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## ***Connecting Navy & DoD Affiliated Families and Education***

A quick guide to education options for Military and DoD Families in  
Chinhae and Busan, South Korea

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# MEET YOUR school liaison officer

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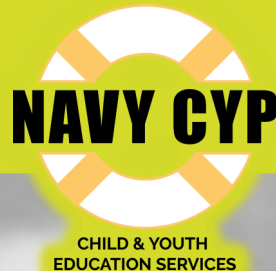
Hello and welcome to Korea! My name is **Linda Chao-Rogers** and I am the School Liaison Officer assigned to **Chinhae and Busan**! I started my career working with Navy Child and Youth Programs in 2010 while I was interning at Murphy Canyon Child Development Center in San Diego, California. Before coming to Korea I was working in Rota, Spain as the Teen Coordinator. My experiences working with CYP has given me the opportunity to become familiar with the military lifestyles and changes families undergo on a daily basis.

Now, in my current role as the **CYP Director and School Liaison Officer**, I have the opportunity to help provide an environment that promotes positive growth and development & influences the overall health of children in military families. I am grateful to have been able to combine both through building a firm foundation based on the high standards and values of Navy CYP.

Whether you and your family are moving to metropolitan Busan or scenic & peaceful Chinhae, you are never too far from our Navy community. The process of moving your children and spouse across the world is tough enough as it is, so the goal of this guide is to help relieve some of that stress and to provide some tools to promote a smooth, seamless transition to Korea.

This publication contains information on all of the education options currently a part of the Non-DoD School Program (NDSP). Your children will have the opportunity to attend any one of these education options and each option has something different to offer. I hope that you will find this guide useful in selecting the best education option to support your children's needs.

*Linda Chao-Rogers*





# What is the Non-DoD School Program?

The **Non-DoD school program (NDSP)** is in place to help maintain the continuity of education for children when families are stationed at international locations where DoDEA schools are not available. The goal of the NDSP is to help with the cost of education in international locations as well as support for making the transition back to education in the United States as seamless as possible.

The NDSP helps cover costs that would not normally be expenses for families in the states such as fees for tuition and enrollment, textbooks and transportation. These expenses that are covered by the NDSP are known as **allowable expenses**. Any expenses that will be the responsibility of the families are known as **non-allowable expenses**. These are expenses that would be covered by the parents if their children were attending school in the United States or at a Department of Defense Education Activities (DoDEA) school. These non-allowable expenses would include fees for meals, camps, field trips and uniforms amongst others.

The **NDSP does not endorse any specific school**. Families have the opportunity to choose any school that they would like to send their children to based on the needs of their children. This gives families the chance to send their children to international schools that utilize varying curriculums and offer a number of extra-curricular activities and programs.

All families will be allotted an education allowance to send their children to the international school of their choosing. Any fees, regardless of whether or not they are allowable or non-allowable expenses that exceed that annual education allowance will be the financial responsibility of the parents. Payment arrangements for any fees in excess of the education allowance will be arranged between the families and the schools.

All parents must take the **NDSP online orientation** *prior to registering* with the NDSP. After registering with the NDSP and receiving confirmation for the funds that you have been authorized, families can enroll at the international school of their choice.

Visit <https://www.dodea.edu/nonDoD/index.cfm> for more detailed information.

# Curriculum Guide and Education Standards

**Confused about the different type of curriculums offered?**

**Here are descriptions of the curriculums and education standards utilized at the currently available education options.**

## **American Common Core State Standards**

Common Core will probably be recognized by most Americans. These standards were developed as a means to break the stagnant increase in performance levels of children in the United States. These standards outline what children should know by the end of each grade level in Mathematics & Language Arts/Literacy.

For more detailed information on the Common Core State Standards, please visit:

**<http://www.corestandards.org/about-the-standards/>**

## **American Education Reaches Out (AERO)**

AERO is a project set up by the US Department of State in order to help schools overseas that are implementing curricula based on American education standards. The AERO project strives to set standards in English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Art, Music & World Languages.

