

CLASS OF 2019

“Discovering and developing our true potential”



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SCHOOL HISTORY & MISSION

Hisar School was founded in 1996 by Hisar Educational Foundation, a non-profit organization committed to providing an exemplary academic education to the youth of Turkey starting at the preschool level. Over the brief span of 20 years, Hisar has become one of the best educational institutions in the country and continues to develop global leaders of the future in Turkey and in the world. Hisar's mission is discovering and developing our true potential through critical thinking, effective collaboration and meaningful contributions as world citizens with the integration of 21st century skills into the curriculum.

HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY

The faculty is comprised of 68 teachers. Of these, 78% are Turkish and 22% are foreign nationals. 45% hold advanced degrees.

ACCREDITATION & INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Hisar School is accredited by the Turkish Ministry of Education, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) as well as the Council of International Schools (CIS).

Memberships: Turkish Private School Association, Council of International Schools (CIS), NACAC, International ACAC, the College Board and the ERB Association.

Hisar School is committed to internationalism in education and aims at developing global citizenship in students.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & CURRICULUM

The academic program is bilingual with a university preparatory curriculum. English is the language of instruction for science, math and English literature courses as well as a variety of electives. Turkish is the language of instruction for Turkish language and literature and some social science courses.

Students follow a common core curriculum as mandated by the Turkish Ministry of Education, consisting of English, Turkish literature and language, math, sciences, social sciences, a foreign language, and electives. It is expected that students planning to study science, math, or engineering complete 4 years of math, 3 sciences in grades 9-10 and 2 sciences in grades 11-12. Students take an average of 12 courses per year, including electives. To graduate, students must complete a minimum of 40 credits per year. All students graduating from Hisar are awarded the Anadolu Lisesi Diploması (Private Anatolian High School Diploma).

ACADEMIC & ADVISING POLICIES

As a small school, Hisar does not compute class rank. Both year-end averages and cumulative GPAs

are listed on the transcript. GPAs are calculated by multiplying grades by the number of credit hours in each course. All courses are included in the cumulative GPA average. We do not incorporate transfer grades from other institutions in our GPA. AP courses are not weighted and graded on the same scale as other courses.

It is important to note that grade inflation is not practiced at Hisar. Admission is selective and our academic standards are high. Just 10% of our students typically achieve a GPA above 95. In the class of 2018, the top GPA was 97.83 and the year before that it was 98. Students receive numeric grades on a 100 point scale in all courses. **Hisar's passing grade is 60.**

In cases where universities require or request, Hisar School reports all out-of-school suspensions, exclusions and withdrawals that arise as a result of a disciplinary incident where the incident raises significant concerns about the future safety and well-being of the student concerned or of those with whom he/she interacts; or where the incident raises significant concerns about the academic integrity of the student.



CLASS OF 2019 GRADE DISTRIBUTION BY CORE COURSE

ENGLISH	90-100	80-89	70-79	60-69	0-59	Total
AP English Language and Composition	11	18	2	-	-	31
English 11	17	28	20	13	-	78
TURKISH	90-100	80-89	70-79	60-69	0-59	Total
Turkish Lang. & Literature 11	60	30	13	5	1	109
MATH	90-100	80-89	70-79	60-69	0-59	Total
AP Calculus AB	27	15	1	-	-	43
Mathematics 11	19	20	17	9	1	66
SCIENCE	90-100	80-89	70-79	60-69	0-59	Total
AP Physics 1	11	4	2	-	1	18
AP Physics 11	2	1	2	-	-	5
Physics 11	8	12	4	4	-	28
AP Chemistry 11	14	1	-	1	-	16
Chemistry 11	8	7	5	4	-	24
AP Biology 11	12	5	-	1	-	6
Biology 11	1	1	3	1	-	3
Intro to Engineering Mechanics by Georgia Tech	3	-	-	-	-	3
Mechatronics	-	2	1	-	-	3
SOCIAL SCIENCES	90-100	80-89	70-79	60-69	0-59	Total
History of Turkish Revolution and Atatürk	32	25	26	23	-	106
History 11	1	2	-	-	-	3
AP Psychology	7	7	3	-	-	17
Psychology	2	-	-	-	-	2
AP Microeconomics	21	2	-	-	-	23
AP European History	4	1	-	-	-	5
AP World History	10	-	-	-	-	10
Sociology 11	-	1	2	-	-	3
Philosophy 11	42	26	28	13	-	109
Geography 11	4	10	21	11	-	46
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	90-100	80-89	70-79	60-69	0-59	Total
AP Spanish	7	-	-	-	-	7
French III	14	9	7	5	-	35
German III	8	6	2	3	3	22
Spanish III	13	12	11	2	-	38
COMPUTER SCIENCE	90-100	80-89	70-79	60-69	0-59	Total
AP Computer Science	8	-	1	-	-	9

