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# School Profile

“Discovering and developing our true potential”



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## SCHOOL HISTORY & MISSION

Hisar School, a PreK-12 co-educational day 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. Over the brief span of 26 years, Hisar has become one of the leading educational institutions in the country and continues to develop global leaders of the future in Turkey and in the world. Hisar's mission is guiding students to discover and develop their true potential through critical thinking, effective collaboration and meaningful contributions as world citizens with the integration of 21st century skills into the curriculum.

## OUR STUDENTS

Hisar School is home to primarily Turkish students who begin in pre-K and transition from our Middle School directly to Grade 9. In addition, a small number of students who excel on a highly competitive national high school entrance exam are admitted each year and may complete an additional year of English Prep depending on their language proficiency. The total pre-K-12 student population is just over 1600 while the high school enrollment is just over 550. Approximately 14% of our students receive merit or need-based scholarships. All graduates matriculate to universities; approximately 85% matriculate overseas.

## OUR FACULTY

Hisar School faculty is composed of 81 high school teachers. Of these, 15% are foreign nationals and 66% hold advanced degrees.

## ACCREDITATION, INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS & INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Hisar School is accredited by the Turkish Ministry of Education (MEB), the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) as well as the Council of International Schools (CIS). Hisar School is a Distinguished Apple School, a Common Sense School, and aligns with International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Standards. Hisar holds membership in the Turkish Private School Association, Council of International Schools, NACAC, International ACAC, Global School Program, 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

All graduates of Hisar School are awarded the Anadolu Lisesi Diploması (Private Anatolian High School Diploma). Students follow a common core curriculum as mandated by the Turkish Ministry of Education (MEB). English is the language of instruction for mathematics, science, English language/literature as well as some electives and all AP courses. Turkish is the language of instruction for some social science courses and Turkish language/literature.

## ACADEMIC POLICIES

Hisar School does not report students' class rank. A student's grade point average (GPA) is calculated on the basis of the grade and the number of hours each class meets per week. All courses are included in the cumulative GPA. AP courses are not weighted and are graded on the same scale as other courses. We do not incorporate grades from other institutions in our GPA.

Hisar School's academic program is very rigorous. Students receive numeric grades on a 100 point scale in all courses. The passing grade is 60. In the Class of 2023, the highest GPA was 98.69/100. Hisar students adhere to a strict academic honesty policy, taking responsibility for independent work and learning.

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 she/he interacts; or where the incident raises significant concerns about the academic integrity of the student.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES

In addition to the rigorous Turkish national curriculum, Hisar offers 24 AP courses to students in Grades 11 and 12. As a result of the 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 2023, 212 Hisar students sat a total of 593 exams in 26 AP subjects. 96% of those who sat for AP exams scored a 3 or above on at least one test.

## CLASS OF 2024 GRADE DISTRIBUTION BY CORE COURSE

	90-100	80-89	70-79	60-69	0-59	Total
AP English Language and Composition	10	8	1			19
English 11	48	43	17	8		116
Turkish Language and Literature 11	64	47	14	9	1	135
AP Calculus AB	41	30	7	2		80
AP Statistics	9	4	3	1		17
Mathematics 11	10	23	5	13	4	55
AP Biology	8	5	5			18
Biology 11	1	6	1			8
AP Chemistry	16	4	7	3		30
Chemistry 11	8	10	4	2		24
AP Physics 1	8	13	13	5		39
AP Physics 2	4	3	1			8
Physics 11	6	5	5	4		20
Astrophysics	11	1				12
Engineering Principles	3		1			4
Neuroscience	5	2	1	1		9
AP Comparative Government and Politics	5	3				8
AP European History	2					2
AP Human Geography	5	1				6
AP Microeconomics	11	22	6	4	1	44
AP World History		2				2
Geography 11	4	16	9	5		34
History 11	49	51	23	12		135
Philosophy 11	70	42	18	5		135
International Relations	2	1	4			7
Sociology	12	11	10	1		34
French III	19	5	4	2		30
German III	18	3	2	3		26
AP Spanish	2					2
Spanish III	34	24	13	5		76
AP Computer Science A	3	3	1			7
AP Computer Science Principles	3					3
Design Thinking and Entrepreneurship	19	5	2			26

