

## Our Curriculum

Our academic program is American system-based, except for native speaking Chinese classes which follows Chinese curriculum standards with a strong emphasis on Chinese language and cultural values. Our courses are student-centered, balancing academic excellence with physical, social and emotional well-being. We align our K-12 curriculum to research-based standards, matching our resources and instructional approaches to meet the needs of our diverse student population. To achieve this goal, we align our curriculum to the following standards:



### EARLY CHILDHOOD & ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

With a target class size of 25, our Elementary School students receive individualized instruction and attention in a positive, student-centered environment.



Students in Kindergarten have two teachers and an adult classroom assistant in each self-contained classroom. In Grade 1 through Grade 3, students receive primary instruction in a self-contained classroom with one teacher and an assistant teacher. Students in Grades 4 and 5 rotate classes for each individual subject area.

In Early Childhood Kindergarten classes, we focus on the foundational skills that help students to be ready to learn and be successful in their learning career. There is an emphasis in literacy skills and math logic skills. Every activity is an opportunity to learn whether it be our structured play time, our small group learning activities, or whole class lessons in reading.



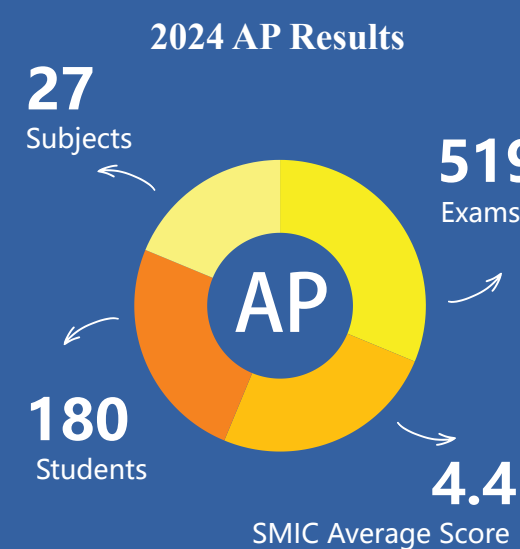
All students in both EC and ES take Mathematics, Science, English Language Arts, Chinese, and Social Studies as core subjects, and Music, Art, Computer, and Physical Education as elective subjects. Chinese language instruction is provided in separate classes for both native and non-native speakers by certified Chinese teachers. Planned character lessons are taught in our classrooms weekly by teachers or school counselor.

### MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

Students in grades 6 – 8 are required to study five broad core subjects [English (literature and writing), Chinese, math, science, and social studies]. Our students are given time to discover their passions and to try new things as they choose their elective classes and take part of our exploration studies.

Students in grades 9-12 must earn 23.5 credits. They have five core subject areas [English (literature and writing), Foreign Languages, Math, Science, and Social studies]. Students have choices about the electives they take in high school, though all students must take one course in visual and performing arts and one technology-based course. In addition, they must complete community service requirements and a wide variety of club or sports requirements.

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are offered to students who qualify to study advanced material at an accelerated pace. SMIC-I offers 26 AP courses which have been officially designed by the College Board Audit Review for official AP status.



## Our Activities

### Character First

*“Without character, intelligence is of no use” — Asian Proverb*

Starting in Kindergarten to Grade 12, we have continuous programs that nurture character, honor and integrity in our students and teach students how to develop healthy social and emotional habits. In Kindergarten and Elementary School Responsive Classroom guides our daily morning meetings and weekly character lessons. In Middle School we use The Edge to guide these lessons during Advisory and Life Skills classes, while High School students have weekly Life Skills classes.

### Early Childhood and Elementary School After-School Clubs

A wide variety of activities are offered after school such as baseball, art, coding, play, Chinese culture, Legos and more. Our after-school program provides a wonderful avenue for students to explore, have fun, and interact with their peers in a positive environment.

### Middle and High School Extra Curricular Activities

No matter what interests our students might have, clubs and activities are provided for them to pursue their passions. Passions such as dance, scientific research, animal care, international politics, and serving our community are some of the many activities that motivate our students to engage in and pursue. When we give our students a chance to explore, they rise up to conquer new challenges.

### Athletics Program

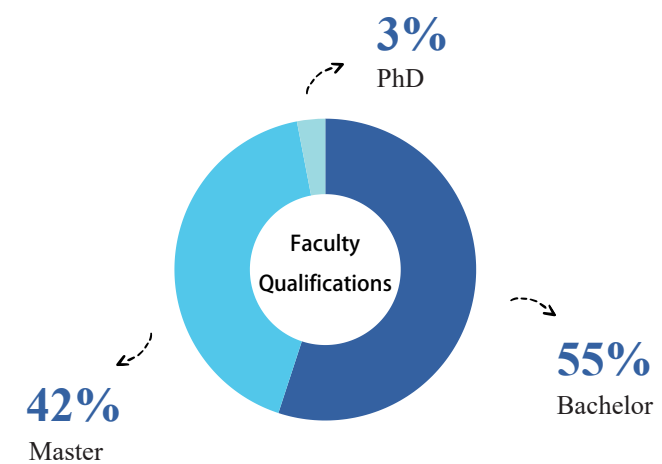
Our Middle School students have the chance to participate in 10 different sports in CISSA (China International Schools Sports Association) of which we are a founding member while our High School students compete within SISAC (Shanghai International School Activities Conference). Students can compete in tennis, cross-country, volleyball, basketball, table tennis, badminton, track & field, swimming, soccer, and darts.



