SPRING BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

WESTCHESTER ACADEMY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

WILDCATS

901 YORKCHESTER, HOUSTON, TX 77079

Community & School Information

Student Enrollment	2025-2026
Seniors	116
Juniors	95
Sophomores	128
Freshmen	97
Total	436

Westchester Academy for International Studies (WAIS) is a District sponsored charter school offering a challenging, advanced level curriculum. Students develop global awareness through a focus on international relations and problem solving. Instructors use varied teaching methods and build a culture of college readiness and success.

WAIS is an International Baccalaureate World School, offering a Pre-IB curriculum for grades 6 through 10, and both a Diploma Programme and Career Related Programme for grades 1 and 12. Students in grades 9 and 10 take English, math, science, and social studies at the Advanced Academics level (AAC) as part of this Pre-IB preparation.

Alongside a rigorous curriculum, students build an international perspective by exploring the languages, cultures, business environments, governments, fine arts, and technologies of other countries, preparing them for the global workforce. Creative thinking, reflection, and problem solving are built into every class. In places where there is not an IB equivalent, students may also take Advanced Placement courses.

Grading & Ranking Procedures

	GT/AP/DC/DE Pre-AP/IB	Grade Level
A = 90-100	7	6
B = 80-89	6	5
C = 75-79	5	4
C- = 70-74	4	3
F = Below 70	0	0

Spring Branch ISD reports class rank outside the top 10% only for those students who make a formal request to have it included on their transcript.

Curriculum

Students must complete the State of Texas Foundation High School Graduation Program with an Endorsement that requires a total of 26 credits as follows:

English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	4
Social Studies	3
World Languages	2
Fine Arts	1
Physical Education	1
Elective Credits	7

Students may select their endorsement from the following areas: STEM, Business and Industry, Public Service, Arts and Humanities, and Multidisciplinary Studies. Special permission is required to graduate on the Foundation Plan without an Endorsement that requires a total of 22 credits.

Advanced Placement Courses (AP)

AP World History
AP Human Geography
AP Statistics
Spanish Language (Spanish IV)
Spanish Literature (Spanish V)

International Baccalaureate Courses (IB)

English Language and Literature HL
History of the Americas HL
Biology SL/HL
Chemistry SL
Physics SL/HL
Computer Science SL
French SL
Mandarin SL
Spanish SL
Theatre Arts SL
Visual Arts SL /HL
Theory of Knowledge
Personal & Professional Skills
Math Applications & Interpretations SL/HL

Test Score Information

SAT	Math	Reading	Total
WAIS	536	551	1087
Texas	474	490	964
National	508	521	1029

ACT	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
WAIS	25.5	25.6	27.4	26.2	26.2
Texas	18.1	19.0	20.0	19.6	19.3
National	18.4	18.9	20.0	19.6	19.4

IB Assessments	2025	2026
Exams Taken	297	434
% of Exams Earning Passing Score	64	62

Advanced Placement	2025	2026
Total AP Students	74	125
Number of Exams	86	154
% of AP Students with Scores 3+	73	67

IB Diploma Candidates	2025	2026
IB Diploma Candidates	21	30
IB Career-Related Candidates	37	64
IB Diplomas Earned	14	16
IB Career-Related Certificates Earned	30	43

World languages are a core content 6th- 11th grade. The District's career and technology center, The Guthrie Center, provides instruction in 12 popular career focus areas.

Although students primarily earn college credit through IB/AP courses, they may also earn college credit through the District's Early College Program by taking courses at Houston City College.

WAIS provides a Secondary Dual Language Program option for students continuing from SBISD elementary schools' Two-Way Dual Language Programs.

Classes are on a 7 period schedule and each class meets for 49 minutes. Semesters are 18 weeks with 9 week grading periods.

WAIS has earned distinctions from the Texas Education Agency in all four core subjects, post-secondary readiness, and for closing gaps. WAIS is regularly included in recognitions such as Best High Schools in Houston, Children At Risk; America's Best High Schools, U.S. News and World Report; and Best Charter High Schools, Niche.

College Attendance History

WAIS graduates continue their education attending 4-year institutions, out- of-state colleges and the military.

Angelina College
Angelo State U
Arizona State U
Barnard College
Baylor U
Blinn College
Boston College
Boston U
Bournemouth U (England)
Brandeis U
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Carleton College
Carnegie Melon U
Case Western Reserve U
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State U
Concordia of Montreal
Dartmouth College
Duke U
Eckerd College
Emory U
Georgetown U
Harding U
Houston Baptist U
Houston City College
Howard U
Indiana University
Johns Hopkins University
Kari-Franzens U (Austria)
Kettering U
King's College (London)
Knox College
Lamar U
Lone Star College
Louisiana State U
Loyola U of Chicago
McGill U (Canada)
Missouri U of Science & Tech.
Mount Holyoke College
New York University
Northern Arizona U
Notre Dame
Oberlin College
Ohio State University
Ohio Weslayan U
Oklahoma State U
Our Lady of the Lake U
Parson's School of Design
Prairie View A&M
Regents U (London)
Rice U
Sam Houston State U
San Diego State U
Santa Fe Community College
Southern Methodist U
Southwestern U
St. Edwards U
St. Mary's U
Stanford University
Stephen F. Austin State U
Swarthmore College
Syracuse U
Tarleton State U
Texas A&M U
Texas A&M U-Corpus Christi
Texas A&M U-Galveston
Texas A&M U-Kingsville
Texas Lutheran U
Texas Southern U
Texas State U
Texas Tech U
Trinity U
U of Aberdeen (Scotland)
U of Alabama
U of Chicago
U of Colorado
U of Economics in Prague
U of Houston-Clear Lake
U of Houston-Downtown
U of Houston-Main
U of Mary Hardin Baylor
U of North Texas
U of Oklahoma
U of Pennsylvania
U of Rochester
U of St. Thomas (Houston)
U of Texas-Austin
U of Texas-Dallas
U of Texas-San Antonio
U of Virginia
U of Warwick (England)
Universidad de Catolica de Murcia (Spain)
Universidad de Guanajuato (Mexico)
Spain
Universidad Pompeu Fabra, Universidad Vascode Quiroga (Mexico)
University of Greenwich
Virginia Tech
Washington & Le U
Western Washington U
Wheaton College
Yale University

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