



GRIGGS INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Griggs Education

Griggs China



Owned and Operated by Andrews University

AN INTRODUCTION TO GRIGGS

ESTABLISHED IN 1909

**PART OF THE WORLD'S
SECOND LARGEST
EDUCATION NETWORK**

WITH MORE THAN 7,500 SCHOOLS AND
UNIVERSITIES WORLDWIDE

OVER 240,000 PAST AND PRESENT
STUDENTS ENROLLED DIRECTLY WITH
GRIGGS



Griggs Education, also known as Griggs, was founded in the USA. Since 1909, it has been offering students a diverse ethos driven curriculum to build character and excel academically. Our students consistently achieve excellent results, providing them access to the top universities worldwide. For over 100 years, Griggs has maintained its traditions of community service, teaching a healthy lifestyle and focusing on a values based curriculum. Today, the Griggs' key values of dignity, honor, respect, and integrity guide students to embrace the qualities of teamwork, open-mindedness and leadership. Our programs are implemented through affiliated schools worldwide to offer truly intercultural education. While building on its past achievements, Griggs offers innovation and constructivism to prepare its students for success in the future.

ETHOS

CULTURAL AWARENESS

While based on the educational requirements of the United States of America, the Griggs curriculum requires teachers to provide a world view to students. Our curriculum integrates a variety of opinions and cultural perspectives to encourage an analytical and open thought process amongst students. Thus the Griggs curriculum is both international and intercultural.

VALUES

Integral to the curriculum offered by Griggs are the key values of



Dignity

Deportment or behavior



Honor

Acknowledgement of the achievement of others



Respect

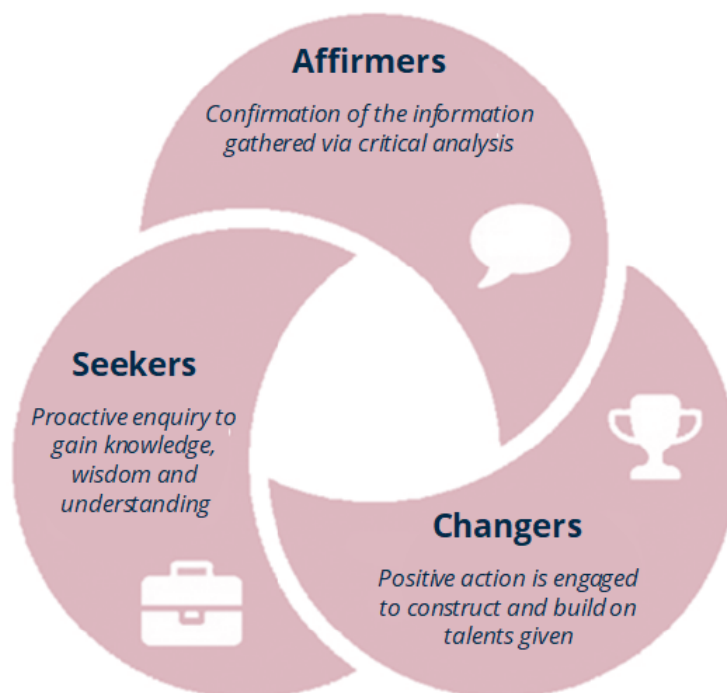
Humility to be of service to all



Integrity

Conviction to maintain established values

LEARNER PROFILE



PROGRAMS

FLEXIBLE PROGRAM OPTIONS

Griggs International Academy has a flexible system of education from Pre-Kindergarten (age 3) to High School (age 18). Griggs students may enroll for an entire grade or for individual subjects. This enables our education programs to be adaptable to benefit one student or an entire school. The diverse range of schools that currently offer Griggs educational programs shows that there is no requirement to adopt a standardized approach. Indeed, the challenge in implementing a program is to ensure the program fits the unique school context, preserving the school's identity and characteristics.

Some schools choose to introduce the Griggs Top Up Program as a twin track system, which supplements the local, national or other international programs and qualifications. Other schools offer the Griggs educational programs in their full operation, or as a section within a school and fully adapt the Griggs philosophy and school practices.

TOP UP PROGRAM

In the Top Up Program, students continue to work on the local national curriculum, or curricula of other countries, while pursuing the Griggs diploma at the same time. The student's previous and current coursework is compared to the Griggs' requirements in order to assess what Griggs courses need to be completed to receive the Griggs (American) high school diploma in addition to the one from the registered school that the student is attending. The student is required to take at least 6 units (credits) that are Griggs approved in order to gain the Griggs College Preparatory Diploma (or 5 units (credits) for the Griggs Standard Diploma). Schools choose this type of Top Up Program to help prepare students for attending an American university.



DIPLOMA OPTIONS

COLLEGE PREPARATORY DIPLOMA AND STANDARD DIPLOMA OPTIONS

Griggs International Academy is dedicated to providing excellent academic opportunities to extend educational and career pathways. Griggs provides two types of diplomas in which to attain preparation for these life goals.

College Preparatory Diploma. Provides the opportunity for students to broaden their educational foundation through the study of a modern language—a requirement for most four-year degree colleges—and increase academic rigor in math and science courses in preparation for college-level study as well as gaining a competitive edge in the workplace. This diploma requires at least 25.0 units of credit in specific areas of study. At least 6.0 credits must be completed with GIA, three (3) classes of which must be within the senior year.

Standard Diploma. Provides comprehensive curricular foundation for students seeking to prepare for higher education and achieve career goals requiring at least 21.0 units of credit in specific areas of study. At least 5.0 credits must be completed with GIA, two (2) classes of which must be within the senior year.

Each diploma is in alignment with the Middle States Accreditation standards as well as approved by the Maryland Board of Education. GIA will prepare a personalized plan of study that lists the units (courses) necessary to complete a College Preparatory or Standard diploma.

