



## HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2010 - 2011

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### MISSION STATEMENT

Saigon South International School is a college preparatory school committed to the intellectual and personal development of each student in preparation for a purposeful life as a global citizen.

Core Values: SSIS believes in and promotes...

- Academic Excellence
- Sense of Self
- Dedicated Service
- Balance in Life
- Respect for All

### WHO WE SERVE

Saigon South International School was founded by the Phu My Hung Land Development Corporation in 1997 for preschool through 4th grade in an effort to meet the educational needs of families moving into the south Saigon area. In the following five years SSIS added 5th grade through 12th grade. The student population represents over 30 countries with the highest percentage coming from the Korea, U.S.A, Vietnam and Taiwan.

The current school enrollment is 750 students with approximately 180 in high school, grades 9-12. Facilities that support learning include three libraries, several computer labs, an auditorium, swimming pool and two gymnasiums. Wireless internet access is available throughout the school.

Due to the continued growth of the Phu My Hung area of Saigon South, the school undertook construction of a new high school building which was completed in early 2011. This new facility provides additional

classrooms, science labs and a dedicated library for the high school student body.

### FACULTY

Our instructional teaching staff of 75 full-time teachers is internationally experienced and represents 12 different countries. The school has a student teacher ratio of 10:1 and employs a full time nurse, an educational psychologist, and three counselors. Over 70% of our teachers hold advanced degrees and the school actively promotes professional development, both onsite and at regional conferences and summer programs.

### CURRICULUM

Saigon South International School offers a college preparatory high school curriculum. While the overall curriculum is an American based program leading to a U.S. high school diploma, the 11th and 12th grade offers the additional option for the International Baccalaureate Diploma program. The IB Diploma Program is a demanding pre-university course of study that leads to external examinations and is open to all 11th and 12th grade students. In addition, a limited number of Advanced Placement courses are offered each year.

There is ESL support for those students who require additional language assistance up through 10th grade. Nearly 100% of graduating seniors will attend a college or university, mostly in the USA or Canada.

### ACCREDITATION

SSIS is a private international school accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

## CALENDAR

The school year consists of 180 instructional days which are divided into two semesters. The first semester runs mid August to mid December, and the second semester runs from mid January to mid June. The high school has an eight-block schedule with four 80-minute periods each day, rotating over eight school days.

The school day begins at 8:00 am and ends at 3:00 pm.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Extra-curricular activities include: National Honor Society, Student Council, Literary Magazine, Yearbook, Global Issues, Model United Nations, Peer Tutoring and Community Action Program. SSIS participates in four sport competitions in the Southeast Asia region; swimming, basketball, volleyball, soccer. We also are a part of an international cultural exchange involving music, art and dance.

## TESTING PROGRAM

SSIS administers a variety of standardized tests to gain an accurate assessment of student progress and evaluate curriculum effectiveness. The Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) from Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) is administered twice a year for

students in grades 3-10. The MAP measures math, reading, and language usage. The MAP computerized adaptive assessments are valuable tools that provide us with immediate detailed results in order to help make informed instructional decisions. The Educational Record Bureau (ERB) Writing Assessment Program for grades 3 - 12 measures student achievement in writing on an annual basis and provides valuable information for teachers in developing proficient student thinkers and writers.

In the high school students are externally assessed using the PSAT, SAT Reasoning Test & SAT Subject Test, and AP and IB examinations.

## CLASS RANK AND GPA

Students are not ranked because many of our students are transient and have diverse cultural and educational backgrounds. A GPA is calculated for students in high school based on their course work at SSIS. Our grading system does not give weighted grades for advanced courses, honors courses or AP/IB courses. A final semester letter grade is determined from course work (80%) and from the final semester exam (20%). Copies of transcripts from previous schools are sent to the next secondary or post-secondary university to support the admission process.