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES

Traditionally the Turkish Curriculum is known for its rigor, especially in math and sciences. In addition to the Turkish Curriculum, AP courses are offered to 11th and 12th grade students only as elective courses. Hisar School began implementing the program in 2007, (only 2 courses offered) and **currently offers the highest number of AP courses in Turkey.** There are 20 AP courses being offered in 2018-2019 and 72% of 11th and 12th grade students are enrolled in AP courses.

As a result of course-scheduling conflicts or conflicts with the Turkish Ministry requirements, some of our students not enrolled in the courses

study independently and sit for the AP exams. In 2018, a total of 291 AP exams were administered in 18 AP subjects.

In 2014-2015 Hisar School was selected as one of 16 international schools to pilot the AP Capstone Diploma Program. This innovative diploma program provides students the opportunity to engage in scholarly practice of the core academic skills through a two-course sequence: AP Seminar in grade 11 and AP Research in grade 12. Successful completion of these two courses earns an AP certificate. Successful completion of these two courses in conjunction with 4 other AP courses earns an AP Capstone Diploma.

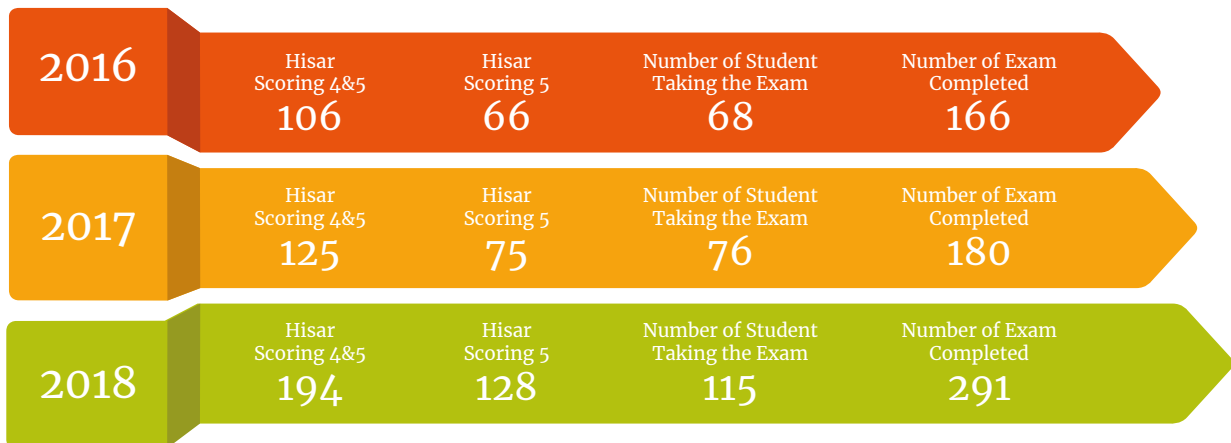
CLASS OF 2018

**AP SCHOLAR
WITH DISTINCTION**

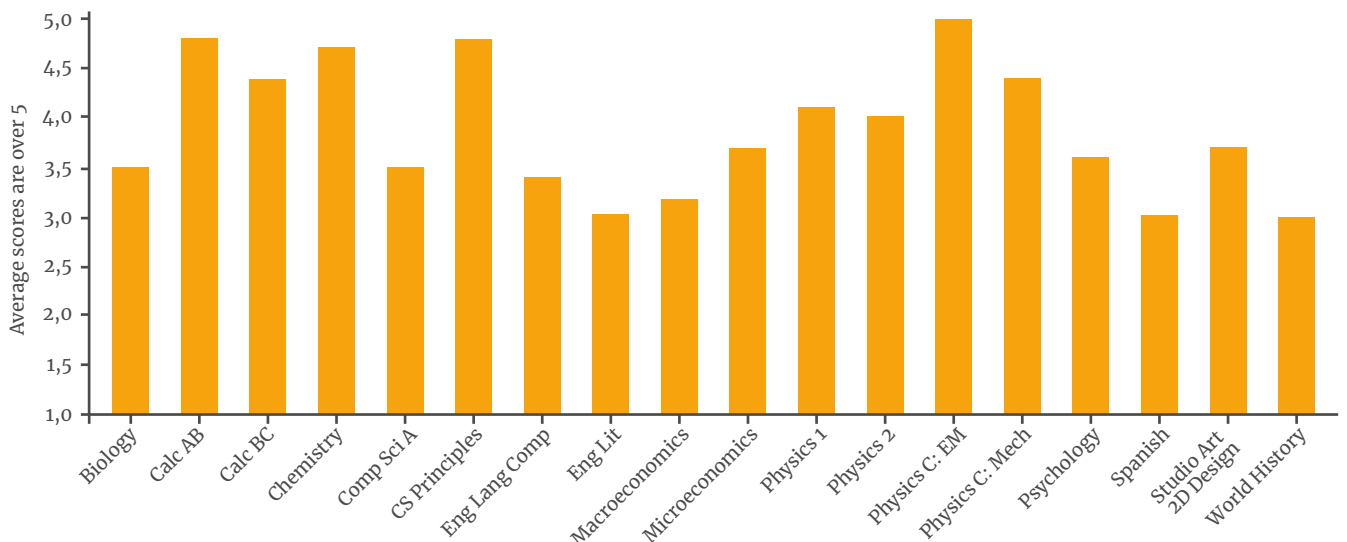


**AP SCHOLAR
WITH HONORS**

MAY 2018 AP EXAM SCORES (STUDENTS IN GRADES 11 AND 12)



