



2017-2018 School Profile

The School

Morrison Academy Kaohsiung is a K-12 college preparatory day school in the second-largest city in Taiwan. MAK is one of three campuses of Morrison Academy, the other two campuses being Morrison Academy Taichung (K-12) and Morrison Academy Taipei (K-10). MAK added a tenth grade in 2013, built a new high school wing in 2014, and graduated its first senior class in 2016. As part of the Morrison system, MAK's program is built upon Morrison's more than sixty years of tradition and excellence in American college preparatory education in Taiwan. As a Christian school, MAK promotes a Christ-centered school culture that looks to develop not only the minds but also the hearts of its students.

Upon commencement, each member of the Class of 2018 will have completed the rigorous academic program offered at MAK, along with the high school's Impact Program, which creates unique and challenging experiences designed to cultivate leadership and character. Most students at MAK are overseas-born Taiwanese whose families are a part of the large international business community in Kaohsiung. MAK has high English language proficiency requirements and therefore does not offer an ELL program for high school students. All MAK students must have a non-Taiwanese passport.

The Student Body & Faculty

High school enrollment at MAK for the 2017-2018 school year is 84, with students from 8 countries, predominantly the U.S. and Canada. There are 18 students in the senior class, 18 in the junior class, 26 in the sophomore class, and 22 in the freshman class. Nearly all high school staff members are from the United States or Canada, and the majority hold advanced degrees.

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Standard Course Offerings

English	English I, II, III, IV, Speech, Advanced Writing Workshop
Social Studies	World History, U. S. History, Government
Mathematics	Applied Math, Foundations of Geometry, Foundations of Algebra, Algebra 1&2, Geometry, Pre-Calculus
Language	Chinese 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish 1, 2, 3
Science	Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Physical Science
Religion	All students complete a Bible or religion course per semester.
Electives	Global Business, Marketing, Fundamentals of Art, Painting, Pottery, Video/Audio Production 1 & 2, Music Ensemble, Yearbook, Graphic Design, Contemporary World Affairs, Drawing, Mosaics, Choir, Drama, Programming, Robotics
PE/Health	Lifetime Sports, Health, Weight Training & Conditioning

Grading Scale, GPA, and Class Rank

Grade Point Average is computed at the end of each semester beginning with ninth grade. All academic subjects taken at American or American-based International Schools are considered when computing GPA. Morrison weights grades on a 5.0 scale for AP courses only.

Grade	%	Points	AP Points
A+	100-97%	4.0	5.0
A	96-93%	4.0	5.0
A-	92-90%	3.7	4.7
B+	89-87%	3.3	4.3
B	86-83%	3.0	4.0
B-	82-80%	2.7	3.7
C+	79-77%	2.3	3.3
C	76-73%	2.0	3.0
C-	72-70%	1.7	2.7
D+	69-67%	1.3	2.3
D	66-63%	1.0	2.0
D-	62-60%	0.7	1.7
F	59-0%	0.0	0.0
Class of 2018 top 25% minimum GPA		4.12	
Class of 2018 top 50% minimum GPA		3.86	
Class of 2018 top 75% minimum GPA		3.52	

Morrison does not individually rank students. If class ranking is absolutely required by an institution, this can be provided upon special request.

Graduation Requirements

Credits must include:

English	4.0
Bible	4.0
Social Studies	3.0
Mathematics	3.0
Science	2.0
Health	0.5
Visual and Performing Arts	0.5
Physical Education	1.5
Electives	5.5

PSAT Scores

Four members of the Class of 2018 achieved Commended Status on the 2017 PSAT test. One of the four was invited to continue in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Three members of the Class of 2017 achieved Commended Status for the National Merit Scholarship Program.

English is a second language for most MAK students.

SAT Scores

Scores listed below are the mean scores from the Class of 2018. Averages are taken from the best score a student receives on each individual section of the test.

