#### **SCHOOL INFORMATION**

Chingshin Academy is a non-profit, private school offering two different curricula, the International Program and the Taiwan High School Diploma Track, for Grades 7-12. Founded in 1951, it is one of the most prestigious private college preparatory schools in Taiwan. Chingshin started its high school division, beginning with 10th grade, in 2019.

In 2024, Chingshin's graduating seniors demonstrated exceptional academic achievements. 70% of our students were admitted to Taiwan's top universities, including National Taiwan University, National Tsing Hua University, and National Cheng Kung University. Among them, many secured places in highly competitive programs such as medicine, engineering, and finance. Internationally, our students also excelled, gaining admission to prestigious universities such as Wellesley College, New York University, and the University of Toronto.

#### STUDENT BODY

Admission to Chingshin Academy is highly competitive. Students are recruited either by merit or by ranking in the 1st percentile nationally in Taiwan's Comprehensive Assessment Program for Junior High School Students.

Students of the class of 2025 are matriculating to higher education, with 91.4% of students applying to universities in Taiwan and 8.6% applying to universities abroad.



#### **LEADERSHIP TEAM**

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# INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM CURRICULUM AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Chingshin's International Program Curriculum offers Advanced Placement (AP) courses, TVO courses accredited by Canadian OSSD, and Honors / Regular courses based on Common Core Standards and requirements from the Taiwan Ministry of Education (MOE). International Program students are required to complete 150-180 credits and earn a passing grade in 150 credits to receive a diploma.

In addition to national standards, all students must satisfy Chingshin's graduation requirements. These include outdoor adventure education, arts, athletics, and community service credits.

Subject	Credit	Subject	Credit
English Language Arts	24	Technology	4
Chinese Language Arts	20	Health	6
Math	16	Physical Education	14
Science	12	Elective Courses Student will take 4 credits in G10, 12 credits in G11, and 40 credits in G12.	56
Social Studies	12	Outdoor Adventure Education	6
Arts	10	32 hours of community service	

#### **ACADEMIC COURSES**

#### **Course Level Designations**

- Chingshin Regular level courses: All courses, unless designated, are Regular level courses based on Chingshin's rigorous curriculum.
- TVO Courses: TVO Courses are accredited by Canadian OSSD.
- Honors level courses: An advanced class that offers in-depth study, challenging assignments, and promotes critical thinking for high-achieving students. All of Chingshin's English Language Arts courses are taught at the Honors level.
- · Advanced Placement courses: AP courses are available exclusively to students in Grade 11 and above:
  - G11: Students can take a maximum of 2 AP courses per semester.
  - G12: Students can take a maximum of 4 AP courses per semester.

School policy requires all students registered in an AP course to take the corresponding AP examination set by the College Board.

TVO courses (accredited by Canadian OSSD)			
Subject	Course		
Electives	Marketing: Retail and Service International Business Fundamentals Business Leadership: Management Fundamentals Investing in the Stock Market		

Honors Course / Advanced Placement (AP) Course Offering 2024-25			
Subject	Course	Grade	
English	Honors English Language Arts AP English Literature and Composition	G10, G11, G12 G12	
Math and Computer Science	AP Computer Science A AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC	G11 G12 G12	
Science	AP Environmental Science	G12	
Social Studies	AP Macroeconomics AP Microeconomics	G11, G12	

#### INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM GRADING SYSTEM

Chingshin's official grade point average (GPA) is a weighted GPA based on a 4.0 point system for calculation. The average GPA is calculated using a per credit system. Each credit is assigned a corresponding grade that is summed and divided by the total credits taken that semester.

All courses, regardless of pass or fail, will be factored into the cumulative GPA. Chingshin does not rank.

In the **International Program, Chingshin offers Honors and AP courses**. The table below indicates how the letter grades and course scores are converted into the final GPA.