### Class of 2023

23

AP Scholar  
With  
Distinction

18

AP Scholar  
With  
Honors

### Class of 2023 Test Averages: (100% Non-Native English Speakers)

SAT (48 test takers)	Middle 50%
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	570-710
Mathematics	660-780
Math	27-34
Reading	27-34
Writing	28-36
<b>Total</b>	<b>1200-1480</b>

	Hisar Students who took exams	Number of completed exams	Hisar 4&5 Scores	Hisar 3 Scores	Percentage of Hisar 4&5 Scores based on the total number of completed exams
2023	212	593	425	245	71,7
2022	183	502	337	172	67,1
2021	160	366	248	145	67,8
2020	126	298	233	131	74,8

## SPECIAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

With the goal of providing an experiential-based learning environment and creating opportunities for students' diverse interests, Hisar has launched several new academic initiatives. While internships and community service have always been an organic part of our culture, students who complete their professional experiences and community service under the School's guidance will have these included on their transcript.

In July 2022 Hisar became the first high school in Turkey to partner with Coursera, the global online learning platform.

Through a department-wide curation process, 300 courses were selected to be open to Hisar students through the Coursera for Campus platform. Students may select courses in a wide variety of disciplines as well as areas of personal development and 21st century competencies. When students earn certificates in these courses, it will appear on their transcript as an additional course (Certificate Earned). The goal is that these courses provide independent, flexible, and alternative learning opportunities for students to develop responsibility and gain an international interdisciplinary perspective. If a student completes 50 hours of community service, a ten day internship and two Coursera courses within a one year period, they earn an Extended Learner Certificate. Students work with their respective administrators to meet minimum hour and reflection requirements. In the 2022-2023 school year 47 students in grades 9-11 earned Extended Learner Certificates.

Hisar was recognized as a member of the Global Schools Program in September 2021. An initiative of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) that supports UNESCO's "Global Program of Action on Education for Sustainable Development" (ESD), the mission of the program is to create a world where every student is equipped with the knowledge, values, and skills necessary to effectively respond to this century's greatest challenges and shape a sustainable and prosperous world.

Hisar students actively organize and participate in a wide range of activities and clubs, including the arts, community service, culture, drama, music, sports and STEAM. Students take active roles in THIMUN conferences and have organized an international JMUN conference at Hisar for 16 consecutive years. The Hisar Coding Summit is a virtual and international annual event coordinated by students. In addition to instructing courses, students invite guest speakers from companies such as Google and Microsoft. Student groups participate and place in national and international competitions such as GameJam, FIRST Robotics, Shell Eco-Marathon, as well as hackathons and incubator competitions. Through an active Writing Center, students participate in essay competitions and have published their writings and artwork in collaboration with Columbia University Student Press annually. The Hisar Young Philharmonic Orchestra, established in honor of the 25th anniversary of Hisar School, consists of professional musicians and Hisar students. Last but not least, many students conduct original research under the guidance of faculty and submit their work for publication and presentation at international conferences.

# UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION & ACCEPTANCE LIST (2019-2023)

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

## Asia/South Pacific

- Bond University
- City University of Hong Kong
- **Hong Kong Polytechnic University (1)**
- **Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (1)**
- New York University Shanghai
- University of Queensland

## Canada

- Brock University
- Carleton University
- Concordia University
- Dalhousie University
- Emily Carr University of Art and Design
- Huron University College
- **McGill University (13)**
- **McMaster University (1)**
- Queen's University
- Simon Fraser University
- **The University of British Columbia (7)**
- **Toronto Metropolitan University (2)**
- University of Alberta
- University of Calgary
- University of Guelph
- University of Guelph-Humber
- University of Ottawa
- **University of Toronto (12)**
- University of Waterloo
- University of Windsor
- Western University
- Wilfrid Laurier University
- **York University (2)**