For more detailed information on AERO, please visit:

**<http://www.projectaero.org/>**

## **Alberta Curriculum**

A Canadian based curriculum in which, according to the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA), is said to be one of the best education curriculums for children. The Alberta curriculum was developed with the whole child in mind. Educators work to educate children based on their individual levels rather than requiring all of the children in the class to perform on the same level. This approach allows children to learn at their own pace.

For more detailed information on the Alberta curriculum, please visit:

**<http://education.alberta.ca>**

# Curriculum Guide and Education Standards

## International Baccalaureate

The International Baccalaureate Program (IB) was developed to help children become lifetime learners, who are able to think critically and independently. This curriculum has been in use for the last fifty years in more than 150 countries. The IB Program is comprised of four programs:

- Primary Years Program (PYP) for Kindergarten-5th Grade
- Middle Years Program (MYP) for grades 6th-10th
- Diploma Program (DP) for grades 11th-12th
- Career Related Program (CP) for students ages 16-19.

Three of the four programs PYP, MYP and DP are currently offered in the international schools.

For more detailed information on the International Baccalaureate Program, please visit: <http://www.ibo.org>

## Fieldwork Education's International Curriculum

This international curriculum is comprised of three programs:

- International Early Years Curriculum (IEYC)
- International Primary Curriculum (IPC)
- International Middle Years Curriculum (IMYC)

The curriculums are all designed around eight learning principles that are essential to children's learning, growth and development. Each of the curriculums features learning units that aim to capture children's interest by teaching them subjects in a way that exhibits the interdisciplinary and holistic nature of subjects.

For more detailed information about Fieldwork Education's International Curriculums, please visit: <http://fieldworkeducation.com>

## Cambridge international Curriculum

The Cambridge International Curriculum uses a learner-centered, inquiry-based approach to learning and presents students with a broad range of subjects. One of the goals of this curriculum is develop students' skills in problem solving, creative thinking and inquiry and also strives to help students transition into advanced studies. Schools have the ability to structure the curriculum based on the specific needs of their students as there are 70 subjects in 30 different languages offered.

For more detailed information about the Cambridge International Curriculum, please visit: <http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/>

# The Olson School



## The Olson School

The Olson School is a unique, small school for **children 3 years to Grade 1**. Students learn in an enriching, educational environment where subjects are studied to gain mastery and depth of knowledge. With an eye toward the student's eventual return to the US, Olson has incorporated the **US common core standards** into its curriculum and most students test well above grade level. These results are more a testament of **small class** size (5-6 students) where *discussion, study and working together to learn in a stimulating environment* surpass the need for continual testing.

Core classes include: STEM, STMATH, Korean, Geography/Social Studies and Language Arts.

The after school classes consist of a brand new sports school with dedicated, fun coaches and skilled art teachers. Students attend these classes 2-3 times a week. Other extracurricular activities are swimming (open and lessons), Tai Kwon Do, Hap Ki Do, and music to mention a few.

**Curriculum:** Uses different curriculums that help children to meet education standards as outlined by the American Common Core State Standards

**Current Attendance:** 0

**Current Number of Military/DoD Students:** 0



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# CL Education Academy



CL Education Academy first opened its doors in 2004, as an intensive program to accommodate academic excellence for students from **Pre-K through Middle School**. In 2017, CL created the Apex Foreign Academy for Chinhae US Naval families, housed within CL Education Academy less than ten minutes from base.

Apex Foreign Academy provides a personalized, educational experience for students from Pre-K through Elementary School, utilizing a Montessori philosophy. Apex

offers Student-Teacher ratio of 3:1 to provide individualized education for each student. The Apex experience offers student a small, caring environment to learn and pursue a number of interests. Our teachers are Highly Qualified and have decades of experience teaching in both the United States and South Korea. In addition to following Common Core Standards, our teachers are experience in Individualized Education Plans, PEAK Strategies, Multiple Intelligences, and Parallel Assessments. Academically, we want our students to be open to differ-

ent academic subjects and styles of learning. Our faculty are constantly updating and enhancing the curriculum with programs, using STEM programs and History Alive!, to provide students with opportunities to achieve success.