CLASS OF 2018 Average SAT Scores	
SAT	
1355	
Reading 645	Math 715

ACT Score

Score listed is mean score of the Class of 2018

CLASS OF 2018 Average ACT Scores	ACT
	30

Online Courses

Students take a variety of online courses. These have included Economics, Forensic Science, French, German, Latin, Mobile Apps Programming, Personal Finance, & Psychology.

Advanced Placement

Face-to-Face Courses Offered at MAK
AP U.S. History, AP Chemistry, AP Biology, AP Calculus, AP English, AP Statistics

MAK's Online AP Course Opportunities Include:
AP Macroeconomics, AP Microeconomics, AP World History, AP Psychology, and AP Computer Science

Students are required to complete AP tests for all AP courses they take. Students are restricted to the following numbers of AP courses: 10th grade - 1 AP. 11th grade - 2 AP. 12th grade - 3 AP.

AP Scores

From the year 2015 to 2017 MAK students took 168 Advanced Placement Examinations. Scores were as follows:

Score of Five	85
Score of Four	40
Score of Three	29
Score of Two	11
Score of One	3

MAK: Promoting excellence in mind and heart.



Impact Program

- Fosters courage and promotes leadership
- Required for all high school students
- **Freshmen** go on a four-day trip to a remote coastal island to tour a nuclear power plant, to visit a controversial nuclear waste facility, and to test radiation levels.
- **Sophomores** go on a five-day mountain trek in Taiwan's rugged central range; each student spends at least one day co-leading the group.
- **Junior** students conduct a research project on a social justice issue in Taiwan and also spend one week abroad on a service project.
- **Seniors** complete a one-week externship with local businesses, medical practices, labs, or non-profit organizations. They apply to be leaders on one of the three Impact trips listed above.

School Culture

- Our school promotes personalized instruction and mentorship.
- MAK's chapel and advisory program take place on a weekly basis. Small groups of students meet frequently with an adult in an advisory group.
- High schoolers have the opportunity to participate in peer tutoring and assistant coaching programs.
- MAK's house program is designed to build community and provide leadership opportunities to students. All high school students are divided into four houses that compete with each other throughout the year. These competitions include academic, physical, and team building activities. Houses elect student representatives that make up our student council.

Clubs

- Clubs: World Scholar's Cup, Model United Nations, Math Club, Newspaper, Sports and Health, Music and Service, Singing, House Council, Red Cross, and Sports Medicine
- Math Club organizes an annual school-wide math competition.
- The school newspaper publishes four to six issues of the Shark Post each year.
- House Council officers play prominent leadership roles in maintaining traditions.

Athletics

- MAK offers four high school sports: soccer, basketball, cross-country, and volleyball.
- Teams compete with local high schools, international high schools, and local universities.
- Each year one boys team and one girls team travels internationally to compete in a tournament.



College Acceptances

Listed below are the college and university acceptances of Morrison Academy Kaohsiung's Classes of 2016 and 2017.

Allegheny College	Queens University
Bard College	Ramapo College of New Jersey
Baylor University	Rutgers University – New Brunswick
Boston College	St. John's College
Boston University	St. John's University – Queens Campus
Brandeis University	St. Olaf College
Carleton College	Texas A&M University
Centre College	University of British Columbia
Chinese University of Hong Kong	University of California Berkeley
College of William and Mary	University of California Davis
Cornell University	University of California Irvine
DePaul University	University of California Los Angeles
Drexel University	University of California Santa Cruz
Duke University	University of California San Diego
Emory University	University of Illinois Chicago
Fordham University	University of Illinois Urbana Champaign
Full Sail University	University of Portland
Georgetown University	University of San Francisco
George Washington University	University of Southern California
Grinnell College	University of Texas Austin
Johns Hopkins University	University of Toronto
Juniata College	University of Virginia
Macalester College	Wabash College
New York University	Washington State University
Northeastern University	Washington University in St. Louis
Northwestern University	Wesleyan University
Occidental College	Whitman College
Oxford Brookes University	Whitworth University
Palm Beach State College	Willamette University
Purdue University	Yale – NUS College

