



# BASIS INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS International Student Program

World-Acclaimed Program. The Experience of a Lifetime.



**In 2019, BASIS Independent Schools  
students' average AP exam score  
was 4.15, compared to the  
U.S. average of 2.89.**

Data is inclusive of all BASIS Independent Schools in 2019



**83% of 2019 BASIS Independent  
Schools graduates were accepted  
by the Top 50 Colleges and  
Universities in the United States.**

*U.S. News & World Report Top 50 Colleges  
and Universities, 2017–19*

# Welcome to BASIS Independent Schools

BASIS Independent Schools offers the high-achieving BASIS Curriculum, which was founded in 1998 with the goal of educating students at the highest international standards. There are currently six domestic independent campuses: two in New York City, one in Silicon Valley, two in Fremont, CA, and one in Washington D.C. Our network also includes six private international schools in China managed by BASIS Global, located in Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Nanjing, Huizhou, and Hangzhou, as well as another international school in Prague.

The BASIS Curriculum is rooted in the liberal arts and sciences and is looked to as the gold standard in preparing students to excel in the 21st century global workforce. Well-rounded, advanced coursework and expert teachers work to equip students with the deep content knowledge, creativity, and critical thinking skills that allow them to pursue their ambitions and open up a world of possibility.

For fall 2021, we are accepting international applications at four of our BASIS Independent Schools. The grades eligible for international applicants are as follows: BASIS Independent Silicon Valley: Grades 8–12; BASIS Independent Brooklyn: Grades 6–12; BASIS Independent McLean: Kindergarten–Grade 12; BASIS Independent Fremont: Transitional Kindergarten–grade 5.





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# Our Mission

Our mission is to **educate students to the highest international levels** with a spiraling liberal arts and sciences curriculum benchmarked to the best education systems in the world.

Our advanced curriculum, **unmatched in breadth and depth**, prepares students with the content knowledge, critical thinking, and self-advocacy skills needed to be successful throughout their education and well beyond.

Our passionate, expert teachers are unwavering in their belief that with hard work, the right support, encouragement, and inspiration, **any child can excel**.

We are committed to a **joyful learning culture** where hard work is celebrated and intellectual pursuits result in extraordinary outcomes.

# Academic Results

BASIS Independent Schools prepares students to reach their fullest potential. From high-caliber, internationally benchmarked tests and Advanced Placement® courses that demonstrate excellent student performance to attaining top college admissions results, BASIS Independent students achieve an unparalleled educational experience.

## HOW DO BASIS INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS MEASURE UP?

### › Performance in math, reading, and science



› of U.S. schools, on average



› of all schools in the world, on average\*

### › BASIS Independent Schools students are more likely to be identified as potential "world-class knowledge workers of tomorrow"

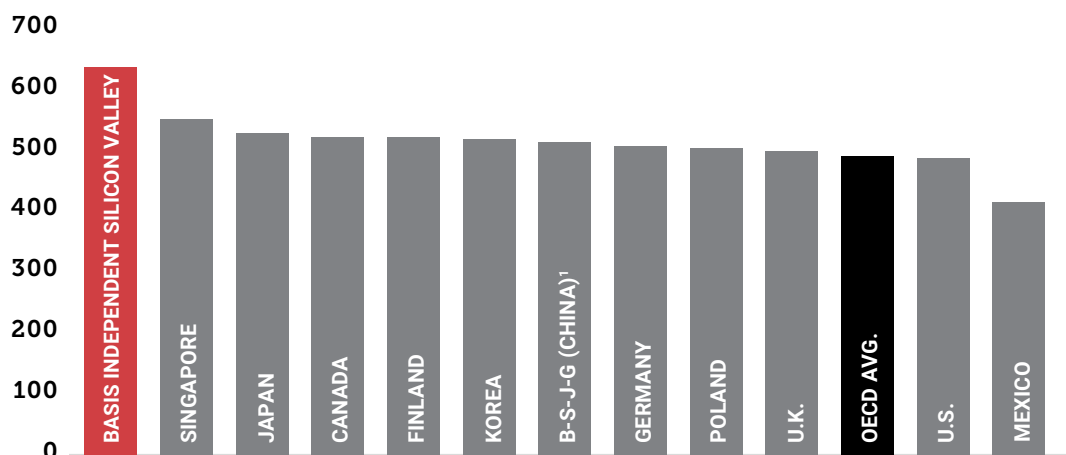


**6.5x** more likely than other U.S. students to score in highest performance levels

BASIS Independent Schools doesn't compare itself just to other local schools, but to schools across the globe as well. Below are results from the OECD Test for Schools (based on PISA), a global assessment of 15-year-old students and their ability to apply their knowledge in math, reading, and science.

