



# The International School of Minnesota

Member of the SABIS® School Network

## School Profile

### The School

The International School of Minnesota (ISM) is a private, nonsectarian college-preparatory school for Preschool (age 3) through Grade 12. Established in Minnesota in 1985, the school is part of the SABIS® School Network, a worldwide educational organization comprised of 79 schools and 60,000 students in 15 countries.

### SABIS Student Life Organization®

The SABIS Student Life Organization® is an integral part of the SABIS® Educational System and an important part of every school day. Emphasizing the acquisition of 'life skills' through real-life experiences, the SABIS Student Life Organization® is a student-led society that empowers students to hold responsibility for many aspects of school life.

While providing opportunities for emotional, social, and moral growth, the SABIS Student Life Organization® helps students develop their academic, managerial, organizational, and leadership skills in a variety of academic and non-academic activities. These include peer tutoring, planning athletic activities and social events; organizing community service projects; and being involved in the school newspaper and school yearbook.

### The Student Body

The International School of Minnesota Upper School consists of 210 students (grades 6 through 12). A typical graduating class varies between 25 and 35 seniors. Diversity is actively sought at ISM and nearly 35% of the staff and students have multi-cultural backgrounds. The experiences of varied ethnicities, languages, and cultural perspectives prepare students for global citizenship.

### Accreditations

The International School of Minnesota is accredited by

- Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
- Accreditation International
- National Council for Private School Accreditation

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### 2013-14 Awards and Distinctions

- Named #1 Private School in Minnesota by The Washington Post
- ISM Class of 2014 Scholarships Total \$890,600
- National Merit Finalists (2)
- Le Grand Concours (16) - National French Contest
- National Spanish Exam: Gold (8) Silver (3) Bronze (3) Honor (1)
- Boys Soccer Undefeated Regular Season
- Boys Basketball Conference Second Place Team
- Track and Field Conference Co-champion Team
- FIRST Robotics State Qualifier & Entrepreneur Award Winner
- Destination Imagination Global Qualifier
- Ambassador School for Students in Action through the National Jefferson Awards for Public Service
- 32 ISM Students Invited to Attend WE Day 2013 in Recognition of Social Responsibility Efforts

### Extracurricular Activities at ISM

- National Honor Society\*
- National Junior Honor Society\*
- SABIS Student Life Organization®\*
- Boys Soccer, Grades 9-12\*
- Girls Soccer, Grades 9-12\*
- Girls Volleyball, Grades 9-12\*
- Boys Basketball, Grades 9-12\*
- Girls Basketball, Grades 9-12\*
- Boys and Girls Track and Field, Grades 9-12\*
- Boys and Girls Cross Country, Grades 9-12
- Boys and Girls Badminton, Grades 9-12\*
- Boys Baseball, Grades 9-12\*
- Ultimate Frisbee, Grades 9-12
- FIRST Robotics
- Destination Imagination

\*denotes leadership opportunity available

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# Explanation of Grades at ISM

## Overview

The grading system at ISM differs from most schools in the United States. The predominant reliance on testing as an assessment of student learning and the calculation of end-of-year grades are unique to ISM. Students' grades are based entirely on knowledge they are able to demonstrate under daily testing circumstances. That is, the common practices of including classroom participation, attitude, diligence, and of figuring homework into the grade are not done at ISM. Thus, colleges and universities can be assured that our students' grades are not inflated.

## Credits

Some courses are given more academic weight than others in grading. English, math and world language classes meet five times a week and are weighted at 1.3 credits. Science and history/social classes meet three times a week and are weighted at 1.0 credit. Computer, fine arts, and physical education classes meet 2-3 times a week and are weighted .5 credit (health is weighted at .3). Each student's transcript will reflect these credits accordingly.

Advanced Placement coursework is granted at least 0.3 credits extra per year (1.6 for AP English, math, and language, 1.3 for AP science and history). An AP exam score of 3 results in 0.1 additional credit; likewise a score of 4 is awarded with 0.2 more credits, and an AP score of 5 earns 0.3 extra credits. (Therefore, the highest credit possible in a single course would be 1.9.)

## Class Ranking

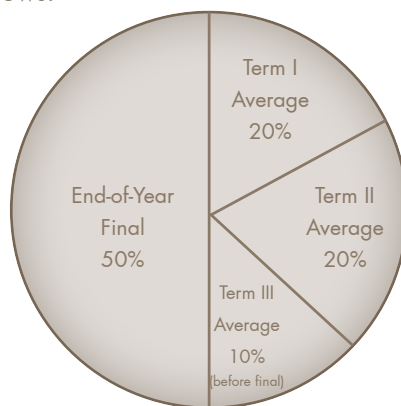
ISM does not use class ranking because each student's course load is individually tailored to match achievement levels. Therefore, the level of difficulty for each subject varies greatly among members of the same class and we do not consider ranking appropriate in such a situation.

## ACT Summary

Section	2014 Class Average
English	28.3
Math	27.3
Reading	28.8
Science	27.4
Composite	28.1

## Grades

The calculation of end-of-year grades, or academic averages, is broken down as follows:



English, math, world language, science and history/social classes are weighted most heavily. Fine arts, physical education, health and computers are graded, but they are not part of the overall average calculated each term.

## Grade Point Averages

Grade point average is not calculated at ISM. Instead, grades at ISM correspond to percentages (averages are non-accumulative year to year.)

