

II. Foreign Schools and Foreign Educational Institutes

i. Foreign Schools

Foreign schools in Korea are established to provide the children of foreigners residing in Korea with education equivalent to that of their own countries. Foreign schools also have a quota for students with Korean nationality who have returned after having resided overseas for at least three years. There are 38 foreign schools in Korea(as of Sep. 2024), with more than half of them located in Seoul, and many in Gyeonggi-do and Busan. Most foreign schools use English as their official language and adopt American educational curriculum. A student attending a foreign or international school must take separate lessons for Korean history and Korean language accredited by the Ministry of Education in order to apply for a Korean university. Current educational curriculum provided by international schools is sufficient for applying to universities abroad. Interested parties are encouraged to thoroughly check whether foreign schools of interest provide accredited educational programs for university admissions.

✓ Number of Schools and Students

Number of Foreign Schools	Number of Classes	Number of Students	Number of Students of Kindergartens, Elementary, and Middle Schools	Number of Students of High Schools
38	809	11,669 people	8,090 people	3,579 people

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✓ Types of Schools

		Foreign Education Institute	Foreign School	Jeju Intl'l School
Applicable Law		Enforcement Decree of the Special Act on Establishment and Operation of Foreign Educational Institutions	Article 60-2 of the Primary and Secondary Education Act & Regulations about Establishment and Operation of Foreign Schools and Kindergartens Article 16 of the Early Children Education Act	Special Act on the Establishment of Jeju Self-Governing Province and the Free Economic Zone
Qualifications for Establishment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-profit Foreign Schools Corporation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreigners • Non-profit Foreign Corporation • Domestic School Corporation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nation • Jeju Self-governing Province • Domestic & Foreign Corporations(Including for-profit Corporations)
Requirements	Establishment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attracting investment by improving living conditions for foreigners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education for foreign children residing in Korea • Education for returning Korean students who have lived abroad 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving people's foreign language skills and cultivating internationalized professional manpower
	Purpose			
	Eligible Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Economic Zones <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeju Special Self-Governing Province • Administrative City(Higher Education Institutions) • Base Districts inside the International Science and Business Belt • Enterprise Cities (Higher Education Institutions) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saemangeum Area • Pyeongtaek-si 	Nationwide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Education City in Jeju Special Self-Governing Province

	Approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Except Jeju Island <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elementary/Secondary School: Provincial Superintendent of Education - Higher Education Institutions: Minister of Education • Jeju Island <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elementary/Secondary School: Jeju Superintendent of education - Higher Education Institutions: Governor of Jeju 	Superintendent of Education	Jeju Superintendent of Education <i>(When a for-profit corporation establishes a school, the approval of the Minister of Education is required.)</i>
Qualifications for Admissions	No Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreign Children • Koreans who have lived abroad for over 3 years • A naturalized child who are deemed difficult to proceed with studying in general elementary and secondary schools 	No Requirements	
Ratio of Domestic Admission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary/Secondary School: 30% of Total Quota (May be increased up to 50% by the laws of city and province) • Higher Education Institutions: No limit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30% of Students Quota (May be increased up to 50% by the laws of city and province) 	No Limit	
Current Status	<p>[Elementary/Secondary Schools (3)]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chadwick International School Songdo • Daegu International School • Calvin Manitoba International School <p>[Higher Education (5)]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SUNY Korea, SBU • SUNY Korea, FIT • George Mason University Korea • The University of Utah Asia Campus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreign Kindergartens (1) • Foreign Schools (38) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KIS High School • NLCS Jeju • Branksome Hall Asia • SJA Jeju 	

	• Ghent University Global Campus		
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Reference) Are you Curious about foreign schools in Korea?

Are you curious about foreign schools in Korea? Visit the website of International School Information managed by the Ministry of Education. You can check a variety of information regarding foreign educational institutions and foreign schools—ranging from foreign kindergartens to foreign and international schools—on the website, including contact information, websites, class opening dates, date of establishment, location, and types of schools. You can visit each website with just a few clicks.

Website: <https://www.isi.go.kr>

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