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Veritas Collegiate Academy Shanghai Guanghua Campus

PROFILE FOR COLLEGES • 2026-2027

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.**

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 and WASC.

Grade Offered	9-12
Total Enrollment	260
Senior Class Size	50
Teaching Faculty	40
Student/Teacher Ratio	5:1
CEEB Code	694095

ACADEMIC CURRICULUM & STANDARDIZED TESTING

EXPLANATION OF TRANSCRIPT

Our school operates on a semester-based system. The GPA for each academic year is calculated as the average of the two semester grades. Beginning in Grade 9, students may take AP and Honors courses. The school reports both weighted and unweighted GPAs. GHA students are not ranked.

The school uses an alphabetical grading system based on various assessments, including but not limited to class participation, assignments, written tests, and practical tests.

GPA SCALE

Grade	Percentage	Regular Courses	Pre AP Courses	AP Courses
A+	97-100	4.00	4.50	5.00
A	93-96	4.00	4.50	5.00
A-	90-92	3.67-3.89	4.17-4.39	4.68-4.89
B+	87-89	3.33-3.55	3.83-4.05	4.33-4.55
B	83-86	3.00-3.25	3.50-3.75	4.00-4.25
B-	80-82	2.67-2.89	3.17-3.39	3.67-3.89
C+	77-79	2.33-2.56	2.83-3.06	3.33-3.56
C	73-76	2.00-2.25	2.50-2.75	3.00-3.25
C-	70-72	1.67-1.89	2.17-2.39	2.67-2.89
D+	65-69	1.33-1.60	1.83-2.10	2.33-2.60
D	60-64	1.00-1.26	1.50-1.76	2.00-2.26
F	<60	0.00	0.00	0.00

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COLLEGE PROFILE FOR CLASS OF 2026

Class Size	45
College Attendance	100%
American Colleges	90%
Other International Colleges	10%
4 Year Colleges	100%
2 Year Colleges	0%

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 participate in two clubs each year for two years.	



HIGH SCHOOL COURSES OFFERED BY DEPARTMENT

English Language and Literature

- EAL-I/II
- American Literature
- Composition
- Pre-AP English 1/2
- AP English Language and Composition
- AP English Literature and Composition
- AP Seminar*
- AP Research*

Math & Computer Science

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

Science

- Intro to Physics
- Pre-AP Physics
- AP Physics 1
- AP Physics C: Mechanics
- AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
- 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
- AP Psychology
- Intro to Geography
- World Geography
- AP Human Geography
- AP Microeconomics
- AP Macroeconomics

History

- World History
- American History
- AP U.S. History

World Language

- Spanish
- Chinese Literature

Art & Music

- Art
- AP 2-D Art and Design
- AP 3-D Art and Design
- AP Music Theory

Other

- PE

Career

- AP Cybersecurity
- AP Business and Personal Finance

*In our school, we consider AP Seminar and AP Research part of the English curriculum because they emphasize academic reading, writing, and speaking. Through research essays, written arguments, collaborative projects, and oral presentations, students develop strong communication skills. These courses align directly with the core goals of English education—critical analysis, evidence-based writing, and academic communication. Therefore, AP Seminar and AP Research are designated within the English area of our curriculum.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT & STANDARDIZED TESTING

STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

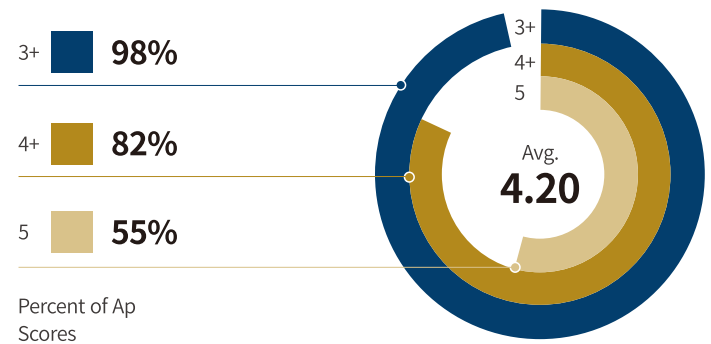
SAT Score Ranges (1600 Scale)