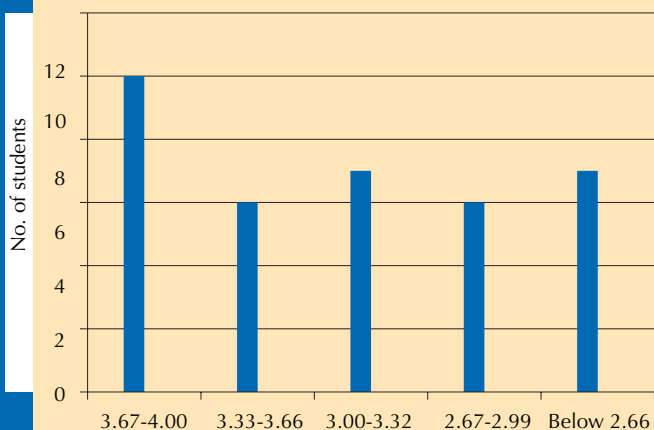
## ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) RESULTS 2010

For the 2010-2011 school year, 94% of the senior class are taking at least one AP class and 47% of the senior class are taking three or more AP classes. On the AP Exams held in May 2010, 61% of the 11th grade class scored 3 or higher on at least one AP exam. Based on the AP results in May of 2010, 9 students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award, 5 students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award and 10 students qualified for the AP Scholar Award.

2010 AP GRADE																
AP Grades	Biology	Calculus AB	Calculus BC	Chemistry	Economics - Macro	Economics - Micro	English Language	English Literature	Physics B	Psychology	Spanish Language	Statistic	Studio Art 2 D design	Total Grades	Total %	Total 68 students
5	1	6		3	5	5		1	3	6		2	4	36	18%	
4	3	1	1	1	9	7	5	3	2	5	2	7	3	49	24%	
3	2		2	1	3	6	6	4	3	7		6	2	42	21%	
2	3			1	6	8	3	5		5	2	4		37	18%	
1	3				10	6				11	1	9		40	20%	
Total	12	7	3	6	33	32	14	13	8	34	5	28	9	204	100%	
Percentage receiving "3" or higher	50%	100%	100%	83%	51%	56%	79%	62%	100%	50%	40%	54%	100%	62%		



CLASS OF 2011 GRADE 11 GPA DISTRIBUTION



GRADING SYSTEM

GRADE	%	G.P.A	GRADE	%	G.P.A
A+	97-100%	4.00	C+	77-79%	2.33
A	93-96%	4.00	C	73-76%	2.00
A-	90-92%	3.67	C-	70-72%	1.67
B+	87-89%	3.33	D+	67-69%	1.33
B	83-86%	3.00	D	63-66%	1.00
B-	80-82%	2.67	D-	60-62%	0.67
			F	00-59%	0.00

Advanced Placement and Honors courses DO NOT receive additional weight in the computation of the GPA  
 WP = Withdrawal Passing, WF=Withdrawal Failing  
 F = Fail P = Pass AUD= Audit

SAT TEST RESULTS FOR 2009

Critical Reading Mean	Mathematics Mean	Writing Mean
517	630	510

For 80% of our Seniors, English is their second language.

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS 2010-2010

English	Math	Science	Social Studies
English 9 English 10 English 11 English 12 AP English Literature IB English A1 SL IB English A1 HL Modern Film Creative Writing Public Speaking	Algebra I Geometry Algebra II Practical Math Pre-Calculus AP Calculus AB AP Statistics IB Math St SL IB Math SL IB Math HL	Integrated Science 9 Integrated Science 10 Biology Chemistry Physics Environmental Science AP Biology AP Chemistry IB Biology SL IB Biology HL IB Chemistry SL IB Chemistry HL IB Environmental Systems SL IB Physics SL IB Physics HL	Geography/History 9 Geography/History 10 U.S. History 20th Century Themes AP Comparative Government AP Economics AP Psychology IB Economics SL IB Economics HL IB Geography SL IB Geography HL IB History SL
<b>ESL</b> ELD 9 ELD10	<b>Fine Arts</b> Art Foundations 1 Art 2 Art 3 Dance Instrumental Music 1 Instrumental Music 2 Instrumental Music 3 Orchestra Choir Digital Photography Advanced Digital Photography Yearbook AP Art 2D Design AP Art 3D Design IB Visual Art SL IB Visual Art HL IB Music SL IB Music HL	<b>Information Technology</b> Media Tools 1 Media Tools 2	<b>Physical Education/Health</b> PE/Swim/Health 9 PE/Swim/Health 10 PE 11 PE 12 Athletic Leadership Female Fitness Personal Fitness
<b>Modern World Languages</b> Mandarin 1 Mandarin 2 Mandarin 3 Mandarin 4 Mandarin 5 Spanish 1 Spanish 2 Spanish 3 Spanish 4 IB Mandarin Ab Initio IB Spanish Ab Initio IB Mandarin B SL IB Spanish B SL			<b>Virtual High School (VHS)</b> Online elective credit courses



**COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ACCEPTING RECENT GRADUATES**

**U.S.A.**

American University, DC  
 +American International  
 Babson College, MA  
 Bard University, NY\*  
 Baylor College, TX  
 + Bentley College, MA\*  
 Boston College, MA\*  
 Boston University, MA\*  
 Brown University, RI  
 Bryant University, RI\*  
 Clarkson University, NY  
 +Colorado State University\*  
 +Colorado School of Mines  
 Cornell University, NY  
 Duke University, NC  
 +Emory and William, GA  
 Fairfield University, CT\*  
 +Florida Institute of Tech  
 George Mason University  
 Georgia Institute of Tech  
 Gonzaga University, WA  
 Illinois State University  
 Johns Hopkins University  
 Kansas State University  
 LaSalle College, MA  
 +Lawrence University, WI  
 Lehigh University  
 Marist College, NY  
 Menlo College, CA  
 Michigan State U  
 Mt. Holyoke, MA  
 New York University  
 Northeastern Univ, MA\*  
 Northwest University, WA  
 Ohio State University  
 +Oregon State University\*  
 Oxford College-Emory, GA  
 Pace University, NY  
 Pacific Lutheran Univ, WA  
 Pennsylvania State Univ

+Philadelphia University, PA  
 +Pine Manor College, MA  
 Portland State University  
 Purdue University  
 Rochester Institute of Tech  
 +Roger Williams College, RI  
 Rutgers, State University of New Jersey\*  
 Sarah Lawrence College  
 Seattle University, WA  
 St. John's University  
 Syracuse University, NY\*  
 SUNY, Buffalo, NY  
 +Texas Christian University  
 +Tulane University, LA  
 UC Berkeley,  
 CA UC-Davis, CA  
 +U of Colorado\*  
 U of Denver, CO  
 U of Illinois  
 U of Indiana-Bloomington  
 U of Miami, FL  
 U of Michigan  
 U of Minnesota  
 U of Nevada\*  
 U of New Hampshire\*  
 U of North Carolina  
 U of Pennsylvania  
 +U of Portland, OR  
 +U of Puget Sound, WA  
 +U of San Francisco, CA\*  
 U of Seattle, WA  
 U of Southern California  
 U of Texas, Austin  
 U of Virginia  
 U of Washington  
 U of Wisconsin  
 Wake Forest College, NC  
 +Williams College, MA  
 WorcesterPolytechnic Institute

**Australia**

Monash University  
 Southern Cross

**Canada**

Carleton University  
 Concordia University  
 McGill University  
 Ryerson University  
 U of Alberta  
 U of British Columbia  
 U of Toronto  
 York University

**Italy**

Florence Design Academy

**Korea**

Konkuk University  
 Korea University  
 Postech University  
 Sogang University

**UK**

Anglia Ruskin  
 Exeter

**Other Countries:**

Glion School of Hotel Mgt\*  
 National U of Singapore  
 RMIT, Vietnam\*  
 SIM, Singapore  
 University of Drenthe, Holland  
 University of Mexico  
 +Webster U, Thailand\*  
 FMH College of Medicine, Pakistan

\* Multiple Students  
 + Scholarships Offered

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**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (Minimum 24.00 Credits for Graduation)**

SUBJECTS	CREDITS	SUBJECTS	CREDITS
English	4.00	Physical Education	2.00
Social Studies	3.00	Fine Arts	1.00
Mathematics	3.00	Modern World Languages (2 consecutive year of the same language)	2.00
Science	3.00	Electives	6.00 or more

All high school students are expected to complete 60 hours of community service each year while the full IB Diploma candidates must meet the CAS program requirements.

Our *Week Without Walls* program is a requirement for all students in grades 9-10 and offers an additional curriculum component outside the normal classroom setting. This program provides students with a 5-6 day community service and cultural travel experience to various countries in Southeast Asia.