

# DALAT INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

## Education for Life

CEEB-ACT School Code 686360

### **Administrative Staff**

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### **Counseling Staff**

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### **The School**

Dalat International School was founded in 1929 as a private, Christian boarding school to provide a North American education for children of missionaries in Indo-China. In June 1971, Dalat School moved to its present location in Penang, Malaysia. In July 1999, the school became an independent school with an inter-mission school board.

### **Mission Statement**

The mission of Dalat International School is to prepare young people to live fully for God in a rapidly changing world by enabling them to understand, evaluate, and reconcile that world with the foundation of God's unchanging values.

### **Student Body**

School enrollment for the 2007-2008 school year is 391 in grades P-12. Students come from 24 countries, predominantly the U.S., Korea, Taiwan and Canada. Children of missionaries and relief organizations comprise 44% of the student body, and 56% are from business families. Nearly 18% of the students board in dorms. Of the 42 members of the class of 2007, 9 countries are represented. There are 34 juniors, 38 sophomores, and 39 freshmen.

### **Faculty**

There are 60 instructional staff (full time and part time) who were trained in North American style education and 53% have advanced degrees. The teacher-student ratio is 7 to 1.

### **Academic Calendar**

The academic year consists of 180 instructional days divided into two semesters (August to December, January to June). The high school uses a rotating modified block schedule. Core courses average 45 min. per day. Students may schedule a maximum of 7 courses per semester.

### **Curriculum**

Dalat offers an American-style, college-preparatory curriculum. All classes, except foreign language, are taught in English. The school provides ESL and Special Services as needed. The campus hosts the Dalat Learning Resource Center which provides families with resources for home-schooling, distance and virtual education.

### **Co-Curricular Activities**

Dalat offers a wide range of activities to develop student interests and abilities. Students interested in music have the opportunity to participate in band, jazz band, choir, ensembles, and individual instrument and voice lessons. Students interested in athletics may participate in clubs, intramurals or interscholastic varsity and junior varsity sports such as volleyball, soccer, basketball, indoor soccer, track and field, and tennis. Special interest clubs meet once a week and may include art, badminton, computer, crafts, sewing, interpretive dance, kayaking, sign language, Spanish, Tae Kwan Do, Evangelism Explosion, worship team and vocal ensemble. Dalat has a very active student government as well as outreach and ministry opportunities.

### **Graduation Requirements**

The high school offers a college-preparatory program with a variety of challenging courses. A unit of credit is awarded for each full-year course. Twenty-four credits are required for graduation including English - 4.0, Math and Science - 5.0, Social Studies - 3.0, Bible for each semester of enrollment, Visual and Performing Arts - 0.5, Computer Science - 0.5, Health/Fitness - 1.0, and elective courses totaling 6.0 or more.

### **Advanced Merit Diploma**

The Advanced Merit High School Diploma requires a more rigorous program of study and candidates must be pre-approved. This diploma requires 24 credits as follows: English - 4.0, Math - 3.0, Modern Language - 2.0 or proficiency, Science - 3.0, Social Studies - 3.0, Bible for each semester of enrollment, Visual and Performing Arts - 1.0, Computer Science - 1.0, Health/Fitness - 1.0, and elective courses totaling 2.5 or more. Additional requirements include 10 hours of community service each semester in grades 11 and 12, successful completion of two AP courses and their corresponding exams, successful completion of the Senior Exhibition, and maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher.

### **Grading Practices**

Report cards are issued at the end of each quarter. New students, students with grades below 70%, and students who have made significant improvement receive progress reports at mid-quarter. Semester grades are calculated using 20% for the final exam. High school grades are listed on the front side of this transcript.

### **Advanced Placement**

Advanced Placement level courses are offered in English Literature, English Language, Calculus, Music Theory, Chinese Language, Art Studio, Environmental Science, Psychology, and by distance education in other courses. In 2007, 50 out of 83 juniors and seniors took AP courses and their corresponding examinations. Currently, 67 Dalat students are enrolled in 13 different AP courses.

### **Test Results**

#### *Average SAT I results:*

Dalat Class of 2007 -  
1652 (Verbal - 539, Math - 581, Writing - 532)  
USA Average for 2007 -  
1518 (Verbal - 503, Math - 518, Writing - 497)

### **College Placement**

Students who have graduated from Dalat International School have attended colleges and universities in various locations throughout the world. The following is a partial list of schools which have accepted DIS graduates. For a complete listing, please consult the school's website at [www.dalat.org](http://www.dalat.org).

#### **United States**

Air Force Academy (CO)  
Azusa Pacific University (CA)  
Biola University (CA)  
Brigham Young University (UT)  
Carnegie Mellon University (PA)  
Case Western Reserve Univ.  
College of William & Mary (VA)  
Cornell University  
Duke University (NC)  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Houghton College  
John Hopkins University (MD)  
Marquette University  
Univ. of Calgary (AB)  
Penn State University (PA)  
Purdue University (IN)  
Rhode Island School of Design  
School of the Art Institute (IL)  
Stanford University (CA)  
Univ. of Arizona

Univ. of California, Berkley  
Univ. of North Carolina  
Univ. of Notre Dame (IN)  
Univ. of S. California  
Univ. of Texas - Austin  
Vanderbilt University (TN)  
Wellesley College (MA)  
Westmont College (CA)  
Wheaton College (IL)

#### **Canada**

Trinity Western Univ.(BC)  
Univ. of British Columbia  
N.Y. Institute of Technology

#### **England**

Lancaster University

#### **New Zealand**

Univ. of Auckland

#### **Singapore**

National University of Singapore

### **GPA/Class Rank**

Dalat uses a 4.0 scale (with a 5.0 scale for AP courses). Cumulative GPA is computed for juniors and seniors at the end of each semester.

Median GPA for Class of 2007 - 3.58

Median GPA for Class of 2006 - 3.52

Class rank is based on a weighted cumulative GPA beginning in grade 9. All subjects from American-curriculum schools are included in GPA and class rank.

Due to class size and the competitive nature of the school, ranking can be misleading and not indicative of the student's true achievement.