College Preparatory Diploma

Requirements: 25 units

- 4 units of English (must include one unit of American Literature)
- 4 units of math (must include Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or higher level math course; if Pre-Algebra is completed, an additional math credit is required)
- 4 units of science (must include one life science and one higher level science)
- ½ unit of health
- 1 unit of physical education
- 3 units of social studies
- 1 unit applied arts
- 1 unit of fine arts
- 2 units of modern languages (2 units of the same language)
- 4½ unit of electives
- Minimum 20 hours per year of community service
- ACT/SAT test scores (required)

Standard High School Diploma

Requirements: 21 units

- 4 units of English (must include one unit of American Literature)
- 3 units of math (must include Algebra I; if Pre-Algebra is completed, an additional math credit is required)
- 3 units of science (must include one life science)
- ½ unit of health
- 1 unit of physical education
- 3 units of social studies
- 1 unit applied arts
- 1 unit of fine arts
- 4½ unit of electives
- Minimum 20 hours per year of community service
- ACT/SAT test scores (recommended)

Electives are those courses that are taken in addition to the mandatory courses required by GIA. Schools can offer elective subjects that tailor their programs towards a specialist area such as STEM, Liberal Arts, Arts and Design or Ecological Entrepreneurship.

CURRICULUM

The course content of each subject can be tailored according to the specialization of the teacher, who is able to extend the learning environment to meet the needs of the students. Griggs uses formative and summative assessment developed with our teachers internationally. This process invites creativity and ensures that our students flourish academically.

Sample Study Plans

College Preparatory Diploma

Minimum of 25 Carnegie Units*

Grade 9	UNITS
English I	1
Algebra I	1
Applied Arts	1
Earth Science/Physical Science	1
Physical Education (<i>any year</i>)	½
Elective	1
Community Service ¹	0
Grade 10	
English II	1
World History/Geography	1
Geometry ³	1
Biology	1
Health	½
Physical Education	½
Elective	1
Community Service ¹	0
Grade 11	
American Literature	1
Modern History	1
Algebra II ³	1
Chemistry/Physics	1
Modern Language	1
Elective	1
Community Service ¹	0
Grade 12	
British Literature	1
Government	½
History course	½
Math course	1
Science course	1
Modern language	1
Fine Arts (<i>any year</i>)	1
Elective	1½
Community Service ¹	0
SAT/ACT test scores	0

Standard Diploma

Minimum of 21 Carnegie Units*

Grade 9	UNITS
English I	1
Math course/Algebra I	1
Applied Arts	1
Earth Science/Physical Science	1
Physical Education (<i>any year</i>)	½
Elective	1
Community Service ¹	0
Grade 10	
English II	1
World History/Geography	1
Algebra I/Geometry ³	1
Biology	1
Physical Education	½
Elective	1
Community Service ¹	0
Grade 11	
American Literature	1
Modern History	1
Algebra II/Geometry ³ /Math course	1
Science course	1
Health	½
Elective	1
Community Service ¹	0
Grade 12	
British Literature	1
Government	½
History course	½
Fine Arts	1
Elective	1 ½
Community Service ¹	0

¹ A minimum of 20 hours of community service each year with Griggs.

³ Algebra I or its equivalent must be completed before Geometry or Algebra II may be taken.

* Carnegie Unit = five 45–50 minute class periods per week for an 18-week term (60 hours) = 0.5 of credit per semester.

Students achieve credits towards the Griggs high school diploma over three or four years of study. This provides a sense of continuous purpose and direction in each subject. While other competitors only offer terminal exams - that leaves students with few options, Griggs continuously keeps its students aware of academic progress through our credit system. Students have the security of course completion and the assurance of university entry with Griggs. Griggs is also unique in offering summer and winter academic programs whereby students can earn credit to advance studies. Furthermore, one of our most unique and competitive advantages is the opportunity for high school students to take university credit delivered by Andrews University. Many universities in the US accept these credits.

UNIVERSITY ADMISSION

UNIVERSITY RECOGNITION

The US high school diploma offered by Griggs International Academy is accepted by over 150 countries worldwide. Our programs ensure graduates are accepted into universities in the most popular countries for Chinese students including the US, Canada, the UK, Australia, New Zealand, and Singapore.

Statistics show 60% of GIA graduate students with the College Preparatory high school diploma have enrolled in the top 50 universities in the US, with 80% in the top 100 based on the affiliate records of university entries collected from 2014 to 2019.

Recent graduates were also accepted into both US and international universities including NYU, Pennsylvania State University, the University of the Arts London, UC San Diego, the University of Sydney, the University of Toronto, Yonsei University, South Korea, and the University of York.



UC San Diego



ual: university
of the arts
london



THE UNIVERSITY OF
SYDNEY



UNIVERSITY OF
TORONTO



PennState



UNIVERSITY
of York

DIRECT ENTRANCE GUARANTEED

Owned and operated by Andrews University, students are assured a quality tertiary education at Andrews University after achieving a high school diploma. No other education provider can offer this security. Students with a GIA diploma can fast track the process of applying for university when enrolling at Andrews University.

Andrews  University

ACCREDITATION AND APPROVALS

Griggs International Academy is certified to offer the US high school diploma by numerous agencies in the US including Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA-CESS), and the Maryland State Board of Education. GIA is a Member of International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL), with University of California, A-G Course approval, and a member of the College Board.



Every Griggs affiliate school is evaluated each semester in accordance with the educational guidelines and standards of Griggs International Academy. During the evaluations, school facilities, equipment, and resources are inspected to ensure they adhere to GIA standards. Affiliate school objectives and school curricula are observed as well as the quality of teaching, moral education, and student support services. Guidance and recommendations are given to schools to ensure they are on a constant journey of excellence.

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