97 - 100%	A+	80 - 82%	B-
93 - 96%	A	77 - 79%	C+
90 - 92%	A-	73 - 76%	C
87 - 89%	B+	70 - 72%	D
83 - 86%	B	69 - below	F

## SAT Summary

Section	2014 Class Average
Critical reading	620
Math	689
Writing	608
Composite	1917

## The Curriculum

The academic program is comprised of three terms. The school year is 182 school days. Students take a maximum of seven courses; however an optional zero hour is also offered. Classes meet for 50 minutes.

Graduation requirements at ISM

- 4 years each of English
- 4 years of Math
- 4 years of World Language (or completion of AP class)
- 3 years of Science
- 3 years of Social Studies/History
- 1.5 years of Fine Arts
- 1 year of Computer Science
- 1.3 years of Physical Education/Health

The curriculum focuses on preparing students for success in college, in life, and in the global economy of the future. The curriculum is structured to provide the prerequisites for our Advanced Placement (AP) courses:

- Art History
- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Chinese Language & Culture
- Computer Science A
- English Language & Composition
- English Literature & Composition
- European History
- French Language & Culture
- Government & Politics: United States
- Human Geography
- Music Theory
- Physics B
- Physics C
- Spanish Language
- Spanish Literature & Culture
- Statistics
- Studio Art: Drawing

## 2013-2014 AP Results

162	AP exams taken
59	Students tested
7	AP Scholars
5	AP Scholars with Honor
18	AP Scholars with Distinction
3	National AP Scholars

93.2% of AP Exams received scores of 3 or higher

# College Acceptances

## Colleges accepting ISM graduates from 2012-2014

Agnes Scott College  
American University of Rome  
Augsburg College  
Ave Maria University  
Bard College  
Baruch College of the CUNY  
Baylor University  
Becker College  
Belmont Abbey College  
Belmont University  
Beloit College  
Bemidji State University  
Binghamton University  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Bucknell University  
Butler University  
California Polytechnic State University  
Carleton College  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Carthage College  
Case Western Reserve University  
Century Community and Technical College  
Coe College  
Colby College  
Colorado College  
Colorado State University  
Columbia College Chicago  
Concordia College, Moorhead  
Cornell University  
Creighton University  
Curry College  
Dartmouth College  
Dean College  
Denison University  
DePaul University  
Drake University  
Drew University  
Drexel University  
Duke University  
Emerson College  
Emory University  
Fisher College  
Fort Lewis College  
Franklin College of Indiana  
Georgetown University  
Grinnell College  
Gustavus Adolphus College  
Hamline University  
Haverford College  
High Point University  
Hofstra University  
Humboldt State University  
Illinois Wesleyan University  
Indiana State University  
Indiana University at Bloomington  
Iona College  
Iowa State University  
Ithaca College  
Knox College  
Lafayette College  
Lake Forest College  
Lasell College  
Lawrence University  
Lehigh University  
Lewis & Clark College  
Loyola Marymount University  
Loyola University Chicago  
Macalester College  
Manhattan College  
Marquette University  
Marymount Manhattan College  
Mercer University  
Miami University, Oxford  
Michigan State University  
Michigan Technological University  
Milwaukee School of Engineering  
Minneapolis College of Art and Design  
Minnesota State University, Mankato  
Montana State University, Billings  
Montana State University, Bozeman  
Mount Ida College  
New York University  
Normandale Community College  
Northeastern University  
Northern Arizona University  
Northwestern College  
Northwestern University  
Oberlin College  
Oregon State University  
Otis College of Art and Design  
Pace University, New York City  
Pacific Lutheran University  
Pennsylvania State University, Altoona  
Pennsylvania State University, University Park  
Pepperdine University  
Portland State University  
Pratt Institute  
Purdue University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rhodes College  
Ringling College of Art and Design  
Ripon College  
Rutgers University, New Brunswick  
Saint Louis University  
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota  
Santa Clara University  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
Smith College  
Southern Methodist University  
Southern New Hampshire University  
St. Catherine University, St. Paul  
St. Cloud State University  
St. John's University, Queens Campus  
St. Olaf College  
Stanford University  
Suffolk University  
Syracuse University  
Texas Christian University  
Thammasat University  
The American University of Paris  
The College of Wooster  
The George Washington University  
The Ohio State University  
The University of Alabama at Birmingham  
The University of Iowa  
The University of Montana, Missoula  
Tokyo International University  
Tufts University  
Tulane University  
Union College  
University of British Columbia  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, Irvine  
University of California, San Diego  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
University of Chicago  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs  
University of Delaware  
University of Denver  
University of Hartford  
University of Illinois at Chicago  
University of Kentucky  
University of Mary Washington  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
University of Miami  
University of Minnesota, Duluth  
University of Minnesota, Morris  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
University of Missouri Columbia  
University of Missouri, St. Louis  
University of Nebraska at Lincoln  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
University of North Carolina at Wilmington  
University of North Dakota  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Puget Sound  
University of Redlands  
University of Richmond  
University of Rochester  
University of San Diego  
University of San Francisco  
University of South Carolina  
University of Southern California  
University of St. Thomas  
University of Utah  
University of Vermont  
University of Washington  
University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire  
University of Wisconsin, La Crosse  
University of Wisconsin, Madison  
University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee  
University of Wisconsin, Stout  
University of Wisconsin, Whitewater  
Utah State University  
Vermilion Community College  
Villanova University  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Wells College  
Wesleyan College  
Wheaton College MA  
Whitman College  
Widener University  
Willamette University  
Winona State University  
Wofford College  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute