SCHOOL PROFILE | 2026–27

Cheongna Dalton School

Pioneering to Serve

545 STUDENTS K–12

268 GRADES 9–12

73 CLASS OF 2027

14 NATIONALITIES

86 FACULTY

6:1 student–faculty ratio
80% international
56% advanced degrees

Enrollment as of October 1, 2026

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01 About CDS

Founded in 2011 by Korea's non-profit Bongduk Education Foundation, CDS adopted the Dalton Plan under a 2010 memorandum of understanding with The Dalton School, New York. A secular, coeducational school with a U.S. college-preparatory curriculum, it was the first foreign school in Korea founded by a domestic foundation and the first approved for Korean academic accreditation. English is the language of instruction except in world languages and Korean.

02 The Dalton Plan

Created by educator Helen Parkhurst

House

A daily, faculty-led advisory community with weekly social-emotional learning.

Assignment

A unit contract of goals, deadlines and assessments; students pace their own work.

Lab

Scheduled one-on-one and small-group time with teachers to go deeper or get support.

03 Student Body | Grades 9–12

By Korean law, Korean nationals may enroll only with a foreign-citizen parent or 3+ years abroad, so most students bring international experience.



Korean | Dual (Korean + another) | Foreign 2%

22% hold a non-Korean passport from 13 countries; 12% of all students are U.S. citizens.

04 Graduation Requirements

4 English	3 Mathematics	3 Science	3 Social Studies
3 Languages	2 Fine Arts	2 Health & PE	2–6 Electives

22 credits minimum (26 maximum), a student-designed **Senior Project** serving the community, and **60 hours** of Service Learning. Korean Accreditation Track (optional): Grade 11 Korean History, plus non-credit after-school Korean in all four years.

05 AP Courses | 19 offered

English Language, Literature | **Mathematics** Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics | **Sciences** Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science A | **Social Studies** Psychology, Economics (Macro & Micro), U.S. History, Human Geography, World History: Modern, Comparative Government | **Languages** Chinese, Spanish | **Arts** Music Theory, Studio Art. Some social studies courses run in alternate years.

06 Beyond the Classroom

Four activity blocks in the weekly timetable host 40+ clubs, ensembles and teams, typically of 11–19 members; most students take part in each block. About 30 more student groups meet outside these blocks.

Competition & research Dalton Business Competition, Mock Trial, Model UN, Robotics, Math League, STEM Research | **Honor societies** NHS, NAHS, Rho Kappa, Psi Alpha, Science NHS, Chemistry NHS | **Arts & service** Orchestra, Musical, Yearbook, Global Helpers, Hope Hands | **Varsity (KAIAC)** Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton, Table Tennis, Swimming, Cross Country, Cheerleading, Forensics (speech & debate)

WASC ACCREDITING COMMISSION FOR SCHOOLS | CollegeBoard AP SAT

Member of ECIS, EARCOS and KORCOS

07 Curriculum & Academic Policies

- U.S. college-preparatory and AP courses; no honors designation. Course load per year: 7 in Grades 9–10, up to 6 in Grades 11–12.
- AP limits: no AP in Grade 9; up to 2 in Grade 10; up to 4 each in Grades 11–12. Eligible students may add one AP World Language in Grade 11 or 12. Additional APs by approval. STEM-bound students usually take only one AP in Grade 10, alongside the Chemistry and Physics prerequisites.
- AP placement: A- or higher in the prerequisite in both semesters guarantees a seat; B+ is decided by the school; B or lower in either is ineligible.
- Mid-year transfers may continue only APs begun elsewhere.
- Two 18-week semesters. Transcripts list year-end grades only; Grade 12 mid-year grades are in progress and not in GPA.

