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Veritas Collegiate Academy Shanghai Guanghua Campus

PROFILE FOR COLLEGES • 2025-2026

SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

Guanghua Academy, also known as Veritas Collegiate Academy Shanghai Campus, was established in September 2017. The school integrates the teaching resources and faculty of both institutions, with the goal of providing high-quality international education that leverages the strengths of both institutions. It offers a four-year curriculum through which students, upon earning the required credits, may obtain graduation diplomas from both Veritas Collegiate Academy and Guanghua Academy. Students pursue diverse higher education pathways, with most exploring options in at least two different countries or regions, including the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, Europe, Hong Kong (China), Singapore, and other regions. The program prepares them for a broad range of standardized examinations, such as AP, SAT, ACT, TOEFL, GCE A-Level, GCSE, IELTS, and more.

Veritas Collegiate Academy, founded in 2005, is a classical private school located in Virginia, USA. Authorized by the Commonwealth of Virginia, it may establish campuses outside the United States and award diplomas to qualified students enrolled in its international branches.

Guanghua Academy, certified by the Shanghai Bureau of Education in 2017, is recognized as an official school. It is authorized by the College Board as an AP school (CEEB Code: 694095) and is fully accredited as a member of Cognia.

Grade Offered	9-12
Total Enrollment	210
Senior Class Size	45
Teaching Faculty	40
Student/Teacher Ratio	5:1
CEEB Code	694095

Our Team

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COLLEGE PROFILE FOR CLASS OF 2025

Class Size	30
College Attendance	100%
American Colleges	90%
Other International Colleges	10%
4 Year Colleges	100%
2 Year Colleges	0%

CURRICULUM STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENT

EXPLANATION OF TRANSCRIPT

Our school operates on a semester-based system. The GPA for an academic year is calculated as the average of the two semester scores. In the 10th grade, we introduce AP and Honors courses, with their results being weighted. GHA students are not ranked. The school uses an alphabetical grading system that encompasses various assessments, including but not limited to class participation, assignments, written tests, and practical tests.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 23 credits is required for graduation, with 17 credits in required subjects.

Courses	Required Credits
English	4
Math	4
History	1
Science	3
Social Science	2
World Language	1
ART	1
P.E.	1
All students must attend two years of Public Speaking and two clubs per year.	

GPA SCALE

Grade	Percentage	Regular Courses	AP/Honor Courses	Explanation
A+	97-100	4.00	5.00	Superior
A	93-96	4.00	5.00	Outstanding
A-	90-92	3.67-3.89	4.68-4.89	Excellent
B+	87-89	3.33-3.55	4.33-4.55	Very Good
B	83-86	3.00-3.25	4.00-4.25	Good
B-	80-82	2.67-2.89	3.67-3.89	Above Average
C+	77-79	2.33-2.56	3.33-3.56	Satisfactory
C	73-76	2.00-2.25	3.00-3.25	Average
C-	70-72	1.67-1.89	2.67-2.89	Below Average
D+	65-69	1.33-1.60	2.33-2.60	Poor
D	60-64	1.00-1.26	2.00-2.26	Inferior
F	<60	0.00	0.00	Fail

HIGH SCHOOL COURSES OFFERED BY DEPARTMENT

English Language and Literature

- EAL (English as an Additional Language)
- British Literature
- Composition
- Pre-AP English 1/2
- AP English Language and Composition
- AP English Literature and Composition
- AP Seminar *

Math & Computer Science

- Algebra 2
- AP Precalculus
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Computer Science A

Science

- Intro to Physics
- Pre-AP Physics
- AP Physics 1
- AP Physics 2
- AP Physics C
- Intro to Chemistry
- Pre-AP Chemistry
- AP Chemistry
- Intro to Biology
- Pre-AP Biology
- AP Biology

Social Science

- Intro to Social Studies
- Intro to Psychology
- Psychology
- World Geography
- AP Microeconomics
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Psychology
- AP Human Geography

History

- World History
- AP US History
- AP European History
- AP Art History

World Language

- Spanish 1/2
- French
- Chinese Literature

Art & Music

- Art
- AP 2-D Art and Design
- AP Music Theory

Other

- P.E.

