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# School Profile

“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 24 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 85 teachers. Of these, 16% are foreign nationals and 56% 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.**

## COVID-19 UPDATES

In line with the statements and guidelines of the Ministry of Health and Ministry of National Education, 2021-2022 Academic Year started with face-to-face education at all levels on Monday, September 6, 2021.

Our campus and curriculum for the new school year have been prepared with an emphasis on the health and safety of our community. Hisar will continue to provide an outstanding level of education while protecting our students, faculty and staff. Precautions are announced and constantly updated through posters, e-mail announcements, web page and documents such as Hisar School Health Safety Guide.

In line with various decisions that may be taken by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education regarding the ongoing pandemic, any potential change will be reflected in our Counselor Reports.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & CURRICULUM

The academic program is bilingual with a university preparatory curriculum. English is the language of instruction for science, mathematics 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, mathematics, sciences, social sciences, a foreign language, and electives. It is expected that students planning to study science, mathematics, or engineering complete 4 years of mathematics, 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

Hisar School 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. In the class of 2021, the top GPA was 97.82 and the year before that it was 97.64. 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.

## GRADING SCALE

High Honors	Honors	Good	Satisfactory	Failing
90-100	80-89	70-79	60-69	0-59
(95-100 A+) (85-94 A) (80-84 A-/B+)(75-79 B) (70-74 B-/C+) (65-69 C) (60-64 C-/D)				

## CLASS OF 2022 GRADE DISTRIBUTION BY CORE COURSE

	90-100	80-89	70-79	60-69	0-59	Total
<b>ENGLISH</b> AP English Language and Composition	9	5	1	1	-	16
English 11	50	31	4	6	-	91
<b>TURKISH</b> Turkish Lang. & Literature 11	66	14	16	8	3	107
<b>MATHEMATICS</b> AP Calculus AB	32	19	5	1	-	57
AP Statistics	6	-	1	-	-	7
Mathematics 11	19	13	11	3	14	60
<b>SCIENCE</b> AP Biology	17	2	2	-	-	21
Biology 11	19	2	3	1	-	25
AP Chemistry	14	5	3	-	-	22
Chemistry 11	16	2	3	3	3	27
AP Physics 1	10	8	2	1	-	21
Physics 11	16	8	2	4	-	30
<b>SOCIAL SCIENCE</b> AP Comparative Government and Politics	3	-	1	-	-	4
AP Human Geography	-	1	-	-	-	1
AP European History	5	2	-	-	-	7
AP Microeconomics	12	7	3	6	1	29

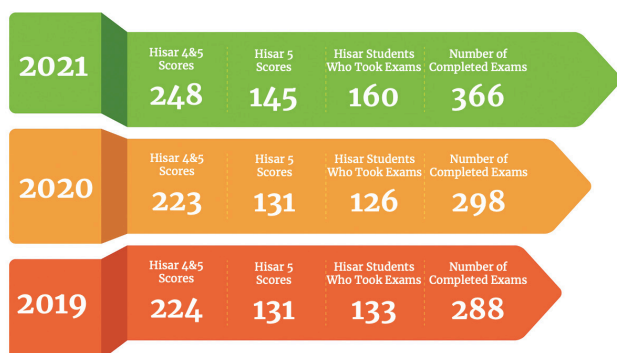
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<b>AP Psychology</b>	11	8	6	-	-	<b>25</b>
<b>Geography 11</b>	7	10	4	2	-	<b>23</b>
<b>History 11</b>	43	37	16	8	3	<b>107</b>
<b>Philosophy 11</b>	64	23	9	7	4	<b>107</b>
<b>Sociology 11</b>	2	-	-	-	-	<b>2</b>
<b>FOREIGN LANGUAGE</b> <b>AP Spanish</b>	4	-	-	-	-	<b>4</b>
<b>French III</b>	24	6	3	-	2	<b>35</b>
<b>German III</b>	12	2	-	1	-	<b>15</b>
<b>Spanish III</b>	29	13	3	5	3	<b>53</b>
<b>COMPUTER SCIENCE</b> <b>AP Computer Science A</b>	5	-	-	-	-	<b>5</b>
<b>AP Computer Science Principles</b>	1	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>
<b>Design Thinking and Entrepreneurship</b>	5	2	-	-	-	<b>7</b>
<b>Graphic Design and Multimedia</b>	10	1	1	-	-	<b>12</b>

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES

Traditionally the Turkish Curriculum is known for its rigor, especially in mathematics 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 21 AP courses being offered in 2021-2022 and 70% of 11th and 12th grade students are enrolled in AP courses.