Our curriculum teaches respect from difference. We nurture academic excellence in our students by giving them the academic and life skills they need for continued success. We offer a balanced academic program to provide students with a depth and breadth of understanding. We will aim to develop core academic skills in our students: literacy, numeracy, a sense of historical development, problem-solving, critical thinking, an appreciation of the arts, global awareness, and a life-long love of learning.

At Apex, we create a place where all are welcome by building a community in which people from different cultural and religious backgrounds learn, live and work harmoniously with mutual respect and understanding.

**Curriculum:** American Common Core State Standards

**Current Attendance:** 400

**Current Number of Military/DoD Students:** 5





## Daily Schedule

| Time   | Monday ~ Friday                                       |
|--|---|
| 8:30am   | Arrival to School                                     |
| ~12:00   | Class   |
| ~1:15  | Lunch/Recess  |
| ~2:20  | Class   |
| ~3:50  | Special Programs<br>(Art/Crafts/Robotics/K-pop Dance) |
| 4:00   | Depart School   |
| ~ 4:30   | Arrive at <u>Chinhae</u> Naval Base                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friday: No Special Program</li> <li>• Morning/Afternoon Snacks</li> </ul> |   |

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# International School of Koje

The International School of Koje is situated on the tranquil island of Geoje. The school is **truly international with dozens of nationalities** represented in the student and teacher population making an incredibly vibrant learning community.

Accredited by the **Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)** the approach to learning is rigorous and fun as the school believes everyone should enjoy and master their own learning, all the while becoming confident global citizens. All the **teachers are highly qualified and receive constant additional professional development** to ensure the students receive the best education they can.

ISK follows the **International Early Years Curriculum for ages 2-5, the International Primary Curriculum for ages 5-11 and the International Middle Years Curriculum for ages 11-14**. Each of these curricula is rooted in up to date research of what great learning actually is depending on the developmental stage of the child and the school is accredited throughout these age ranges and in the process of improving further through reaccreditation.

**Service and Challenge** is a key part of the Secondary Section with the Middle Years students taking the **William Pike Challenge Award** and Higher Years taking the **Duke of Edinburgh's International Award**.



## Curriculum:

- **International Early Years Curriculum (IEYC)**
- **International Primary Curriculum (IPC)**
- **International Middle Years Curriculum (IMYC)**
- **Cambridge International General Certificates in Secondary Education (IGCSE)**
- **Cambridge Advanced Levels (A-levels)**

The **International General Certificates of Education (IGCSE)** are rigorous certificates worked towards over **2 years of study and assessed by exams**. Students study separate subjects towards exams resulting in a collection of **internationally recognized graded certificates**. Students then follow **Advanced Levels** in individually chosen subjects in preparation for university or the world of work. Both IGCSE's and A-levels are awarded by **Cambridge International Assessment**.

**Current Attendance:** 160

**Current Number of Military/DoD Students:** 0

International Mindedness is **Learning** who  
we are, being **open** and **connecting**  
to our world.





ISK has added 2 state of the art Science labs to its already impressive Art rooms, Music Rooms, Gymnasium, Library, Maker Spaces and outdoor all-weather fields. It is also building a woodland and farming area, secondary library, Higher Years student's hub and a fitness and dance suite.



All the spaces listed above are used for a range of after-school activities on Monday to Friday, with the exception of Wednesdays, run by the dedicated and passionate teachers and volunteer parents from the community eager to share the things they enjoy with the next generation.