Latter Crede	Domanuta na Cua da	Grade Points		
Letter Grade	Percentage Grade	Regular	Honors	AP
A+	90-100	4.3	4.6	5.0
A	80-89	4	4.3	4.7
B+	76-79	3.3	3.6	4.0
В	70-75	3	3.3	3.7
C+	66-69	2.3	2.6	3.0
C	60-65	2	2.3	2.7
D+	56-59	1.3	1.6	2.0
D	50-55	1	1.3	1.7
F	49 below	0	0	0

#### **CLASS OF 2025 GRADE PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION**

Letter Grade	Percentage Grade	Students	% of Class
A+	90-100	0	0%
A	80-89	36	44%
B+	76-79	19	23%
В	70-75	20	25%
C+	66-69	6	7%
C	65 below	0	0%
	Total	81	100%

#### **CLASS OF 2025 SAT SCORES**

The SAT is optional for Chingshin students who plan to apply to U.S. universities. Some students are not using SAT scores in their applications. (All SAT Data as of OCT. 2024)

SAT Summary	ERW	MATH	SAT com	posite
700-800	20%	60%	1500-1600	20%
600-699	60%	20%	1400-1499	20%
500-599	20%	0%	1300-1399	40%
400-499	0%	20%	1200-1299	0%
under 400	0%	0%	1100-1199	20%

#### SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

#### **Chingshin's Advanced Curriculum:**

Chingshin students are ranked in the 1st percentile nationally; thus, all standard courses are accelerated and cover more material than the standard content area promulgated by the Taiwanese Ministry of Education.

## **TVO ILC Courses:**

Chingshin offers courses in tandem with Ontario's largest accredited high school, TVO ILC. Serving Canada for more than 90 years, TVO courses are conducted through an online platform with an in-person facilitator. Completion of TVO courses demonstrates a student's ability to complete high school level coursework from an English-speaking country.

# **English Education for all students:**

Chingshin strives for all students to achieve basic communicative competence in English. With a K-12 integrated English curriculum, students study short stories, classic and modern essays, poetry, and novels.

## Technology Program:

Chingshin's "STREAM" program is built upon a STEM with computer science program developed by iCarnegie Global Learning, Carnegie Mellon Robotics Academy and Robomatter, Inc., integrating disciplines of science, technology, engineering, and math with Chingshin's own research project and art curriculums. Students can choose different electives, including robotics, AIoT, or mathematical research, to satisfy their technology course requirements and further explore their specialized academic fields.

#### **Outdoor Adventure Education Program:**

From preschool through 12th grade, the outdoor adventure education program strives to develop students' ability to take calculated risks and persevere through hardship. By completing difficult tasks such as climbing steep mountains and building ocean rafts from scratch, students cultivate teamwork, positivity, problem solving, and most importantly, leadership skills.

#### **Community Service Program:**

Students are required to complete at least 32 hours of community service in high school. They create opportunities independently, leverage student organizations, or participate in school-wide projects to fulfill their hours. Examples of student-led service projects include developing educational programs for underprivileged children in Taiwan to organizing reforestation projects in Inner Mongolia.

#### **Co-Curricular Programs:**

Chingshin currently offers 13 student organizations, including academic clubs such as biomedical research, Model United Nations, English debate, student publications, computer science, as well as personal interest clubs such as guitar or basketball. Additionally, the school has three large service organizations, including the student council and other entities that support local Taiwanese communities.



# TAIWAN HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA TRACK

The majority of students at Chingshin follow an advanced and accelerated adaptation of the grade 7 - 12 curriculum standards promulgated by the Taiwanese Ministry of Education.

Core subjects include Chinese, English, math, science, and social studies. Additionally, students take a variety of specialized elective courses and enrichment level courses that are taught with more in-depth and extensive materials than standard level courses. Students are required to complete 150-180 credits and earn a passing grade in 150 credits to receive a diploma.