As a result of course-scheduling conflicts with the Turkish Ministry requirements, some of our students not enrolled in the courses study independently and sit for the AP exams. In 2021, a total of 366 AP exams were administered in 21 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 2021

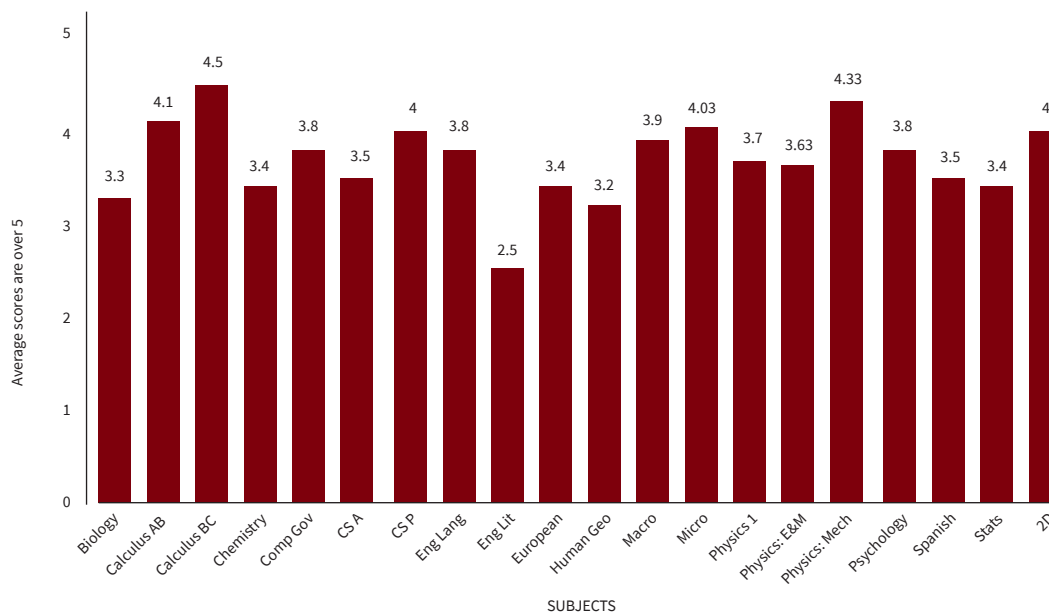
AP Scholar  
With Distinction

**28**

**9**

AP Scholar  
With Honors

## 2021 AP EXAM AVERAGES BY COURSE



## CLASS OF 2021 TEST AVERAGES: (100% non-native English speakers)

SAT (46 test takers)	Middle 50%
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	590-710
Math	35-39
Math	690-780
Reading	28-36
Writing	32-37
<b>Total</b>	<b>1290-1480</b>

ACT (7 test takers)	Middle 50%
ELA	22-35
English	23-34
Math	31-35
Reading	21-35
Science	30-35
STEM	31-35
Writing	7-9
<b>Composite</b>	<b>26-34</b>

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Despite the ongoing pandemic process, our students both organized and participated in a wide range of online activities. Students attended events in which they demonstrated their negotiation skills. Students presented in the 53rd THIMUN conference with nearly 2000 students from all over the world. Celebrating its 15th anniversary, our students organized the International JMUN conference in March 2021 with the theme of “Combating Polarization in Times of Global Crisis”. Students also took the role of “instructor” by holding various workshops in the online “Innovation Summit” organized by American Community Schools in Greece. Students gave training on programming with Sonic Pi, website programming techniques, python programming with PyGame, and image processing techniques with OpenCV.

Our students started new events and organized the “Women In Science Conference” at the national level, and GameJam – Game Development Contest at the international level. Also, the 3rd PiWars Turkey Robotics Competition and the 7th Hisar Coding Summit were successfully organized in online platforms by our students. Throughout the summit which included prestigious guest speakers from institutions such as Google, Microsoft and Stanford, various topics that shed light on the future such as entrepreneurship in technology, use of artificial intelligence, technology-human interaction and artificial intelligence in biology were discussed in detail.