### Contact Information

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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF KOJE  
**ISK**  
거제국제외국인학교



Cambridge Assessment  
International Education

Cambridge International School



Accredited  
School  
2016 - 2019



Accredited  
School  
Mastering Level  
2017 - 2020

Proud to deliver





# British International Academy

The British International Academy (**BIA**) on **Geoje Island** is an independent institution offering the world renowned International Baccalaureate programs to learners from the **ages of 3 to 18**. BIA has a unique identity, defined by its multicultural, multilingual (especially English, Korean and French) community in which students from diverse backgrounds intermingle, learn and grow. BIA is a friendly and steadily growing place of learning where each child receives considerable teacher support and attention, enabling them to optimize their progress.

BIA is the only educational institution on Geoje Island that offers the **International Baccalaureate Program (IB)**. IB is delivered in English and is open to all nationalities, including speakers of other

languages for whom English is a second language.



## The International Baccalaureate Program

The International Baccalaureate is the most widely used international curriculum in the world.

Here are some current statistics:

- Number of countries with IB programs - 157
- Number of IB institutions - 4,786
- Number of IB Diploma graduates annually - 150,000
- Number of IB learners in the world – 1,000,000
- Country with the largest number of IB schools – USA

## CIS (Council of International Schools)

CIS is one of the largest accreditation organizations in the world and accredits many international institutions.



BIA began the accreditation process in 2019 and will **complete it in**

**April 2021**. This is significant as it means that the graduation certificates of BIA's first high school graduates will be CIS validated.

## SKAC (Southern Korean Activities Conference)

BIA is a **member of the SKAC Conference**, ensuring that our students participate fully in sporting competitions taking place across the southern half of South Korea. In addition to the SKAC focus on volleyball, basketball and track & field, our students also enjoy soccer, handball, ultimate frisbee, floorball, dodgeball, multi-sports, hiking and other activities during PE lessons, at break times, and as after-school outdoor clubs, while a number of indoor clubs are offered as well.

**Curriculum:** International Baccalaureate Program

**Current Attendance:** 85

**Current Number of Military/DoD Students:** 0





## Multi-Age Learning

In **2021-2022**, **BIA classes** will open from **Pre-K right through to Grade 12**. Classes will generally combine two-year groups, as shown below. At BIA, multi-age classes are not only practical, due to the small class size, but BIA has found that they also have a very positive impact on learning across all ages. Multi-age learning is sometimes a concern for new parents, who may assume that it is less effective than single entry classes. However, important educational research has identified several key strengths in multi-age classes, showing why this is often a preferred approach. BIA is achieving remarkable levels of learning with a dynamic, multi-age approach, supported by high levels of individual teacher attention and differentiation.

| Class Name | Age on September 1st | Grade Level (US)       |
|------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| EY 1       | 3 - 4                | Pre - school / Pre - K |
| PYP 1      | 5 - 6                | Kindergarten / Grade 1 |
| PYP 2      | 7 - 8                | Grade 1 / Grade 2      |
| PYP 3      | 9 - 10               | Grade 3 / Grade 4      |
| MYP 1      | 11 - 12              | Grade 5 / Grade 6      |
| MYP 2      | 13 - 14              | Grade 7 / Grade 8      |
| MYP 3      | 15                   | Grade 9 / Grade 10     |
| DP 1       | 16                   | Grade 11               |
| DP 2       | 17                   | Grade 12               |



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# Hillside Collegiate



CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

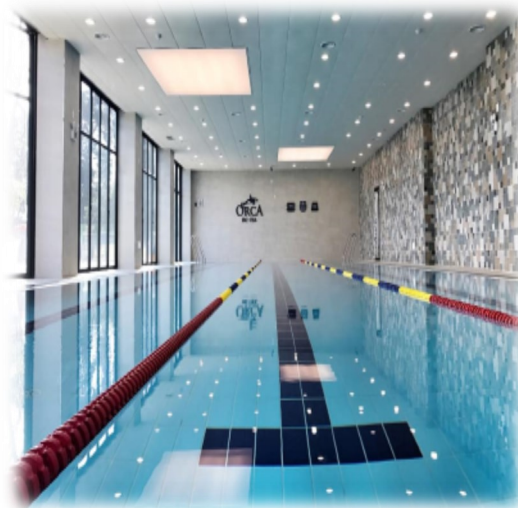
HILLSIDE COLLEGIATE

**Prestigious International Education, International Curriculum and Extra-curricular Activities in Beautiful Nature of Geoje.**