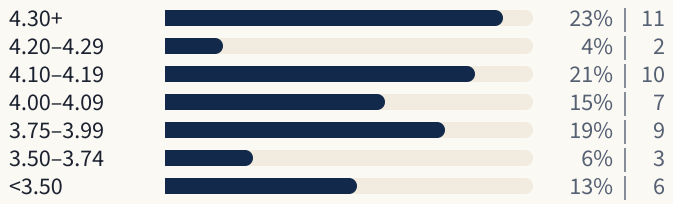
08 Grading Scale

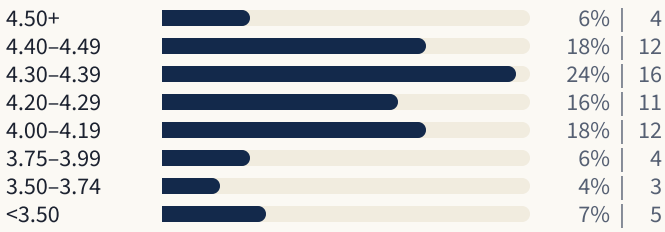
GRADE	RANGE	REG.	AP	GRADE	RANGE	REG.	AP
A	93–100	4.0	5.0	C	73–76	2.0	3.0
A-	90–92	3.7	4.7	C-	70–72	1.7	2.7
B+	87–89	3.3	4.3	D+	67–69	1.3	0
B	83–86	3.0	4.0	D	63–66	1.0	0
B-	80–82	2.7	3.7	D-	60–62	0.7	0
C+	77–79	2.3	3.3	F	0–59	0	0

AP courses carry +1.0 weight; in AP courses, below 70 is an F. Selected 0.5-credit fine arts courses are Pass/Fail. Grades are never curved; CDS does not rank students.

09 Grade Point Average | Class of 2027

Weighted, through Grade 11 (June 2026); CDS coursework only, with prior-school transcripts sent separately. Grade 9 has no AP, so compare a transcript GPA with the table for the student's entry point: A (since Grade 9), B (Grade 10) or the Grade 11 row.





Range by entry point	MEDIAN	MIDDLE 50%	MEAN	HIGHEST	ALL-A BENCHMARK*
A Since Grade 9 n = 48	**4.08**	3.85–4.22	3.96	4.35	4.30
B Enrolled by Grade 10 (includes A) | n = 67	**4.28**	4.05–4.38	4.17	4.54	4.46
Grade 11 only (all students) | n = 73	**4.50**	4.22–4.67	4.39	4.83	4.67

* Benchmark: all A's under the standard AP limit = 4.30 (A) | 4.46 (B) | 4.67 (Grade 11); with one AP in Grade 10, 4.25 (A) | 4.38 (B). Approved additional APs, including AP World Language, can raise a GPA above the benchmark.

10 AP Exam Results | May 2026

95% students tested · **664** exams · **83%** scored 4–5 · **4.33** mean score

CATEGORY	EXAMS	SCORE 5 / 4 / 1–3	4–5	MEAN
English	74	28% / 42%	70%	3.88
Mathematics	125	70% / 17%	87%	4.48
Sciences	214	59% / 28%	87%	4.42
Social Studies	234	58% / 24%	82%	4.30
World Languages	7	100%	100%	5.00
Arts	10	40% / 20%	60%	4.00
All exams	664	57% / 26%	83%	4.33

% scoring 4–5: Calculus BC 94% (53 exams) | Physics 95% (65) | Chemistry 90% (51) | Statistics 84% (61) | Biology 80% (46)

196 of all 207 students in Grades 10–12; 27 exam subjects; 94% scored 3+. Exams are encouraged, not mandatory; 20 independent exams (3%) in subjects CDS does not offer. Sciences include Computer Science.

11 SAT | Class of 2026

READING & WRITING
700–750 Middle 50% **Mean 710**

MATH
740–800 Middle 50% **Mean 760**

62 of 66 graduates (94%) submitted official SAT scores; the rest applied test-optional or test-free, or pursued other plans. Superscored by section. No ACT scores reported.