## Europe

- **ArtEZ University of the Arts (Arnhem) (1)**
- **Bard College Berlin (1)**
- **BES La Salle (1)**
- Bio-Medical Campus University of Rome
- **Bocconi University (6)**
- Carl Benz School of Engineering
- **Cattolica International (2)**
- Constructor University (Jacobs University)
- **Delft University of Technology (TU Delft) (3)**
- **Design Academy Eindhoven (1)**
- **Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne (1)**
- **Eindhoven University of Technology (6)**
- **Erasmus University Rotterdam (10)**
- **Escuela Superior de Adminsitracion y Direccion de Empresas (ESADE) (2)**
- European University of Madrid
- Hanze University of Applied Sciences, Groningen
- **Humanitas University (1)**
- IE University, Madrid
- **IE University, Segovia (1)**
- **Inholland University of Applied Sciences, Haarlem**
- Instituto Europeo di Design, Milan
- Istituto Marangoni, Milano

- **IULM University of Languages and Communication**
- **Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (1)**
- **KU Leuven (1)**
- **Leiden University (4)**
- Linnaeus University - Kalmar
- Luiss University
- **Maastricht University (4)**
- **McDaniel College Budapest (1)**
- **Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti Milano (8)**
- **Politecnico di Milano (1)**
- **Politecnico di Torino (1)**
- Radboud University
- Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences
- Saint Louis University Madrid
- Sapienza Universita di Roma
- Saxion University of Applied Sciences
- Schiller International University - Madrid Campus
- The American University of Paris
- **The New School (1)**
- **Tilburg University (2)**
- **Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin (5)**
- **UCAM Universidad Católica de Murcia (1)**
- Unicamillus University
- Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
- **Universitat Ramon Llull - La Salle (1)**
- **Universiteit Twente (1)**
- University College Maastricht
- University College Roosevelt
- **University College Utrecht (1)**
- **University of Amsterdam (8)**
- **University of Groningen (5)**
- University of Padua
- **University of Pavia (1)**
- University of Pécs
- University of Pisa
- University of Rome La Sapienza
- **University of Twente (2)**
- Utrecht University
- **Van Hall Larenstein University of Applied Sciences (1)**
- **Vita-Salute San Raffaele University (5)**
- **Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam (5)**
- Wageningen University & Research
- Willem de Kooning Academie

## United Kingdom

- **Architectural Association School of Architecture (5)**
- Arts University Bournemouth
- Bournemouth University
- Brunel University
- Camberwell College of Arts
- Cardiff University
- **Central Saint Martins College of Art & Design (2)**
- **Chelsea College of Art & Design (3)**
- City and Guilds of London Art School
- **City University of London (11)**
- Coventry University

- **Durham University (2)**
- **Goldsmiths, University of London (2)**
- **Hult International Business School (2)**
- **Imperial College London (3)**
- INTO Newcastle University
- **Istituto Marangoni, London (1)**
- **King's College London (14)**
- Kingston University
- Lancaster University
- London Metropolitan University
- **London School of Economics and Political Science (5)**
- London South Bank University
- **Loughborough University (1)**
- Manchester Metropolitan University
- Middlesex University
- Oxford Brookes University
- **Queen Mary University of London (5)**
- **Ravensbourne University London (1)**
- **Regent's University London (1)**
- Richmond American University London
- **Royal Holloway, University of London (4)**
- School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London
- St Mary's University, London
- Swansea University
- The Academy of Live & Recorded Arts
- **The Glasgow School of Art (1)**
- The University of Liverpool
- **University College London (17)**
- University for the Creative Arts
- **University of Bath (9)**
- **University of Birmingham (4)**
- University of Brighton
- **University of Bristol (1)**
- University of East Anglia
- University of East London
- **University of Edinburgh (7)**
- University of Essex
- **University of Exeter (2)**
- University of Glasgow
- University of Kent, Canterbury
- University of Leeds
- **University of Manchester (6)**
- **University of Nottingham (7)**
- University of Reading
- University of Roehampton
- University of Sheffield
- University of Southampton
- **University of St Andrews (1)**
- **University of Surrey (3)**
- **University of Sussex (1)**
- **University of the Arts London (8)**
- **University of Warwick (12)**
- University of West London
- **University of West London (1)**
- **University of Westminster (2)**
- **University of York (1)**