- **Unlimited admission** for North American Education Programs for students of **all nationalities**.
- Curriculum and Textbooks **officially certified** and used in schools in North America.
- Certified and trained teachers and **100% English Environment**.
- Campus located within the beautiful forest with swimming facilities on the first floor of the main building.
- Diverse outdoor activities such as **gardening, fencing, swimming** and more.
- **Grades offered: PK – G6**

## Resources

The resources and programs used at Hillside Collegiate are selected to support the **quality delivery of the Programs of Study**. Variety of resources are used in many of our classrooms as a resource and a teaching reference.



**Current Attendance: 70**

**Current Number of Military/DoD Students: 0**





At Hillside we have great opportunities to expand our students' experiences, having the choice of joining one of our several amazing clubs like Glee and Robotics. From harmonizing your voice to exploring the outdoors and coding your drone how to fly. The choice is yours.

Being hands on in the garden and making connections to our science curriculum s all about supporting students' real life academic experiences.

### Extracurricular Activities

- Organizing extracurricular activities for all students in regular classes **to enhance student experience** and **promote well balanced development of multiple intelligence**.
- Systematic guidance of professional coaches in **swimming and fencing**.
- **Violin and other extracurricular activities** are systematically taught by specializing teachers.



### "The First Campus" Area of 9,917m2 Located Within the Beautiful Forest with Ocean View

- Comfortable **classrooms with natural lighting** and **allergy care** and **air purification systems** enhance the learning ability.
- **Swimming pool with harmless water treatment** and automatic water depth control system for children located on the 1st floor of **Hillside Collegiate**.
- Implementing **eco-friendly, naturalistic education** in outdoor spaces such as 'The Secret Forest', playground, ecological stream playground, party place & 'Garden of Life'.



- **Future plans** for 'The Second Campus' **expanding grade levels** and facilities such as dormitories and cafeteria.

### Contact Information

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# Busan Foreign School



*Embracing Diversity, Striving for Excellence*

Busan Foreign School is an international school with an **American style** educational philosophy and curriculum. Our mission is to inspire each learner by providing educational services that nurture their social, intellectual, emotional, and physical growth. Our students are prepared to enter **top-tier universities** worldwide as responsible citizens in a rapidly changing world. Our ongoing commitment to **intercultural understanding** and a strong **partnership** between students, parents/guardians, teachers and the community enable us to achieve this in a **caring and supportive environment**.

**Busan Foreign School has been fully WASC accredited (PreK-12th Grade) since 1998.**



Busan Foreign School opened its doors in October of 1996. We are currently educating over 260 students from 20 different nations. The curriculum has developed into a highly rigorous American standards-based program that offers students a wide variety of courses and activities. Busan Foreign School provides additional **student support services** to best serve all student learning styles.



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**Curriculum:** American | Common Core | AP

**Current Attendance:** 260

**Current Number of Military/DoD Students:** 70





Over 95% of the teaching staff are either **US or Canadian certified teachers**, and all staff and administrators are trained in the most current research of best educational practices. The Common Core curriculum and other U.S. based national standards guide all classroom instruction. Staff members are required to professionally develop their skills. At the secondary level they apply their training in teaching rigorous **Advanced Placement** courses in the Maths, Sciences, English, Humanities, Languages, and the Arts. Busan Foreign School was accepted in 2016 year to the **AP Capstone** Program, becoming the third school in Korea administering this Diploma. At the elementary level, we have implemented Eureka math, the most widely used math curriculum in the U.S. School-wide we subscribe to the Readers' and Writers' Workshop model to hone **English literacy** skills.

Busan Foreign School strives to offer a **balanced program of academics, athletics, and arts**. We believe that both academic and nonacademic life are equally important and help to shape our students into model citizens of the world.