### INTERNATIONAL RANKINGS: 2018–19 OECD TEST FOR SCHOOLS (BASED ON PISA)\*\*

Average Score in Math, Reading, and Science



\*BASIS Independent Schools compared with select participating countries. \*\*BASIS Independent Silicon Valley results from the 2018–19 OECD Test for Schools (Additional BASIS Independent Schools (that meet OECD Test for Schools eligibility requirements) results will be presented in forthcoming updates). Results for all other countries and educational systems are from the 2015 PISA exam. The 2018 OECD Test for Schools was designed to enable international benchmarking against results from the 2015 PISA exam. 1 Refers to Chinese students from Beijing-Shanghai-Jiangsu-Guangdong.





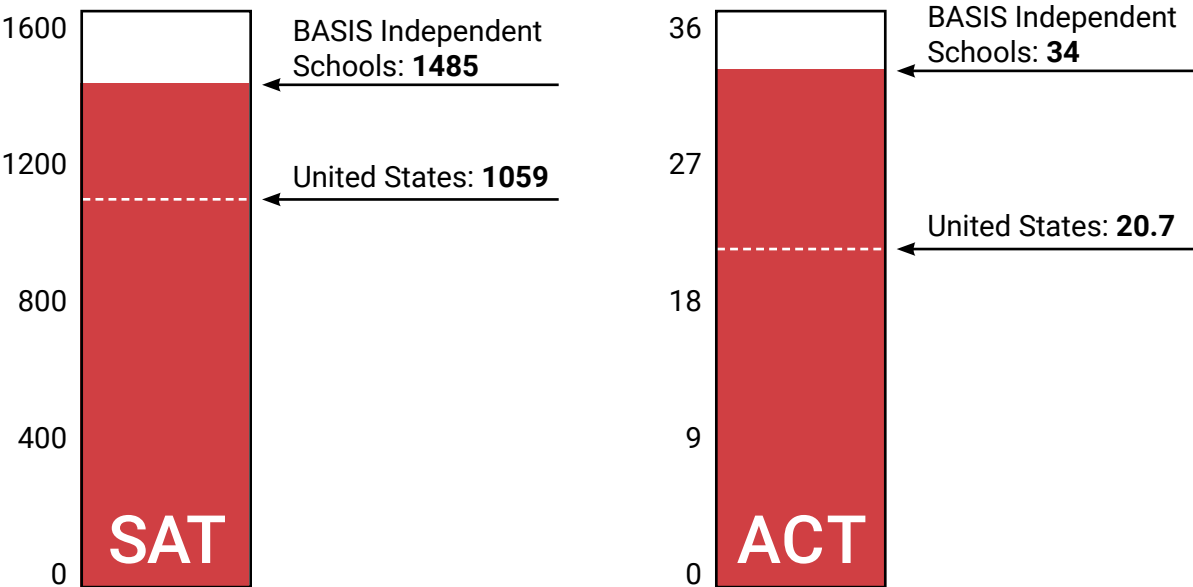
**“All my teachers are helpful and caring, and they make sure that no student feels left out. The teachers are also really nice and do their best to help their students succeed.”**

– BASIS Independent Schools student

**BASIS Independent Students Earn High Scores on College Entrance Exams**

Upon completing our accelerated, rigorous academic program, BASIS Independent Schools graduates are prepared for entry into some of the most distinguished colleges and universities in the U.S. and the world. BASIS Independent students’ exceptional performance on college entrance exams is one indicator of their college preparedness.