Interdisciplinary

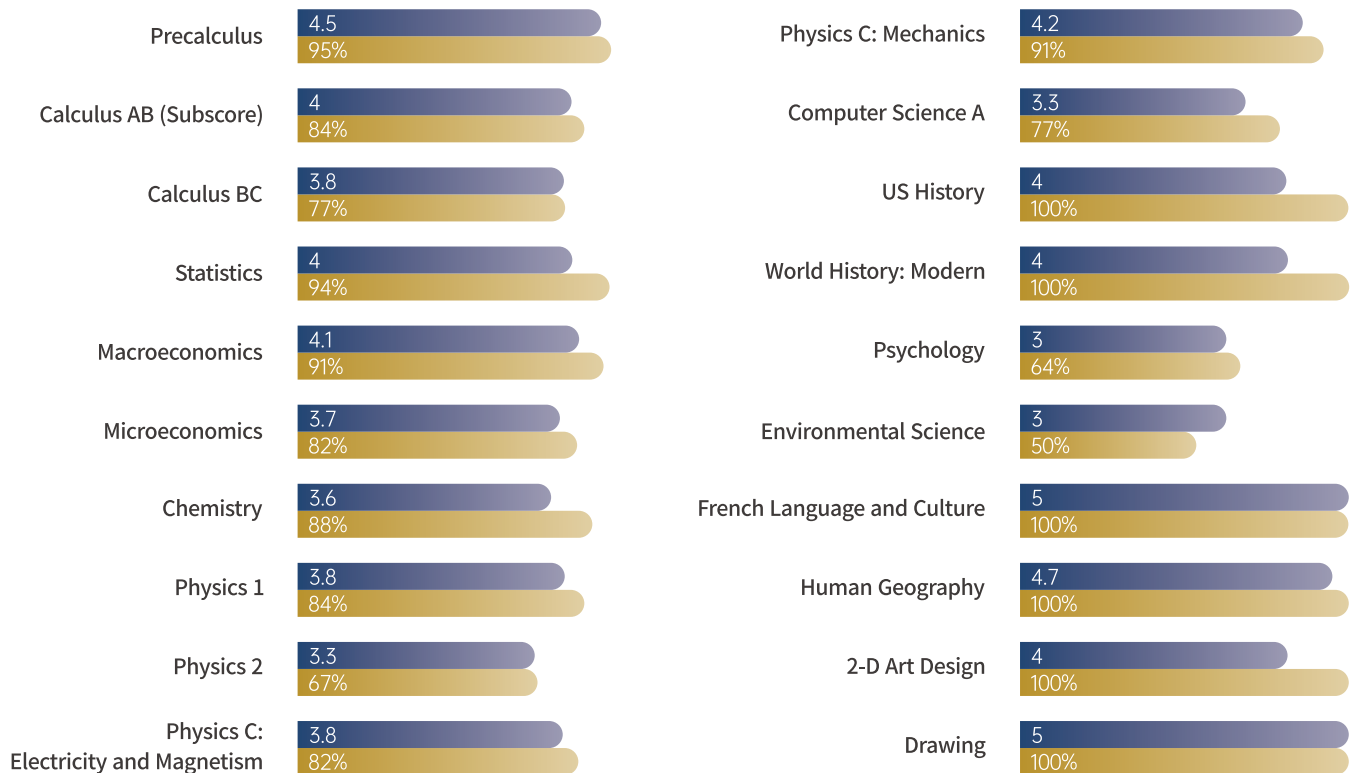
- AP Research

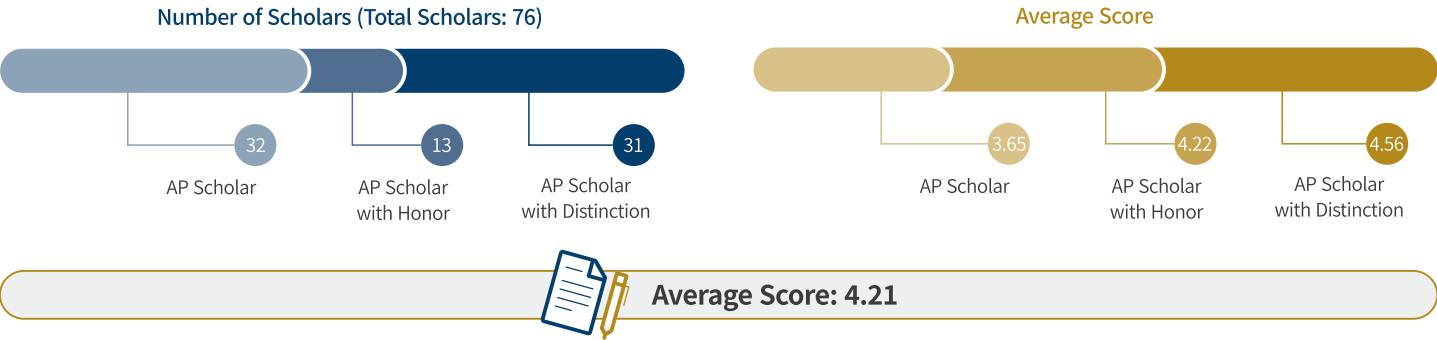
*In our school, we consider AP Seminar part of the English curriculum because it emphasizes academic reading, writing, and speaking. Through research essays, written arguments, collaborative projects, and oral presentations, students develop strong communication skills. The curriculum aligns directly with the core goals of English education—critical analysis, evidence-based writing, and academic communication. Therefore, AP Seminar is designated within the English area of our curriculum design.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Organization Summary (Total Students: 177)

- Average Score
- Percent of Exams with Scores of 3 or Higher





THE HIGHEST HONOR



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

The Principal's Award is the school's highest honor recognizing exceptional academic performance, character, and contributions to the community. Only Grade 11 students are eligible, and recipients are chosen through a rigorous review of GPA, test scores, teacher feedbacks, and school involvement. Each year, only 1-2 students receive this prestigious award.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS



PROJECT-BASED LEARNING (PBL)

Project-Based Learning (PBL) is a dynamic, student-centered program offered once a week, earning 0.5 credit per semester. Students are able to select projects according to their personal interests and passions, and then work collaboratively in teams to design and carry out their chosen projects. Areas of exploration include Elementary Mathematical Modeling, Sensors and Smart Devices, Interactive Game Programming, Wheeled Robot Foundation, Business Entrepreneurship, Biology Lab Exploration, Digital Design and Prototype Development, and Physics Exploration. Each semester concludes with students showcasing their research and outcomes through posters, papers, and presentations, fostering creativity, critical thinking, and real-world problem-solving skills.