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Allegheny College
American University
Arizona State University
Belmont University
Berklee College of Music
Binghamton University, SUNY
Boston University
Caldwell University
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Champlain College
Colby College
Cornell University
Cornish College of the Arts
Dartmouth College
DePauw University
Drexel University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College
Emory University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Florida State University
Fordham University
George Washington University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Indiana University
Johns Hopkins University
Kenyon College
Lehigh University
Loyola Marymount University
Maryland Institute College of Art
MCPHS University
Michigan State University
The New School
New York University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Nova Southeastern University
Occidental College
The Ohio State University
Otis College of Art and Design
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Purdue University
Rhode Island School of Design
Rice University
Ringling College of Art and Design
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rutgers University
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
School of Visual Arts
Stony Brook University, SUNY
Syracuse University
Texas A&M University
Tufts University
Union College
University at Buffalo (SUNY)
University of Arizona
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, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Detroit Mercy
University of Florida
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
University of Iowa
University of Kansas
University of Maryland–College Park
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of Massachusetts Boston
University of Michigan–Ann Arbor
University of Michigan–Dearborn
University of Minnesota–Twin Cities
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Dakota
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of San Francisco
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
University of Texas at Austin
University of the Pacific
University of Toledo
University of Utah
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin–Madison
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
Virginia Tech
Washington University in St. Louis
Western Michigan University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

United Kingdom 41

Brighton and Sussex Medical School
Brunel University London
Cardiff University
De Montfort University
Durham University
Goldsmiths, University of London
Imperial College London
King's College London
Leeds Conservatoire
London School of Economics and Political Science
Loughborough University
Manchester Metropolitan University
Newcastle University
Queen Mary University of London
SOAS University of London
Solent University
St Mary's University, Twickenham
University College London
University of Bath
University of Birmingham
University of Brighton
University of Bristol
University of Derby
University of East London
University of Edinburgh
University of Essex
University of Exeter
University of Kent
University of Lancashire
University of Leeds
University of Leicester
University of Manchester
University of Nottingham
University of Sheffield
University of Southampton
University of St Andrews
University of Sunderland
University of the Arts London
University of Warwick
University of West London
University of Westminster

Korea 28

Catholic Kwandong University
The Catholic University of Korea
Chung-Ang University
Dongguk University
Ewha Womans University
Hankuk University of Foreign Studies
Hanyang University
Kookmin University
Korea Broadcasting Art School
Korea University
Kyung Hee University
POSTECH
Sejong University
Seoul National University
Sogang University
Soonchunhyang University
Soongsil University
Sungkyunkwan University
Yonsei University
DGIST
GIST
KAIST
UNIST
Fashion Institute of Technology, SUNY Korea
George Mason University Korea
Ghent University Global Campus
Stony Brook University, SUNY Korea
University of Utah Asia Campus

Canada 19

Alberta University of the Arts
Concordia University
Emily Carr University of Art + Design
McGill University
McMaster University
OCAD University
Queen's University
Simon Fraser University
Toronto Metropolitan University
University of Alberta
University of British Columbia
University of Calgary
University of Guelph
University of Manitoba
University of Saskatchewan
University of Toronto
University of Waterloo
Western University
York University

Hong Kong 5

The Chinese University of Hong Kong
City University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong Polytechnic University
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
The University of Hong Kong

Australia 10

Australian National University
Flinders University
Griffith University
Monash University
University of Melbourne
University of New South Wales
University of Queensland
University of Sydney
University of Technology Sydney
Western Sydney University

Singapore 5

LASALLE College of the Arts
Nanyang Technological University
National University of Singapore
Singapore Management University
Singapore University of Technology and Design

Japan 8

Doshisha University
Institute of Science Tokyo
International University of Health and Welfare
Juntendo University
Keio University
Sophia University
University of Tokyo
Waseda University

Other Countries & Regions

CHINA
Duke Kunshan University
NYU Shanghai
Tsinghua University

TAIWAN
National Chengchi University
National Taiwan University

EUROPE
Istituto Marangoni
Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts
Technical University of Munich
University of Amsterdam
Wageningen University & Research

JORDAN
Jordan University of Science and Technology

Bold = institution that admitted two or more students. Numbers = institutions listed. Majors omitted; Korean branch campuses of foreign universities appear under Korea.