**AVERAGE COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM SCORES AMONG GRADUATES**



*Note: In the spring of 2016, the College Board redesigned the SAT which included a return to the 1600 point scale. Scores for SAT exams taken prior to 2016 were converted to the new 1600 point scale based on the SAT Score Converter.*

## Successful Entry to Top Colleges and Universities

Colleges and universities take notice of our students. BASIS Independent students have proven themselves both academically and personally, and are accepted to the finest higher learning institutions in the world, from Stanford to Harvard to Oxford.

### 2018 ACCEPTANCE RATE FOR BASIS INDEPENDENT GRADUATES



46% were admitted to a *U.S. News & World Report* **Best National Universities and National Liberal Arts Colleges** top 25 school and 83% to a top 50.

## College Counseling

We pride ourselves on a network of support for all students, whether day-to-day or in getting ready for one of the most important experiences in a student's academic journey: college admissions. Our students are successful when they take advantage of the variety of resources at their fingertips. Our approach to helping students prepare for college is a key distinguisher of BASIS Independent Schools versus other programs. Our process of helping students identify their goals for college starts in grade 9 and increases in focus as students matriculate through high school. By their senior year, a daily **College Counseling Workshop** helps seniors identify, target, and ultimately achieve entrance to the college or university best suited for them.

Counselors spend a great deal of time with students and become familiar with each student's strengths and weaknesses. With this individual attention, compelling personal letters of recommendation, and quality-control checks on all applications, it is no wonder that each year more elite universities' student-recruiting teams are adding BASIS Independent Schools to their visit list.

With our highly customized and professional college counseling program, parents do not need to hire an additional private agency or counselor.



## 2017–2019 BASIS Independent Schools Student Acceptances to Top 50 National Universities & Liberal Arts Colleges (*U.S. News & World Report*)

Amherst College
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bucknell University
California Institute of Technology
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
College of William and Mary
Columbia University
Columbia University, Barnard College
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Duke University
Emory University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
Grinnell College
Harvard University
Harvey Mudd College
Johns Hopkins University
Lafayette College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Middlebury College
Mount Holyoke College
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Occidental College
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Pomona College

Amherst College
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bucknell University
California Institute of Technology
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
College of William and Mary
Columbia University
Columbia University, Barnard College
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Duke University
Emory University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
Grinnell College
Harvard University
Harvey Mudd College
Johns Hopkins University
Lafayette College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Middlebury College
Mount Holyoke College
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Occidental College
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Pomona College

Sources: U.S. News & World Report Top 50 National Universities, 2017–19. U.S. News & World Report Top 50 Liberal Arts Colleges, 2017–19.

**We invite you to explore our Student Outcomes supplement,  
which offers in much greater detail the academic results of the BASIS Curriculum.**

# Our Program

## The BASIS Curriculum

Students who work towards the BASIS Diploma grow in our classrooms to love learning and the pursuit of deeper understanding. They experience the delight of mastering fields of complex knowledge and of developing the habits of disciplined, critical enquiry. They have the best possible educational foundation to be independent and resourceful problem solvers and to face future challenges. It is their choice what career opportunities they pursue and intellectual decisions they make in the future. It is our job to fully prepare them to succeed in those choices.

## Inspiring, Engaging Coursework

International students are fully immersed in the coursework that our domestic students enjoy. Aside from required coursework in core disciplines of humanities, science, math, history, and foreign language, students have the chance to participate in **electives (grade 8 and above)** and **capstone courses (grade 12 only)**. Below is a sampling of what may be offered:



HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM				
GRADE 8	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
BIOLOGY	HONORS SCIENCE*	AP SCIENCE*	AP SCIENCE*	SCIENCE: POST-AP/ CAPSTONE
CHEMISTRY	HONORS LANGUAGE	HONORS SCIENCE*	AP ELECTIVE	HUMANITIES: POST-AP/ CAPSTONE
PHYSICS	HONORS LITERATURE	HONORS ENGLISH 10 OR AP LANGUAGE	AP LANGUAGE OR AP LITERATURE	FOREIGN LANGUAGE: POST-AP/CAPSTONE
ENGLISH	AP US GOVERNMENT & POLITICS	AP US HISTORY	AP WORLD HISTORY: MODERN	MATH: POST-AP/ CAPSTONE
MATH	MATH	MATH	MATH	COLLEGE COUNSELING
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	FOREIGN LANGUAGE	FOREIGN LANGUAGE	FOREIGN LANGUAGE	SENIOR PROJECT**
ELECTIVE	ELECTIVE	ELECTIVE	ELECTIVE	
ECONOMICS	<i>* Students select from honors- and AP-level Biology, Chemistry, or Physics.  **Students must meet eligible requirements</i>			
US HISTORY				

Courses listed are examples of offerings at select BASIS Independent Schools. Exact offerings at BASIS Independent Schools are subject to demand and enrollment. Sample course schedules and further detail on course sequences are available upon request.