- 18 Credits of English Language Arts
- 20 Credits of Chinese Language Arts
- · 16 Credits of Math
- 12 Credits of Science
- 18 Credits of Social Studies
- 10 Credits of Arts
- 4 Credits of Technology
- 6 Credits of Health
- 14 Credits of Physical Education

- 56 Credits of enriched and advanced elective courses
- 6 Credits of the Outdoor Adventure Education courses (Chingshin requirement)
- 32 hours of community service

In the spring semester of Grade 10, all students choose between specializing in social studies or the sciences and take relevant courses.

# Taiwan High School Diploma Track does not offer Honors or AP courses.

# Interpretation of Grades and GPA Calculation (Taiwan High School Diploma Track)

Letter Grade	Percentage Grade	<b>Grade Points</b>	
Letter Grade	r er centage Grade	Regular	
A+	90-100	4.3	
A	80-89	4	
B+	76-79	3.3	
В	70-75	3	
C+	66-69	2.3	
C	60-65	2	
D+	56-59	1.3	
D	50-55	1	
F	49 below	0	

# UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

All of Chingshin's students graduate to enroll into three/four-year colleges or universities around the world. Please find a list of acceptances for our school's graduating class from 2023-2024.

\*2025 University acceptances are bolded

#### UNITED STATES

Berklee College of Music **Case Western Reserve University Indiana University Bloomington** 

Long Island University

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and

Health Sciences - Boston

Minerva University

**New York University** 

New York University Abu Dhabi

**Northeastern University** 

**Ohio State University** 

**Pennsylvania State University** 

**Purdue University** 

**Rutgers University** 

**SUNY Stony Brook** 

**SUNY at Buffalo** 

**SUNY College of Environmental** 

**Science and Forestry** 

San Francisco State University

University of California, Berkeley

University of Florida

University of California, Davis

University of California, Riverside

University of California, Irvine

University of California, Santa Cruz

University of California, San Diego

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

**University of Rochester** 

**University of Washington** 

University of Wisconsin-Madison

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Wellesley College

West Virginia University

Virginia Tech

#### **CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES**

The University of British Columbia **University of Toronto** 

#### TAIWANESE UNIVERSITIES

**Chang Gung University China Medical University Chia Nan University of Pharmacy** and Science

**Chung Yuan Christian University Fu Jen Catholic University** 

**Kaohsiung Medical University** 

Mackay Medical College

**National Central University** 

**National Chengchi University** 

**National Cheng Kung University** 

**National Chung Cheng University** 

**National Chung Hsing University** 

**National Dong Hwa University** 

**National Pingtung University of** 

**Science and Technology** 

**Tajen University** 

**University of Taipei** 

**National Sun Yat-sen University** 

**National Taipei University** 

National Taipei University of

**Education** 

National Taipei University of

**Technology** 

National Taipei University of

**Nursing and Health Sciences** 

**National Taiwan Normal University** 

National Taiwan University

**National Taiwan University of** 

Science and Technology

**National Taiwan Ocean University** 

**National Tsing Hua University** 

**National Yang Ming Chiao Tung** 

University

Soochow University

**Taipei Medical University** 

#### OTHER OVERSEAS COUNTRIES

Beijing Institute of Technology (China) **Central China Normal University** (China)

**Central South University (China)** 

China University of Geosciences (China)

**China University of Political Science** and Law (China)

City University of Hong Kong (China)

**Communication University of China** (China)

Dalian University of Technology (China)

**Fuzhou University (China)** 

**Hunan Normal University (China)** 

Jinan University (China)

Nanchang University (China)

**Nanjing Normal University (China)** 

Sichuan University (China)

Shanghai University (China)

**Soochow University (China)** 

South China Normal University (China)

**Sun Yat-sen University (China)** 

**Singapore Management University** 

(Singapore)

The Chinese University of Hong Kong (China)

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou) (Hong

Kong, China)

The University of Sydney (Australia)

University of Amsterdam (Netherlands)

**University of Melbourne (Australia)** 

Waseda University (Japan)

Xi'an Jiaotong University (China)

**Xiamen University (China)** 

Zhejiang University of Media and

**Communications (China)** 

**Zhongnan University of Economics and** 

Law (China)