

Profile of an Asia Society International Studies Schools Network (ISSN) High School Graduate

ISSN graduates are Ready for College. They:

- Earn a high school diploma by completing a college preparatory, globally focused course of study requiring the demonstration of college-ready work across the curriculum.
- Have the experience of achieving expertise by researching, understanding, and developing new knowledge about a world culture or an internationally relevant issue.
- Learn how to manage their own learning by identifying options, evaluating opportunities, and organizing educational experiences that will enable them to work and live in a global society.
- Graduate prepared for postsecondary education, work, and service.

ISSN graduates have the Knowledge Required in the Global Era. They understand:

- Mathematics as a universal way to make sense of the world: solving complex, authentic problems and communicating their understanding using the symbols, language, and conventions of mathematics.
- Critical scientific concepts, engage in scientific reasoning, and apply the processes of scientific inquiry to understand the world and explore possible solutions to global problems.
- How the geography of natural and manmade phenomena influences cultural development as well as historical and contemporary world events.
- The history of major world events and cultures and utilize this understanding to analyze and interpret contemporary world issues.
- Arts and literature and use them as lenses through which to view nature, society, and culture as well as to express ideas and emotions.

ISSN graduates are Skilled for Success in a Global Environment. They:

- Are “literate for the 21st century”—proficient in reading, writing, viewing, listening, and speaking in English and in one or more other world languages.
- Demonstrate creative and complex thinking and problem solving skills by analyzing and producing viable solutions to problems with no known or single right answer.
- Use digital media and technology to access and evaluate information from around the world and effectively communicate, synthesize, and create new knowledge.
- Make healthy decisions that enhance their physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

ISSN graduates are Connected to the World. They:

- Effectively collaborate with individuals from different cultural backgrounds and seek out opportunities for intercultural teamwork.
- Analyze and evaluate global issues from multiple perspectives.
- Understand how the world’s people and institutions are interconnected and how critical international economic, political, technological, environmental, and social systems operate interdependently across nations and regions.
- Accept responsibilities of global citizenship and make ethical decisions and responsible choices that contribute to the development of a more just, peaceful, and sustainable world.