Section Middle	50%
Reading and Writing	650–720
Math	770–790
Total	1425–1510

ACT Score Ranges (36 Scale)

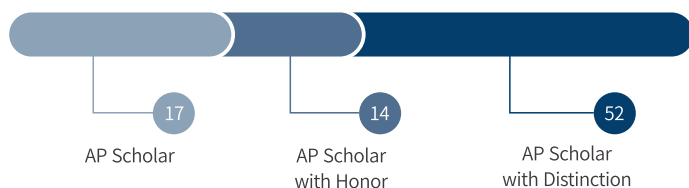
ACT	34–36
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AP RESULTS MAY 2026

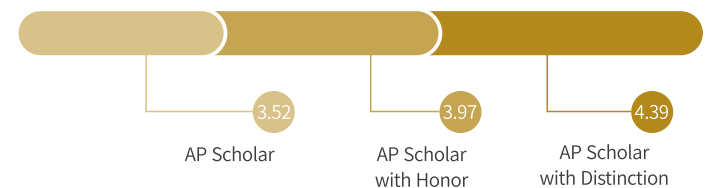


AP SCHOLAR SUMMARY-MAY 2026 (FROM CB)

Numbers of Scholars (Total Scholars: 83)



Average Score



Average Score: 4.20

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

STRENGTH IN SPORTS, STRENGTH IN CHARACTER

Athletics is a defining strength of our school. More than 95% of students participate in sports, with approximately one-third competing as student-athletes. Each varsity team has an average roster of eight students, providing opportunities for students to develop their athletic talent and reach their potential. Supported by professional coaches and advanced facilities, our athletes and teams have earned numerous city, provincial, and national awards while developing discipline, leadership, critical thinking, and responsibility.

SCHOOL ATHLETIC TEAMS:



Basketball Team



Fencing Team



Golf Team



Lacrosse Team



Rowing Team



Soccer Team



Swimming Team



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.



CROSS-CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Poly Prep X GHA is a school-year online cross-cultural exchange program between Guanghua Academy and Poly Prep Country Day School in New York. Each month, students from both schools explore the same theme from Chinese and American perspectives, sharing their school life, culture, traditions, and personal experiences through student-led presentations and discussions. The program fosters cross-cultural communication, global awareness, and intercultural understanding. At the end of the program, 1–2 outstanding students receive the Cross-Cultural Ambassador Award in recognition of their outstanding engagement and contribution.

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:

Academic

- Chemical Experiment Club
- Computer Science Club
- Mathematics Competition Club
- Philosophy Club
- Physics Competition Club
- Psychology Club
- Robotics and Science Computer Club
- Capstone Program

Sports

- Archery Club
- Badminton Club
- Basketball Club
- Fencing Club
- Fitness Club

- Lacrosse Club
- Rowing Club
- Skateboarding Club
- Soccer Club
- Swimming Club
- Silver Arc Table Tennis Club
- Tennis Club
- Volleyball Club

Arts, Media & Performance

- GHA Band
- Guitar Club
- K-Pop Dance Club
- Literature Club
- Photography Club
- Student Editorial Board

- Vocal Music Club
- Visual Arts Club

Hobbies

- Baking Club
- Makers Club
- Nutrition & Wellness Club
- Outdoor Exploration Club
- Reasoning Club

Community

- Career & Community Exploration Day
- Guanghua Sapphire (School Quarterly)
- Lion Music Festival
- School Summer Cultural Festival



UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION FOR FALL 2020 - FALL 2026

U.S.A.

