water town of Zhujiajiao in Shanghai's western Qingpu district, SHBS was founded in 2018 by a group of lifelong international educators. Our residential campus offers state-of-the-art resources, including science and STEAM laboratories; an arts center with painting, digital arts, and ceramics studios; music practice, performance, and recording spaces; and recreational facilities for a range of sports, including basketball, tennis, tai chi, golf, and crew. With our values of dignity, honor, respect, and integrity, students' personal and intellectual discovery is fostered through a rigorous course of study grounded in discussion- and inquiry-based learning.

SHBS offers a comprehensive US-AP curriculum as an affiliate of Griggs International Academy; GIA approves and audits all elements of instruction and operations. SHBS is licensed by the Shanghai Education Bureau as a private, non-profit high school, and is independently accredited by Cognia, is an authorized ACT test center, and is a Cambridge International School. We are also a proud InitialView Partner School and intend for all students to engage in the interview process as part of their personal growth and self-reflection in the college application experience.

GRIGGS INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY is owned and operated by Andrews University and is accredited by Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. GIA issues final transcripts; upon graduation, students receive a Griggs diploma. For more information, visit www.griggs.edu.

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LEADERSHIP AND COUNSELING



Head of School Wenguo 'Bowen' Chen was a founding member of the administrative team at Shanghai High School, International Division, and spent more than twenty years in leadership positions helping to establish it as one of the most highly regarded international schools in the country. He spearheaded the introduction of AP and IB curricula in China, is a distinguished physics teacher, and consults regularly on the development of international education for Chinese students.



Ms. Chunman Lin is Director of Academic Programs and Student Advising and leader of our college counseling and academic affairs team. With more than ten years' experience working in international education, Chuman is integral in creating innovative learning opportunities for students. An MA graduate of the University of Georgia, she is also a highly experienced AP Micro and Macro Economics teacher. Her email address is: linchuman@shbs.org.cn



Dr. Daniel McCarthy is Director of Foreign Academic Affairs, where he supports student advising and college counseling. With over 15 years of experience in international education, he has taught a range of humanities subjects at both high school and university levels. Dr. McCarthy has studied and worked across multiple countries and continents, bringing his extensive international and comparative perspective to his teaching and advising roles. His email address is: daniel.mccarthy@shbs.org.cn



Mr. Nicholas Han is Assistant Director of Student Advising and has six years' experience guiding students and leading career discovery programs. A business graduate of Jiangnan University and having studied computer science at University of Alberta, he was most recently the International Program director for China at Downing College, University of Cambridge. His email address is: hanchao@shbs.org.cn



Mr. Alec Gebhart is Director of the English Department, supporting faculty and staff to best guide and teach students, and joins the advising team as a college counselor. With over six years of experience across Japan, the United States and China, he is a graduate of Arizona State University and holds an MA TESOL from Grand Canyon University. He also teaches AP Seminar and oversees the English Foundation program. His email address is: alec@shbs.org.cn



Ms. Zilin Miao is Asst. College Advisor and supports students as they discover their full academic potential. A graduate of The College of William and Mary with Masters Degrees from both the University of Bath and LSE, she helps manage our alumni network, special programs, and teaches economics. Her email address is:
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The class of 2027 will have **60 graduates** and there are **240 underclassmen** enrolled in grades nine (80), ten (85), and eleven (75). All are Chinese nationals and 95% live on campus.

229 alumni from our first eight graduating classes have enrolled at schools including (*denotes multiple):

ArtCenter College of Design
Bates College
Boston University*
Bryn Mawr College
California College of the Arts
Claremont-McKenna College
Colorado College
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Denison University
Dickinson College
Emory University*
Franklin & Marshall College*
Grinnell College*
King's College London*
Lafayette College
Lehigh University*
Macalester College*
Monash University*
Mount Holyoke College*
New York University*
Northeastern University*
Occidental College*
Parsons School of Design*
Pitzer College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*
Rutgers University–New Brunswick*
Scripps College
Skidmore College*
The Ohio State University*
Tulane University*
UCLA
UC—Berkeley*
UC—Davis*
UC—Irvine*
UNC-Chapel Hill
University College London (UCL)*
University of California San Diego*
University of California Santa Barbara*
University of Chicago
University of Edinburgh
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*
University of Manchester*
University of Maryland
University of Melbourne*
University of New South Wales*
University of Rochester*
University of Southern California*
University of Sydney
University of The Arts London*
University of Toronto*
University of Virginia
University of Warwick*
University of Washington*
University of Wisconsin–Madison*
Waseda University

TEACHING FACULTY

Sixteen international educators, primarily from the US and UK, and thirty-two bilingual Chinese nationals who pursued studies in the Anglophone world, compose our faculty, with more than 75% holding graduate degrees, for a student to faculty ratio of six-to-one.

AP COURSES 2025 – 2026

Biology (3.7)
Chemistry (3.8)
Human Geography
Macroeconomics (3.9)
Music Theory (3.0)
Physics 1 (3.3)
Psychology (3.7)
Calculus AB (3.8) / BC (4.4)
Computer Science A (2.9)
Language & Comp.
Microeconomics (3.3)
U.S. History
Statistics (3.1)
Physics C: Elec. & Mag. (4.2)

(if more than 5 test results SHBS' average score is given in parentheses)

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND CURRICULUM

English — 4 units, non-ESL, including American Literature: Honors-level courses begin with English I, AP Seminar is offered in Grade 10, and elective courses have included Women's Literature and Contemporary Literature.

Science — 3 units, including Biology: after a ninth-grade integrated science course, all subjects are offered at Honors- and AP-levels.

Social Studies — 3 units, including U.S. History and Government: electives include Economics, Human Geography, and Psychology, as standard and AP courses.

Mathematics — 3 units, with standard-level courses in Geometry, Algebra II, Precalculus, and Financial Algebra, and Honors and AP courses in Geometry, Precalculus, Calculus, and Statistics, with Honors Further Math as our highest-level, post-AP course.

Fine Arts — 1 unit, including Intro. Fine Arts, Music Appreciation, Theater and Drama Arts, Advanced Studio Arts, Advanced Performing Arts, and Music Theory.

Electives — 4 units, including Technology (Intro. and AP Computer Science), Health, and Physical Education.

Building Shanghai — each year, all students participate in one of fifteen or more project groups for a week-long, immersive learning experience that includes extensive off-campus engagement and service.

ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT

SHBS has a rigorous curriculum with efficacious assessment of students' performance. Grading includes class participation, formative and summative assignments, as well as mid-term and final examinations. GPA is calculated on a 4.0 scale, with Honors and AP courses weighted by 0.4 and 0.8 points, respectively. Students are not ranked; reference can be made to our average student GPAs which reflect a conscientious effort to avoid inflation.

APPLICATION INTEGRITY

The school only submits academic credentials directly, either via a secure platform like Common App, Cialfo, or Parchment, or from an @shbs.org.cn domain email. No letters are provided to students nor does the school accept references written on their behalf. Credits from prior transcripts are noted clearly and originals are kept on file; SHBS will not accept any grade changes or modifications, and they are clearly indicated as such. GIA issues official transcripts.

GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

SHBS values international citizenship as essential to its mission. We partner with World Leadership School to offer programs in Nepal, Morocco, and Tanzania, and have travel exchanges with schools and communities in Germany, Italy, Spain, Netherlands and the US.

G12 Avg. Unweighted 3.33 Avg. Weighted 3.73 **G9-G11** Avg. Unweighted 2.83 Avg. Weighted 3.21