BFS facilities include a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) tower, outdoor futsal field, indoor gym, recreational rooftop, and multi-purpose auditorium: Everything your child needs to pursue their passions.

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# International School of Busan



ISB is an English-medium, non-profit making **IB World School**, that has been serving the international community of Busan since 1983. More than **35 nationalities** are represented in a diverse school community of students aged 3-18. The school is **fully accredited by the US School Accreditation Agency - WASC** and it is authorized to offer all three **IB Program - the PYP, the MYP and the Diploma Program**.

The school offers a happy, safe and supportive atmosphere, with a strong commitment to helping all children succeed, whatever their background or abilities. Learners develop socially and emotionally so that they take pride in their learning and want to do well. A carefully selected team of talented **international educators** provide a school experience that is designed to bring out the very best in every child. Families describe ISB as a caring, warm and welcoming community where **every child is valued, respected and provided with the opportunity to thrive**.

Our impressive, state-of-the-art, purpose-built campus includes a full-sized soccer field, gymnasium, tennis and basketball courts, playgrounds, science labs, design and technology labs, well-resourced libraries and a cafeteria serving a range of healthy and nutritious food options.



The school has an **extensive after school program** that allows students to follow their passions, whether that be participating in a drama production, learning a musical instrument or training with the soccer squad to prepare for an upcoming tournament. The after school elective program operates five days a week and a late bus is provided for participating students.

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Average IB Diploma grades are consistently above world average and ISB graduates go on to attend **prestigious universities across the world**. Recent graduates have attended universities which include Berkley, Cornell, NYU, Pennsylvania State, Purdue, Texas A&M and UCLA.



**Curriculum:** International Baccalaureate Program

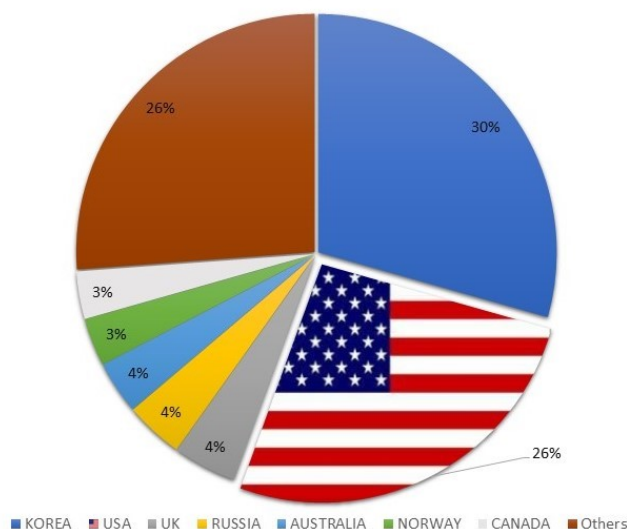
**Current Attendance:** 290

**Current Number of Military/DoD Students:** 22

"Conversations with representative students indicated that ISB has high expectations and rigor throughout their programs and teachers provide quality feedback. In conversation with the faculty, leadership, students, the parent community, and the Board of Governors, it is evident how much the school cares for their students. ISB has created **a caring and nurturing environment** that permeates throughout the entire school community."

**WASC Accreditation Report, January 2021**

**Nationalities**



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# Gyeongnam International Foreign School



Gyeongnam International Foreign School (GIFS) is a **K-12 co-educational institution** offering students and families a truly international educational opportunity. GIFS students come to us from near and far around the world. In this **multicultural** and **multilingual environment**, students have the opportunity to learn about themselves and each other in a rapidly changing globalize world. We are committed to providing a high quality education that connects students to the local community as well as other international schools in South Korea. At GIFS, our qualified teachers continue to have outstanding success in preparing students for post-secondary education. Alt-

hough our graduating classes are small, we are proud that throughout history our seniors have moved on to top-tiered colleges and universities in the U.S. and around the world. GIFS is an IB World School: We are authorized to offer the Diploma Programme (Grades 11-12) and are undergoing candidacy for the Middle Years Programme (Grades 6-10) and Primary Years Programme (Grades K-5), with an aim to be authorized in 2021. GIFS is proud of all its achievements in its first decade, and we look forward to many more years in service to students, families and staff. GIFS is **accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)**.



