

Vienna International School



The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme Student Achievement Profile 2005 – 2009

The Vienna International School offers the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme as well as IB Certificates as the only courses in Grades 11 and 12. VIS is an open-entry, non-selective school which means that there is no preventative entry requirement to the full IB Diploma. These factors are in contrast to many other schools which offer a range of programmes and place students accordingly.

As an example the International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO) statistics show that typically less than 50% of all examination entries are for the full IB Diploma. Whereas VIS statistics show that typically more than 70% of examination entries are for full IB Diploma candidates.

The enclosed information is provided by the IBO through the statistics available to schools and the *IB Diploma Programme Statistical Bulletin* which is published annually by the IBO.



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Question: What is the profile of VIS student achievement in the IB Diploma Programme over the past five years?

Figure 1 VIS IB Diploma Entries and Pass Rates, and World Pass Rates

Measure	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
VIS Diploma Awarded	94	98	94	101	108
VIS Diploma not Awarded	15	10	9	8	9
VIS Diploma Entries	109	108	103	109	117

Measure	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
VIS Pass Rate	86.2%	90.7%	91.3%	92.7%	92.3%
Worldwide Pass Rate	81.4%	80.4%	78.8%	79.0%	n/a

Notes

VIS figures are Diploma Candidates only

Worldwide pass rate for Diploma and Retake Candidates per exam session provided by IB Statistical Bulletin 2008

Worldwide pass rate not yet available for 2009

Comment: This information shows that the VIS pass rate has increased while the world pass rate has fallen. This is especially important in the context of the VIS open-entry enrolment policy.

Figure 2 VIS Candidate and Session Entries with Average Points Total

Measure	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
VIS All Candidates	147	142	146	154	158
VIS All Session Entries	751	716	689	735	760
VIS Diploma Candidates	109	108	103	109	117
VIS Diploma Session Entries	751	716	689	735	760
Average VIS Diploma Points Total	32.8	33.0	33.3	32.3	31.7
Worldwide Average Points	30.1	30.0	29.6	29.6	n/a

Notes

“All” includes Diploma, Certificate, Anticipated and retake candidates for each session

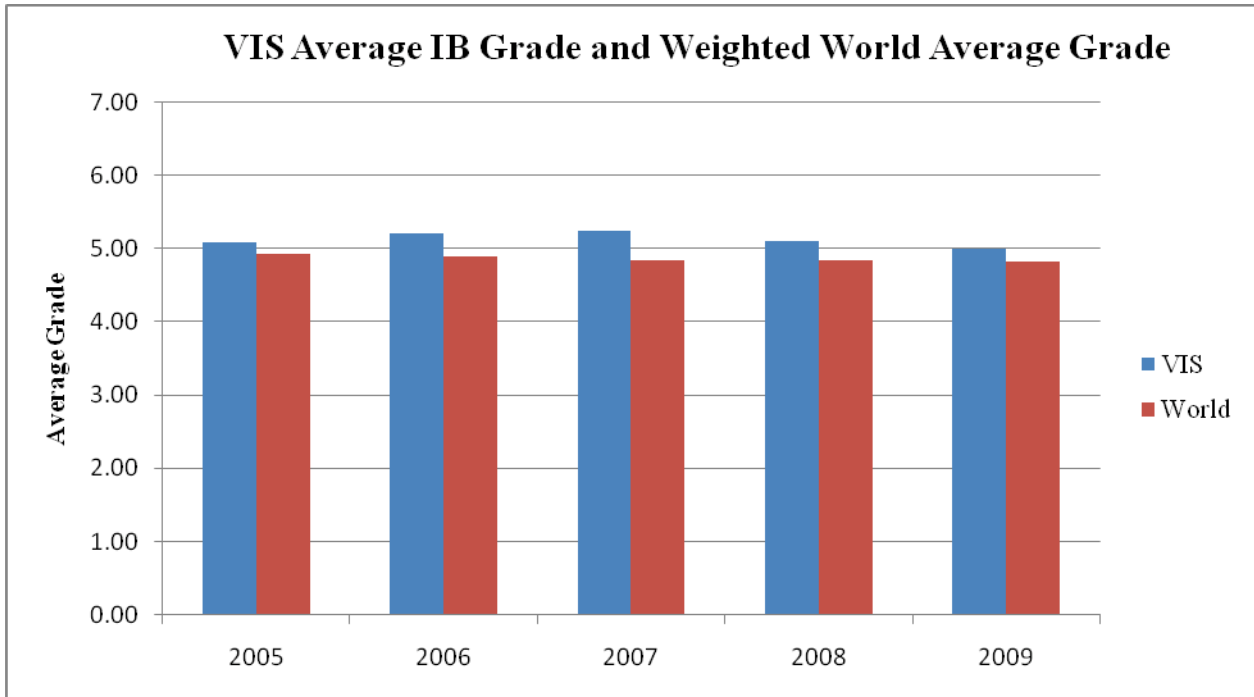
Worldwide mean points score per exam session provided by IB Statistical Bulletin 2008