2018 AP EXAM AVERAGES BY COURSE



SAT SCORES FOR THE PAST 3 YEARS: (100% NON-NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS)

SAT (57 TEST TAKERS)	MIDDLE 50%
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	550-660
Math	30-36
Mathematics	600-735
Reading	27-37
Writing	28-33
Total	1155-1360

SAT SUBJECT TESTS	MIDDLE 50%
Biology - Ecology	600-690
Biology - Molecular	690-750
Chemistry	660-770
English Literature	560-660
French	440-530
German	740-740
German with Listening	780-780
Math Level I	640-740
Math Level II	660-790
Physics	650-760
Spanish	440-440
World History	590-700

ACT (42 TEST TAKERS)	MIDDLE 50%
ELA	22-27
English	25-33
Math	29-35
Reading	23-30
Science	25-33
STEM	26-34
Writing	8-24
Composite	27-31

SPECIAL PROGRAMS & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

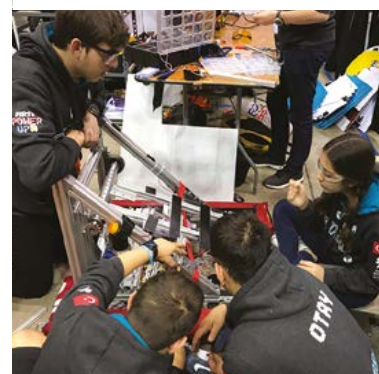
Students are involved in a wide range of activities and organizations. 'Active Students, Active Citizens' is an annual community service project for the promotion of international education. Currently in its tenth year, students in the program visit disadvantaged regions of Turkey to lead children in activities that focus on critical thinking skills, human rights, arts, sports and English.

In its 20th year, Hisar introduced the Apple Distinguished Program designation to Turkey for its programs that meet criteria for innovation, leadership and educational excellence demonstrating Apple's vision of exemplary learning environments.