## United States

- Alfred University
- AMDA College of the Performing Arts

- American Academy of Dramatic Arts-New York
- **American University (3)**
- Amherst College
- **Arizona State University (1)**
- ArtCenter College of Design
- **Babson College (3)**
- Bard College
- **Barnard College (3)**
- Barry University
- Bentley University
- **Berklee College of Music (3)**
- Boston College
- **Boston University (12)**
- **Bradley University (1)**
- Brandeis University
- **Brown University (2)**
- Bryant University
- Bryn Mawr College
- Bucknell University
- Butler University
- California College of the Arts
- California Institute of Technology
- California Polytechnic State University, Pomona
- California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
- California State University, East Bay
- California State University, Fresno
- California State University, Long Beach
- California State University, Los Angeles
- California State University, Monterey Bay
- California State University, Sacramento
- **Carnegie Mellon University (4)**
- Case Western Reserve University
- Chapman University
- **Chapman University (1)**
- Claremont McKenna College
- Columbia College Chicago
- **Columbia University (5)**
- Connecticut College
- **Curry College (1)**
- **Dartmouth College (1)**
- Dean College
- Drew University
- Drexel University
- **Duke University (4)**
- Emerson College
- Emory University
- Fairfield University
- Florida Institute of Technology
- Florida Memorial University
- **Fordham University (3)**
- George Mason University
- **George Washington University (1)**
- Georgetown University
- **Georgia Institute of Technology (2)**
- **Goshen College (1)**
- **Harvard University (1)**
- Harvey Mudd College
- Hofstra University
- Houghton College
- **Indiana University Bloomington (1)**
- **Irvine Valley College (1)**
- Ithaca College
- **Johns Hopkins University (4)**
- Laguna College of Art and Design
- Lehigh University
- **Loyola Marymount University (3)**
- **Loyola University Chicago (1)**
- Lynn University
- Marist College
- Maryland Institute College of Art
- Massachusetts College of Art and Design
- Michigan State University
- Middlebury College
- Milwaukee School of Engineering
- Mitchell College
- Musicians Institute
- New York School of Interior Design
- **New York University (8)**
- North Central College
- **Northeastern University (5)**
- **Northwestern University (10)**
- Occidental College
- Otis College of Art and Design
- Pace University
- Pennsylvania State University, University Park
- Pepperdine University
- Pitzer College
- Pomona College
- **Pratt Institute (3)**
- **Princeton University (2)**
- **Purdue University (4)**
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- **Rhode Island School of Design (2)**
- Rice University
- **Ringling College of Art and Design (1)**
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Roger Williams University
- **Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (1)**
- Rutgers University - New Brunswick
- Saint Mary's College of California
- **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 (1)**
- School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- **School of Visual Arts (1)**
- Scripps College
- Skidmore College
- **Southern California Institute of Architecture (1)**
- St. Edward's University
- **Stanford University (2)**
- **Stevens Institute of Technology (1)**
- Stony Brook University
- Suffolk University
- SUNY Purchase College
- Swarthmore College
- **Syracuse University (1)**
- The American Musical and Dramatic Academy
- **The New School (6)**
- The Ohio State University
- Thomas College
- **Tufts University (2)**
- University of Arizona
- **University of California, Berkeley (17)**
- **University of California, Davis (2)**
- **University of California, Irvine (1)**
- **University of California, Los Angeles (4)**
- University of California, Merced
- University of California, Riverside
- **University of California, San Diego (2)**
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- University of California, Santa Cruz
- **University of Chicago (1)**
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Colorado Boulder
- University of Connecticut
- University of Denver
- University of Florida
- University of Hartford
- University of Hawaii Manoa
- **University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign (5)**
- University of La Verne
- University of Mary Washington
- University of Maryland
- **University of Massachusetts, Amherst (1)**
- University of Miami
- **University of Michigan Ann Arbor (2)**
- University of Minnesota Twin Cities
- University of Missouri
- University of New Hampshire
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of Notre Dame
- **University of Pennsylvania (3)**
- University of Rhode Island
- University of Rochester
- University of San Francisco
- University of South Florida
- **University of Southern California (9)**
- University of Tampa
- University of Vermont
- **University of Virginia (1)**
- University of Washington
- **University of Wisconsin, Madison (3)**
- University of Wisconsin, Madison
- Vassar College
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech)
- Wake Forest University
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Wellesley College
- Wesleyan University
- Wheaton College, Massachusetts
- Whittier College
- Woodbury University
- **Worcester Polytechnic Institute (2)**
- Yale University



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