### Advanced Placement® (AP) Courses and Exams

The curriculum at BASIS Independent Schools is centered on College Board's AP® courses and exams. Formulated as a means of assessing college readiness, the AP Exam is calibrated to the standard expectations of an entry-level university course and is recognized in 55 countries. Students who score 3 points or higher out of a possible 5 points are granted placement and/or credit at about 90 percent of four-year universities in the U.S., according to the 6th Annual "AP Report to the Nation".

### Advanced Placement® by the Numbers at BASIS Independent Schools

<b>122</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>4.09</b> <sup>OUT OF 5</sup>
Number of Graduates 2019	Number of AP Exams per Graduate	Percent of AP Exams Passed	Earning Distinction as AP Scholars	Average AP Exam Score

### Internationally Recognized Assessments

BASIS Independent Schools participate in College Board Advanced Placement® (AP) exams as well as the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA). Please find our international results on page 6.



# Our Program



## **BASIS Independent Teachers**

We hire the country's brightest and most creative minds to teach our students. Our teachers are unique in that they have degrees and/or subject expertise in the disciplines they teach, which is not always expected in American education. The passion and real-time application they have in their subjects helps them craft thought-provoking lessons and encourage creativity, fostering a superior learning experience for all students.

All prospective teachers must demonstrate their ability to communicate high-level subject matter while inspiring students to excel. The educators we select are thoroughly invested in the success of all of their students and will work tirelessly to connect with and support your child on his or her academic journey.