**Curriculum:** We follow the International Baccalaureate PYP framework for grades K-5 and the International Baccalaureate MYP framework for grades 6-10. At both levels, we incorporate American standards into the curriculum. We follow the International Baccalaureate DP standards and assessments objectives for grades 11-12.

**Current Attendance:** 100

**Current Number of Military/DoD Students:** 0





GIFS opened its doors in 2004 with sixteen students and now welcomes **an average of 120 students per year**. It is located in the city of Sacheon, a medium sized city in a coastal area on the south central tip of South Korea. We offer an excellent educational environment in a modern purpose-built facility.

GIFS is a **truly international school** made up of students and staff from around the globe. At any given time, it is normal for us to serve as many as **twenty-five nationalities** among our student population. The GIFS faculty and support staff is also a diverse one made up of many nationalities, ages, genders, and religious affiliations. Currently, the administrative and teaching faculty includes American, Canadian, British, South African, Spanish, and Korean staff. Everyone within our learning community strives to provide an enjoyable, authentic, challenging, safe and supportive educational environment for our students.



"GIFS is a school that is flexible to students needs. Students come first at GIFS."

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# Gyeongnam International Foreign School

Inspiring Excellence in an International Community of Learners





# Home Based Education

The NDSP offers an education allowance for families that opt to provide their children with education at home. Parents are able to choose the at home curriculum that is best suited for the needs of their children and the NDSP will cover the costs of allowable expenses. For children that are stationed on **CFAC, Child and Youth Programs** (CYP) provides activities to enrich the children's home education as well as to give them a break from studying at home. CYP offers activities such as cooking club, fitness, art and gardening amongst others at no cost to the families.



Number of Children Currently Homeschooled: 6



CYP Professionals utilize curricula from the **Boys and Girls Clubs of America (BGCA)** and **4-H** to develop new experiences for our youth in home based education. Both organizations offer curricula that helps CYP professionals to develop the whole youth—mind, body and soul. It is important that we maintain a strong connection with the youth in our programs and give them a place where they can come together and experience the social interactions that they may be missing out on from not being in a school.