Hisar students also won unique awards this year. While one student from Grade 11 received the “Outstanding Instructor” award given by the Middle East/North African Writing Center Association MENAWCA, the article of our 12th grade student was selected by the jury of Harvard GlobalWE (Harvard’s Women’s Empowerment Essay Contest).

In April and May, three research projects prepared by our Grade 10 and 11 students were entitled to be published in the “Open Schools Journal for Open Science”. We celebrated the release of the second book study: “S.T.E.A.M. Punks”. The book was published in collaboration with Columbia University Student Press, and was a collection of Hisar High School students’ original writing, interviews, essays and visual art works in the STEAM field.

# UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION & ACCEPTANCE LIST (2017-2021)

(Matriculations in bold and matriculation numbers are noted in parantheses)

## Asia/South Pacific

- Bond University
- Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- **Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (1)**
- University of Newcastle
- University of Queensland

## Canada

- Brock University
- Carleton University
- **Concordia University - Montreal (2)**
- Huron University College
- **McGill University (13)**
- McMaster University
- Ontario College of Art & Design
- **Queen's University (1)**
- **Ryerson University (2)**
- **Simon Fraser University (1)**
- University of Alberta
- **University of British Columbia (10)**
- University of Guelph
- University of Guelph-Humber
- University of Ottawa
- **University of Toronto (14)**
- University of Waterloo
- University of Western Ontario
- Wilfrid Laurier University
- **York University (3)**

## Europe

- BES La Salle
- **Bocconi University (6)**
- **Cattolica International (1)**
- **Design Academy Eindhoven (1)**
- **Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne (2)**
- **Eindhoven University of Technology (5)**
- **Erasmus University Rotterdam (9)**
- **Escuela Superior de Admistracion y Direccion de Empresas ESADE (1)**
- Glion Institute of Higher Education
- HAN University of Applied Sciences
- IE University - Madrid
- **IE University - Segovia (1)**
- Instituto Europeo di Design, Milan
- Jacobs University
- **Leiden University (4)**
- Linnaeus University - Kalmar
- **Maastricht University (3)**
- **Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti Milano (3)**
- Radboud University
- Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences
- **Technical University (TU) Delft (6)**
- Tilburg University
- Trinity College Dublin
- **Universitat Ramon Llull - La Salle (1)**
- University College Maastricht
- University College Utrecht

- **University of Amsterdam (3)**
- **University of Groningen (4)**
- **University of Pavia (1)**
- University of Rome La Sapienza
- **University of Twente (3)**
- Utrecht University
- **Van Hall Larenstein University of Applied Sciences (1)**
- **Vita-Salute San Raffaele University (1)**
- **Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam (2)**
- Willem de Kooning Academie

## Israel

- **IDC Herzliya- Raphael Recanati International School (1)**

## United Kingdom

- **Architectural Association School of Architecture (1)**
- Arts University Bournemouth
- Birmingham City University
- **Bournemouth University (1)**
- Brunel University London
- Cardiff University
- **Central Saint Martins College of Art & Design (4)**
- City and Guilds of London Art School
- **City University of London (12)**
- Coventry University
- **Durham University (1)**
- **Goldsmiths, University of London (2)**
- **Imperial College London (2)**
- Istituto Marangoni, London
- **King's College London (7)**
- Kingston University
- Lancaster University
- London Metropolitan University
- **London School of Economics and Political Science (1)**
- **Loughborough University (2)**
- Manchester Metropolitan University
- Middlesex University
- Oxford Brookes University
- **Queen Mary University of London (1)**
- **Ravensbourne (1)**
- Regent's University London
- **Royal Holloway, University of London (3)**
- **School of Oriental and African Studies (1)**
- Sheffield Hallam University
- Staffordshire University
- Swansea University
- The Academy of Live & Recorded Arts
- **The Glasgow School of Art (1)**
- **The University of Nottingham (8)**
- **University College Birmingham (1)**
- **University College London (20)**
- University for the Creative Arts
- **University of Bath (8)**

- **University of Birmingham (5)**
- University of Brighton
- **University of Bristol (1)**
- University of East Anglia
- University of East London
- **University of Edinburgh (2)**
- University of Essex
- **University of Exeter (7)**
- University of Glasgow
- University of Kent
- University of Leeds
- University of Liverpool
- **University of Manchester (3)**
- **University of Reading (1)**
- **University of Sheffield (1)**
- University of Southampton
- **University of St. Andrews (1)**
- **University of Surrey (3)**
- **University of Sussex (1)**
- **University of the Arts London (7)**
- **University of Warwick (8)**
- **University of West London (1)**
- **University of Westminster (1)**
- **University of York (1)**