STRENGTH IN SPORTS, STRENGTH IN CHARACTER

Athletics is a defining strength of our school, with students excelling in rowing, swimming, golf, soccer, and badminton. The school offers more than ten sports clubs, and over 95% of students participate in athletic activities, supported by professional coaches and advanced facilities. Our teams consistently perform at a high level in competitions, reflecting a strong culture of dedication and teamwork. Notably, even our student-athletes have been admitted to Ivy League universities through sports, such as golf, highlighting the school's tradition of nurturing talent that thrives both academically and athletically.

CLUBS, PROGRAMS, AND ACTIVITIES

GHA offers a variety of extracurricular student-led groups, programs, and activities that focus on academics, personal development, and community service. Examples are provided below:

- Chemical Experiment Club
 - Computer Science Club
 - Debate Club
 - Math Competition Club
 - Mental Health Club
 - Robotics and Science Computer Club
 - Archery Club
 - Badminton Club
 - Basketball Club
- Fencing Club
 - Lacrosse Club
 - Rowing Club
 - Skateboarding Club
 - Soccer Club
 - Swimming Club
 - Tennis Club
 - Volleyball Club
 - Baking Club
- Guitar Club
 - K-pop Dance Club
 - Photography Club
 - Capstone Program
 - Public Speaking Program
 - School Play Program
 - Career & Community Exploration Day
 - Guanghua Sapphire (School Quarterly)
 - Lion Music Festival



UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION FOR FALL 2020 - FALL 2025

U.S.A.