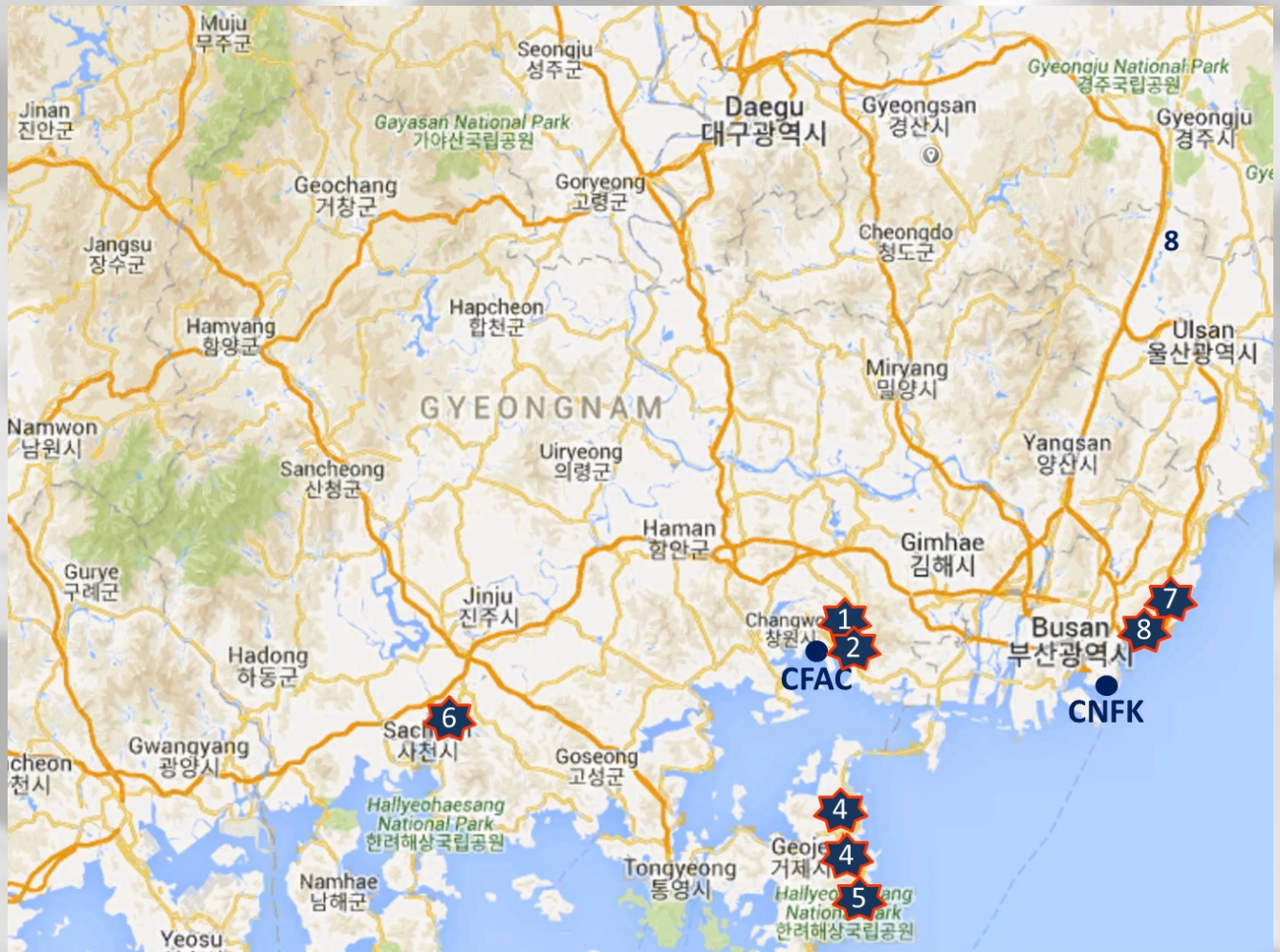


As with choosing a school, parents are able to decide at their discretion which curriculum would best suit the educational needs of their children. Families can opt to use curricula from online elementary, middle and high schools in the state of their choosing or they can utilize other curricula for home based study. Below are a few curricula that parents have used for home based study as well as others found through internet based research:

- Calvert Education
- Pearson Home School
- Weaver Education
- State Department of Education sites
- Online K-12 schools

**For any inquires about home based study, please contact  
Ms. Linda Chao-Rogers your School Liaison Officer, at 050.3363.8771.**

# NDSP School Locations



1. The Olson School
2. C.L Education Academy
3. International School of Koje
4. British International Academy
5. Hillside Collegiate
6. Gyeongnam International Foreign School
7. Busan International Foreign School
8. Busan Foreign School

# school liaison officer

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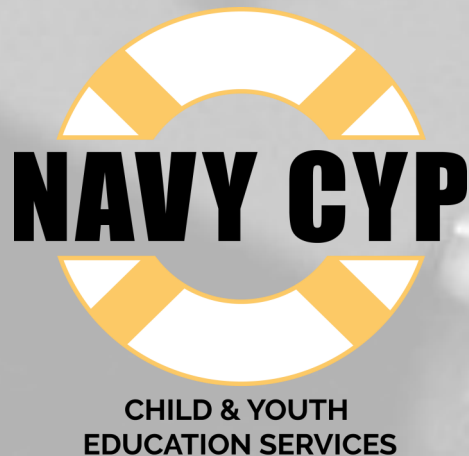
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