Following the establishment of the IdeaLab, as a well-resourced hands-on learning space, our students from the Robotics team participated in the First Robotics Competition (FRC) Silicon Valley Regional and received the "Imagery Award". In April, upon their success in Silicon Valley, three of our students from the Robotics team participated in Pi wars Robotics Challenge Competition at University of Cambridge and they received the "Best Presentation Award" at the First Lego League and two special jury awards at the Turkish Airlines Hackathon.

Hisar High School students also excel in arts and sports. Our Classical Guitar Band ranked first at Sea Sun Festival in Spain and four Hisar High School students were among the three finalists at fashion and interior design competitions organized by Regent's University in London. Our school's Boys

Youth Handball Team were semi-finalists at the Turkish Championship and our girl's volleyball team competed at the Turkish Championship. In addition to the activities outside school, Hisar hosted the 2nd TEDx Hisar School, JMUN and first JMUN in Spanish.



MATRICULATION & UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCE LIST (2013–2018)

Asia

(matriculations in bold)

- Yale–NUS College

Canada

- **University of Alberta**
- Bishop's University
- **University of British Columbia**
- Carleton University
- **Concordia University – Montreal**
- Dalhousie University
- **Emily Carr University of Art+Design**
- University of Guelph
- University of Guelph–Humber
- Huron University College
- **McGill University**
- McMaster University
- **Ontario College of Art & Design (OCAD)**
- University of Ottawa
- **Queen's University**
- Ryerson University
- Saint Mary's University
- **Simon Fraser University**
- **University of Toronto**
- Trent University
- University of Waterloo
- Wilfrid Laurier University
- **York University**

Europe

- The American University of Paris
- **Universita Bocconi**
- Copenhagen School of Design and Technology
- **Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne**
- **Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam**
- Escuela Superior de Admistracion y Direccion de Empresas (ESADE)
- Glion Institute of Higher Education
- Hogeschool van Arnhem en Nijmegen
- Humanitas University
- **IE University – Segovia**
- Instituto Europeo di Design, Milan
- Jacobs University
- Leiden University College The Hague
- Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
- Marist–LdM –Florence
- **Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti Milano**
- **Politecnico di Milano**
- Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen
- **Technische Universiteit Delft**
- **Tilburg University**
- **Universita Cattolica del Sacro Cuore**
- Universitat Ramon Llull – La Salle
- **Universiteit Leiden**
- **Universiteit Maastricht**
- **Universiteit Twente**
- Universiteit van Amsterdam
- University College Maastricht
- **University of Southern Denmark**
- Università degli Studi di Roma “Tor Vergata”
- Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
- Webster University (Geneva)

Israel

- IDC Herzliya– Raphael Recanati International School

United Kingdom

- Anglia Ruskin University
- Arts University Bournemouth
- **Bath College**
- Birmingham City University
- **Bournemouth University**
- Brunel University London
- Cardiff University
- **Central Saint Martins College of Art & Design**
- Chelsea College of Art and Design
- City and Guilds of London Art School
- **City University of London**
- **Durham University**
- The Glasgow School of Art
- **Goldsmiths, University of London**
- Imperial College London
- Istituto Marangoni, London
- **King's College London**
- Kingston University
- Lancaster University
- **London College of Fashion**
- London Metropolitan University
- **Loughborough University**
- Middlesex University

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United Kingdom

(matriculations in bold)

- Newcastle University
- Oxford Brookes University
- **Queen Mary University of London**
- Ravensbourne
- Regent's University London
- **Royal Holloway**
- **School of Oriental and African Studies**
- Sheffield Hallam University
- Staffordshire University
- **University College Birmingham**
- **University College London**
- University for the Creative Arts
- University for the Creative Arts at Epsom
- University for the Creative Arts at Farnham
- **University of Bath**
- **University of Birmingham**
- University of Bradford
- University of Brighton
- University of Bristol
- University of East Anglia
- University of East London
- **The University of Edinburgh**
- **University of Exeter**
- **University of Kent**
- University of Leeds
- The University of Manchester
- University of Newcastle
- **The University of Nottingham**
- **University of Reading**
- **The University of Sheffield**
- University of Southampton
- **University of St Andrews**
- **University of Surrey**
- **University of Sussex**
- **University of the Arts London**
- **The University of Warwick**
- University of West London
- University of Westminster
- **University of York**