Worldwide points not yet available for 2009

Comment: While the average points total for VIS is lower across the five years shown, the worldwide average points have also fallen. This is regarded as a function in part of the fact that there are more VIS IB Diploma candidates and subject entries, and many more worldwide.

Question: How does the pattern of VIS student achievement compare with the world pattern of achievement?

Figure 3 VIS Average Grade compared with World Average Grade



Notes

Includes Diploma, Certificate, Anticipated and retake candidates for each session
Worldwide averages provided by IB and weighted to match VIS subject profile

Comment: This graph shows that the VIS average IB grade is consistently above the world average grade, with both averages experiencing a marginal reduction.

Figure 4 VIS IB Diploma Total Points Score and World Total Points Score

Measure	2005		2006		2007		2008		2009	
	VIS	World	VIS	World	VIS	World	VIS	World	VIS	World
Below 40	84.4%	n/a	88.0%	93.8%	88.3%	94.5%	88.1%	94.5%	90.6%	n/a
40-45	15.6%	n/a	12.0%	6.2%	11.7%	5.5%	11.9%	5.5%	9.4%	n/a

Notes

Figures are Diploma Candidates only
Worldwide figures not available for May 2005 or 2009

Comment: This information indicates the pattern of VIS student achievement in total IB Diploma points particularly at 40 points or above. At this range there is a consistent pattern of VIS student achievement above that achieved by students worldwide. However, there is also evidence of a reduced achievement of these highest scores at VIS. It is interesting to note that Diplomas awarded with 45 points represent only 0.18% of all world Diploma scores. This amounts to one in 533 entries. If this percentage was applied to the number of students at VIS, it would represent one student achieving 45 points every five years. The actual number of VIS students achieving 45 points in the last five years is 8.

Figure 5 Total Points Bands

Total Points	2005		2006		2007		2008		2009	
	Students	%	Students	%	Students	%	Students	%	Students	%
Below 24	9	8%	6	6%	7	7%	5	5%	6	5%
24-28	20	18%	18	17%	15	15%	28	26%	30	26%
29-33	28	26%	31	29%	27	26%	31	28%	38	32%
34-39	35	32%	40	37%	42	41%	32	29%	32	27%
40-45	17	16%	13	12%	12	12%	13	12%	11	9%
Grand Total	109	100%	108	100%	103	100%	109	100%	117	100%

Notes

Figures are Diploma Candidates only

Comment: This information indicates the pattern of VIS student achievement in total IB Diploma points within several ‘bands’ of achievement points.

Figure 6 VIS Percentage of Results at Each Grade and World Comparisons

Grade	2005		2006		2007		2008		2009	
	VIS	World	VIS	World	VIS	World	VIS	World	VIS	World
1	1%	n/a	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	0%	n/a
2	4%	n/a	2%	4%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%	n/a
3	10%	n/a	8%	12%	8%	13%	9%	13%	10%	n/a
4	17%	n/a	17%	25%	15%	25%	17%	25%	20%	n/a
5	26%	n/a	30%	30%	27%	30%	31%	30%	29%	n/a
6	27%	n/a	28%	21%	31%	20%	25%	20%	25%	n/a
7	16%	n/a	15%	8%	16%	7%	15%	7%	13%	n/a

Notes

Includes Diploma, Certificate, Anticipated and retake candidates for each session

Worldwide percentages provided by IB Statistical Bulletin 2008 [rounded to zero decimal places]

Comment: This information shows that the majority of VIS grades awarded are at the middle and higher end of the grade scale. It also shows that this profile of a higher percentage of higher grades achieved by VIS students can be compared favourably to the lower percentages of higher grades achieved worldwide.