## Our Faculty

Faculty members at SMIC-I are invested in your child's academic and character education. Whether teaching in class, engaging students in our various themed learning events, or working with parents to ensure seamless learning, our educators are relentlessly shaping strong character through excellence.

SMIC-I's faculty is made up of over 188 teaching staff with 54% from countries other than China. At SMIC-I, our 7:1 student-teacher ratio and small class sizes mean your child gets individual attention from educators who are highly committed to nurturing our future leaders.



## Our Graduates

SMIC-I's unique curriculum and diploma offered within the context as a school within a local Chinese private school allows students to receive a North American, college-preparatory education while maintaining exposure to elements of the local Chinese educational program. Since our first graduating class in 2006, 100% of our graduates have obtained admissions to outstanding universities worldwide.

### SMIC-I University Matriculation Highlights

USA	China	United Kingdom	Canada	Hong Kong, China	Australia	Europe	Singapore
Amherst College Brown University Babson College Berklee College of Music Carnegie Mellon University Columbia University Cornell University Davidson College Emory University Embry Riddle Aeronautical University Georgia Institute of Technology	Peking University Shanghai Fudan University Tsinghua University University of Michigan & Shanghai Jiao Tong University Joint Institute	Imperial College London London School Economics Oxford University University of Cambridge University College London University of Edinburgh	Georgetown University Grinnell College Princeton University New York University Northwestern University Parsons School of Design, The New School Rhode Island School of Design Rice University Swarthmore College University of California, Berkeley University of California, Los Angeles	University of California, San Diego University of California, Santa Barbara University of Chicago University of Michigan, Ann Arbor University of North Carolina Chapel Hill University of Southern California University of Texas at Austin University of Washington at Seattle Wake Forest University Washington University in St. Louis Yale University	University of Melbourne	Delft University of Technology University of Amsterdam	Nanyang Technological University National University of Singapore



## Our Facilities & Services

The Shanghai SMIC Private School campus covers 80,293 square meters of land that houses school buildings and facilities for K-12 students for both Chinese Track and SMIC-I. We regularly upgrade and improve our facilities to provide students with state-of-the-art equipment and a nurturing school environment.

### Media Center

Our media center is equipped with a relay broadcasting classroom, a live broadcasting room and an editing area. The complete relay broadcasting system supports the broadcasting and recording of classes. The professionally-equipped live broadcast room offers our students the experience to broadcast live events. Post-production work is carried out in the editing area and recording room.



### Learning Facilities

SMIC-I Elementary School and Middle/High School are located in two separate buildings on a common campus. Classrooms are equipped with air-conditioners, air purifiers and interactive screen projectors, with WiFi available school-wide. Fully equipped computer labs, science labs, art and music rooms are also located in the buildings.



### Gym

Our Middle/High School gym has an approximate area of 1,900 square meters. It has a standard-size basketball court, and movable volleyball and badminton equipment. To ensure safety and comfort for our students, the gym is fitted with Taraflex flooring, climate control and a state-of-the-art sound system.



### AI Facility

Our artificial intelligence facility includes both the artificial intelligence and the design technology labs. The artificial intelligence lab features robotics equipment, 3D printers and computer systems for students to design, create and program automated machines. The design technology lab houses a variety of hand tools and power tools, wood-working facilities, materials and facilities for mechanical construction of projects that allow our students to complete large-scale technical projects.



### Cafeteria

Our school cafeteria serves hot lunches to our students and staff. The cafeteria has an approximate area of 1,900 square meters, including the kitchen and the dining area with the capacity to seat 840 students at a time.



### Astronomical Observatory

Our observatory, built since our school's inception, has been upgraded in 2021 with Meade's LX200 Series 14" ACF™ Telescope, which is the most widely used, research-grade telescope system. The observatory offers our students direct access to observe astronomical events and engage in space exploration projects, including an astronomy class.



### Libraries

Our two libraries - one for our elementary school students and one for our middle & high school students, offer over 120,000 volumes of English and Chinese books. The collections are open to all students and faculty for their learning, research and recreational needs. The libraries also house teaching resources for teachers and organize diversified activities annually to promote reading.



### School Facilities

Our outdoor basketball and tennis courts, soccer fields and running tracks offer students a wide variety of sports activities. Our four auditoriums, which are designed and sized to fulfill a variety of needs, offer ample space for student performances, conferences and seminars.



### Science Labs

Our Middle/High School's physics, chemistry and biology labs each are comprised of a preparation room, a standard lab and a customized lab that support our students' research-based projects. The labs are equipped with subject-specific apparatus such as voltmeters, ammeters, microscopes, DIS probes, portable power supply, suction vents, eyewash stations and sinks.



### Bus Services

Our school bus service operates within the Outer Ring and is available to Grades 1 to 12 students at a fee. Every school bus is equipped with safety belts, automobile data recorder, and a school bus driver and assistant to ensure our students' safety.