United States

- American University
- **Amherst College**
- The University of Arizona
- **Babson College**
- **Barnard College**
- Baruch College of the CUNY
- Bentley University
- Berkeley College NYC Midtown Location
- **Berklee College of Music**
- Boston College
- **Boston University**
- **Brandeis University**
- **Brown University**
- **Bryant University**
- Bryn Mawr College
- Bucknell University
- California College of the Arts (San Francisco)
- California Institute of the Arts
- California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
- **California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo**
- California State University, Fresno
- California State University, Fullerton
- California State University, Long Beach
- California State University, Los Angeles
- **University of California, Berkeley**
- **University of California, Davis**
- **University of California, Irvine**
- **University of California, Los Angeles**
- University of California, Merced
- University of California, Riverside
- **University of California, San Diego**
- University of California, San Francisco
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- **University of California, Santa Cruz**
- **Carnegie Mellon University**
- Case Western Reserve University
- Chapman University
- **University of Chicago**
- Clark University
- University of Colorado at Boulder
- Columbia College Chicago
- **Columbia University**
- Connecticut College
- Cornell University
- **Dartmouth College**
- **Dickinson College**
- Drew University
- Drexel University
- **Duke University**
- Emerson College
- **Emory University**
- Florida Institute of Technology
- **Fordham University**
- George Mason University
- **The George Washington University**
- **Georgetown University**
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Hamilton College - NY
- **Hope College**
- Hult International Business School - Boston
- **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**
- The University of Iowa
- Ithaca College
- **Johns Hopkins University**
- Johnson & Wales University (Providence)
- **Keiser University - West Palm Beach**

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United States

(matriculations in bold)

- Lafayette College
- **Lehigh University**
- **Loyola Marymount University**
- Lynn University
- Manhattan College
- **Marist College**
- Maryland Institute College of Art
- University of Maryland, College Park
- Marymount Manhattan College
- Massachusetts College of Art and Design
- **MCPHS - Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences**
- **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- University of Massachusetts, Boston
- **University of Miami**
- Michigan State University
- University of Michigan
- New York Institute of Technology
- **New York University**
- The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- **Northeastern University**
- **Northwestern University**
- Otis College of Art and Design
- **Pace University, New York**
- University of the Pacific
- **Pennsylvania State University**
- **University of Pennsylvania**
- **Pepperdine University**
- Pomona College
- **Pratt Institute**
- **Princeton University**
- **Purdue University**
- Quinnipiac University
- **Rhode Island School of Design**
- **Rice University**
- University of Richmond
- **Ringling College of Art and Design**
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- University of Rochester
- Roger Williams University
- Rutgers University-New Brunswick
- San Diego State University
- University of San Diego
- **San Francisco State University**
- University of San Francisco
- San Jose State University
- Santa Clara University
- Sarah Lawrence College
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- Savannah College of Art and Design-Atlanta
- School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- **School of Visual Arts**
- Scripps College
- Skidmore College
- Southern California Institute of Architecture
- **University of Southern California**
- St. John's College
- **Stanford University**
- State University of New York at New Paltz
- Stony Brook University
- Suffolk University
- Syracuse University
- The University of Tampa
- Temple University
- **The University of Texas, Austin**
- **The New School - All Divisions**
- Trinity University
- **Tufts University**
- **Tulane University**
- University of Utah
- Vanderbilt University
- **Vassar College**
- University of Vermont
- **Virginia Tech**
- **University of Virginia**
- Wagner College
- Washington University in St. Louis
- **University of Washington**
- **Wellesley College**
- Wentworth Institute of Technology
- **Wheaton College MA**
- Whittier College
- College of William and Mary
- Woodbury University
- **Worcester Polytechnic Institute**
- **Yale University**

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