Johns Hopkins University	1
Columbia University	1
University of California, Berkeley	1
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	1
University of Virginia	1
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2
University of California, San Diego	6
New York University	8
University of Florida	7
Georgia Institute of Technology	1
University of California, Davis	38
University of California, Irvine	9
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	23
Tufts University	1
University of California, Santa Barbara	12
University of Wisconsin-Madison	5
Boston University	6
Ohio State University	40
Rutgers University-New Brunswick	54
University of Maryland, College Park	5
University of Rochester	1
Purdue University	13
University of Washington	6
Case Western Reserve University	2
Virginia Tech	5
Northeastern University	19
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities	17
William & Mary	1
Stony Brook University (SUNY)	19
University of California, Merced	3
University of Massachusetts Amherst	20
Brandeis University	1
George Washington University	2
Michigan State University	18
The Pennsylvania State University-University Park	59
Tulane University	1
University of Miami	1
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	2
University of Connecticut	26
University of Pittsburgh	8
Binghamton University (SUNY)	10
Indiana University Bloomington	2
Syracuse University	14
University at Buffalo (SUNY)	13
University of California, Riverside	8
University of Illinois Chicago	3
University of California, Santa Cruz	6
Marquette University	1
Baylor University	1
American University	1
Fordham University	4
Loyola Marymount University	1
Southern Methodist University	1
Gonzaga University	2
University of Iowa	4

Auburn University	3
Saint Louis University	1
University of Arizona	3
George Mason University	1
Arizona State University	1
University of Utah	3
University of South Carolina-Columbia	2
Miami University (Oxford, Ohio)	2
University of Dayton	1
University of Kansas	1
Adelphi University	1
Washington State University	1
University of Massachusetts Boston	1
San José State University	1
University of Wisconsin-Stout	1
Wesleyan University	1
University of Richmond	3
College of the Holy Cross	1
Franklin & Marshall College	5
Mount Holyoke College	1
Occidental College	1
Pitzer College	1
Skidmore College	2
Union College	1
DePauw University	1
Centre College	1
Reed College	2
The College of Wooster	1
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	1
Bentley University	2
Babson College	1
School of the Art Institute of Chicago	1
Parsons School of Design	2
California College of the Arts	3
Pratt Institute	3
School of Visual Arts	4
Ringling College of Art and Design	2
Maryland Institute College of Art	1
Emerson College	1
Savannah College of Art and Design	2
Alberta University of the Arts	1
Full Sail University	1
University of Hartford	1
Boston Conservatory at Berklee	1
University of Cincinnati	1
Boyer College of Music and Dance	1
MI College of Contemporary Music	1
Los Angeles College of Music	1

U.K./EUROPE

Imperial College London	1
University College London	7
The University of Edinburgh	3
The University of Manchester	7

King's College London	2
University of Bristol	3
University of Warwick	1
University of Glasgow	1
University of Birmingham	3
University of Southampton	4
University of Leeds	4
Durham University	2
University of St Andrews	2
The University of Sheffield	4
The University of Nottingham	2
Queen Mary University of London	1
Lancaster University	1
Brunel University London	1
City, University of London	1
University of Stirling	1
Bournemouth University	1
University of Amsterdam	3
Utrecht University	2
Leiden University	1

AUSTRALIA

The University of Melbourne	4
The University of Sydney	11
The University of New South Wales	7
The Australian National University	1
Monash University	6
The University of Queensland	4
The University of Western Australia	1

CANADA

University of Toronto	7
University of British Columbia	3
Queen's University	1
Simon Fraser University	1
McMaster University	1
York University	2
Carleton University	1
Alberta University of the Arts	1
Emily Carr University of Art + Design	1

ASIA

National University of Singapore	1
University of Hong Kong	2
Chinese University of Hong Kong	1
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	1
Hong Kong Polytechnic University	1
Lingnan University	1
Waseda University	1
Shanghai University	1
University of Nottingham Ningbo China	4
Shanghai International Studies University	1
Xi'an Jiaotong-liverpool University	1
Shanghai University of Finance and Economics	1

U.S.A. **592**

U.K./EUROPE **58**

AUSTRALIA **34**

CANADA **18**

ASIA **16**