## United States

- AMDA College of the Performing Arts
- American Academy of Dramatic Arts- New York
- **American University (2)**
- Amherst College
- **Arizona State University (1)**
- ArtCenter College of Design
- **Babson College (3)**
- **Barnard College (3)**
- Bentley University
- **Berklee College of Music (3)**
- Boston College
- **Boston University (8)**
- **Bradley University (1)**
- Brandeis University
- **Brown University (3)**
- Bryant University
- Bryn Mawr College
- California College of the Arts
- California Institute of Technology
- **California Polytechnic State University (1)**
- California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
- California State University, East Bay
- California State University, Fresno
- California State University, Fullerton
- California State University, Long Beach
- California State University, Los Angeles
- California State University, Monterey Bay
- California State University, Sacramento
- **Carnegie Mellon University (3)**

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- Case Western Reserve University
- Chapman University
- Claremont McKenna College
- **Columbia University (4)**
- Connecticut College
- Cornell University
- **Dartmouth College (1)**
- Drew University
- Drexel University
- **Duke University (2)**
- Emerson College
- Emory University
- **Emory University (1)**
- Fairfield University
- Florida Institute of Technology
- **Fordham University (2)**
- George Mason University
- **George Washington University (1)**
- **Georgetown University (1)**
- **Georgia Institute of Technology (2)**
- Harvey Mudd College
- Hult International Business School-Boston
- **Irvine Valley College (1)**
- **Johns Hopkins University (3)**
- Johnson & Wales University-Providence
- Laguna College of Art and Design
- Lehigh University
- Loyola Marymount University
- Lynn University
- Manhattan College
- Maryland Institute college of art
- Massachusetts College of Art and Design
- Michigan State University
- Middlebury College
- Musicians Institute
- **New York University (7)**
- Northeastern University
- **Northwestern University (9)**
- Occidental College
- Otis College of Art and Design
- Pace University
- **Pennsylvania State University (1)**
- Pepperdine University
- Pitzer College
- Pomona College
- **Pratt Institute (3)**
- **Princeton University (1)**
- **Purdue University (3)**
- Quinnipiac University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- **Rhode Island School of Design (3)**
- Rice University
- Ringling College of Art and Design
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Roger Williams University
- **Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (1)**
- Rutgers University - New Brunswick
- **San Diego State University (2)**
- San Francisco State University
- San José State University
- **Santa Clara University (1)**
- Sarah Lawrence College
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- **School of Visual Arts (1)**
- Scripps College
- Skidmore College
- **Southern California Institute of Architecture (1)**
- **Stanford University (1)**
- Stevens Institute of Technology
- Stony Brook University (SUNY)
- SUNY Purchase College
- Swarthmore College
- Syracuse University
- The American Musical and Dramatic Academy
- **The New School (9)**
- The Ohio State University
- **Tufts University (2)**
- **Tulane University (1)**
- University of Arizona
- **University of California, Berkeley (15)**
- **University of California, Davis (2)**
- **University of California, Irvine (1)**
- **University of California, Los Angeles (5)**
- University of California, Merced
- University of California, Riverside
- **University of California, San Diego (1)**
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- University of California, Santa Cruz
- **University of Chicago (1)**
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Colorado Boulder
- University of Hawaii at Manoa
- **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (3)**
- University of Maryland, College Park
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- University of Miami
- **University of Michigan (1)**
- University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- University of Missouri Columbia
- University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- University of Notre Dame
- **University of Pennsylvania (2)**
- University of Rhode Island
- University of Richmond
- University of Rochester
- University of San Diego
- University of San Francisco
- University of South Florida
- **University of Southern California (10)**
- University of the Pacific
- University of Vermont
- University of Virginia
- University of Washington
- **University of Wisconsin, Madison (3)**
- Vassar College (1)
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute (Virginia Tech)
- Wake Forest University
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Wellesley College
- Wesleyan University
- Wheaton College, Massachusetts
- Woodbury University
- **Worcester Polytechnic Institute (3)**
- Yale University



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