Johns Hopkins University	1
Cornell University	1
Columbia University	1
University of California, Berkeley	2
Carnegie Mellon University	1
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	1
University of Virginia	1
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2
University of California - San Diego	8
University of Florida	9
New York University	8
Georgia Institute of Technology	1
University of California - Davis	55
University of California - Irvine	16
University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign	32
Tufts University	1
University of Wisconsin - Madison	12
University of California - Santa Barbara	27
Ohio State University	53
Boston University	10
Rutgers University - New Brunswick	77
University of Maryland - College Park	7
University of Washington	8
University of Rochester	3
Purdue University	14
Northeastern University	30
Case Western Reserve University	2
Florida State University	1
Virginia Tech	7
College of William and Mary	1
University of California - Merced	10
University of Minnesota - Twin Cities	23
Santa Clara University	2
Stony Brook University - SUNY	30
George Washington University	2
The Pennsylvania State University - University Park	65
University of Massachusetts - Amherst	23
Michigan State University	22
North Carolina State University	1
University of Miami	1
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	2
Brandeis University	1
Tulane University	1
University of Connecticut	26
University of Pittsburgh	9
Binghamton University - SUNY	13
Indiana University - Bloomington	2
Syracuse University	17
University at Buffalo - SUNY	16
University of California - Riverside	13
Pepperdine University	2
University of Illinois at Chicago	4
University of California - Santa Cruz	7
Marquette University	1
Baylor University	1
American University	1
Southern Methodist University	1
Fordham University	4
Loyola Marymount University	1
Gonzaga University	2

University of Iowa	4
Auburn University	3
Saint Louis University	1
George Mason University	1
Arizona State University	1
University of Arizona	3
University of South Carolina	2
Miami University - Oxford	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 Utah	3
University of Wisconsin-Stout	1
Wesleyan University	2
University of Richmond	3
College of the Holy Cross	1
Mount Holyoke College	2
Colorado College	1
Occidental College	1
Franklin & Marshall College	6
Pitzer College	1
Skidmore College	3
Union College	1
Kenyon College	1
DePauw University	1
Centre College	1
Reed College	2
College of Wooster	1
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	1
Bentley University	2
Babson College	1
School of the Art Institute of Chicago	3
Parsons School of Design, The New School	2
California College of the Arts	3
Pratt Institute	4
School of Visual Arts	5
Ringling College of Art and Design	2
Maryland Institute College of Art	2
Emerson College	1
Art Center College of Design	1
Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD)	2
Alberta University of the Arts	1
Full Sail University	1
University of Hartford	1
Boston Conservatory at Berklee	1
University of Cincinnati	1
Temple University, Boyer College of Music	1
MI College of Contemporary Music	1
Los Angeles College of Music	1

U.K./EUROPE

Imperial College London	1
University College London	8
King's College London	5
University of Edinburgh	11
University of Manchester	11

University of Bristol	5
University of Warwick	2
University of Birmingham	6
University of Glasgow	1
University of Leeds	6
University of Southampton	5
University of Sheffield	5
Durham University	2
University of Nottingham	2
Queen Mary University of London	1
University of St. Andrews	2
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
Eindhoven University of Technology	1

AUSTRALIA

University of Melbourne	7
University of New South Wales	7
University of Sydney	16
Australian National University	1
Monash University	7
University of Queensland	6
University of Western Australia	1

CANADA

University of Toronto	18
University of British Columbia	6
Queen University	1
University of Ottawa	2
Simon Fraser University	1
McMaster University	1
York University	2
University of Alberta	1
Carleton University	1
Alberta University of the Arts	1
Emily Carr University of Art + Design	1
Orienteering Computer-Aided Design University	1

ASIA

National University of Singapore	1
University of Hong Kong	2
Lingning University	1
Waseda University	4
Hosei University	1
Sophia University	2
University of Southampton Malaysia	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. **786**

U.K./EUROPE **85**

AUSTRALIA **45**

CANADA **36**

ASIA **20**