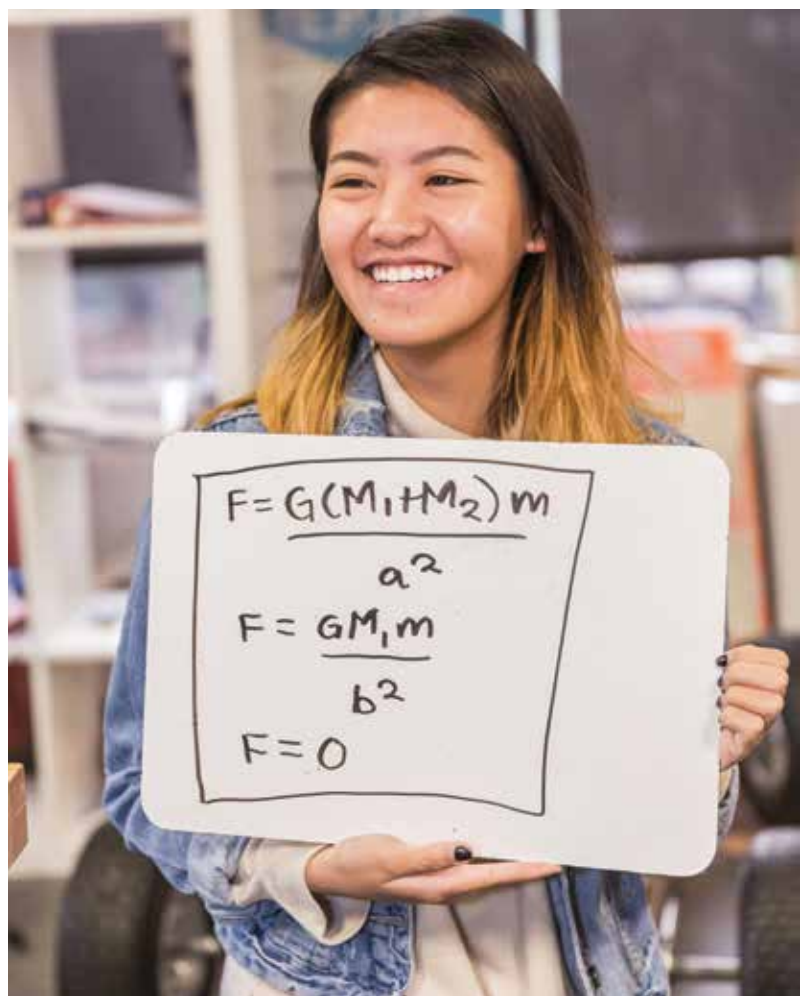
## Student Support

### ***Student support starts with the classroom.***

All teachers are required to hold weekly office hours that are available to students who either want to check in on progress, review content or homework, work on extra skills, or more.

***Peer tutoring offers a way to get help and build relationships.*** Our peer tutoring program improves student outcomes by tapping into the proven notion that peers and like-learners are often as equipped as experts to explain a concept to a student in need of help. By not just seeking help from teachers, but from fellow students, international students build camaraderie and rapport with their peers.

***Support of experts outside the classroom.*** Deans are assigned to a specific grade level, or group of grade levels, to regularly monitor student performance and proactively identify those who need support or are making exceptional strides. Grade-level deans and the International Student Program Manager will be checking in on your student to ensure that they are receiving the academic, social, and emotional support they need to be successful.





# Why International Families Choose Us

## **The Education of a Lifetime**

We provide the best education the United States has to offer along with opportunities to experience the United States culturally and socially. The BASIS Curriculum prepares students for the 21st century world by educating them to be independent and innovative problem-solvers.

## **Stepping Stone to Top Colleges and Universities**

We teach students at the highest global standards so they can attend the best universities in the world and achieve future success. Our dedicated college counseling program is focused on helping all students discover their best match.

## **U.S. Cultural Immersion**

We offer an up-close local and national view of American values and American ingenuity. Students are surrounded by diverse, kind peers who represent some of the brightest students in the United States. Through a homestay, students are fully immersed into American life, which provides a broadening of their world view that can't be gained by boarding.

## **Lifelong Mentors**

We believe that subject matter expertise and the talent to inspire students are the most vital elements to teaching content knowledge, creative thinking, and problem solving at the highest international levels. Our international students build bonds with these educators that will continue to inspire them long after graduation.





"During my two years at BASIS Independent Brooklyn, not only did I value my time tackling challenging courses, but also enjoyed all the extracurricular activities as well. I've always loved singing, so taking choir as my elective was the highlight of my experience. I was able to make friends with similar interests, and the school offered us amazing opportunities to perform at winter concerts and Spring Festival Gala."

› Susie, Class of 2019, Freshman at University of Southern California



Photo by Mark Opirhory

"One of the advantages of BASIS Independent Brooklyn is that it's a relatively small school, so teachers can focus on every individual student. It's a very big advantage because in China there are so many people; there are so many students in one class. You can become easily distracted in class, but here, teachers can focus more on each individual student. Second, BASIS Independent Brooklyn offers more AP courses than other schools. In American schools, sometimes the general courses are easier than general courses in China, so, for me, I like having the option to take more challenging AP courses."

› Lily, Class of 2019, Freshman at Pomona College

To hear from more International Students, visit [basisindependent.com/isp](http://basisindependent.com/isp).





# Life On Campus

## School Culture

### Social Activities

School in the United States is so much more than academics. From the moment they step foot into school, international students are fully immersed in the culture of being an American student. Our program has built-in opportunities for students to work together and support one another in academics, but we also make it a point to have events on campus that bring students together, along with our whole school community.

### Extracurricular Activities

At BASIS Independent Schools, we are committed to providing a rich and well-rounded student life beyond academics. To do this, we offer many social and extracurricular activities throughout the year that allow international students to bond with their American classmates. As a result, our campus culture not only reflects our legacy of academic excellence, but the tenacity, spirit, and passions of our entire school community.

The following page lists a sampling of events, clubs, and sports that are available to our students:





## Social Activities

- World Fest
- Faculty/Student Basketball Games
- International Travel Opportunities to educational destinations such as the Galapagos Islands and Senegal
- Dances and Formals
- Trivia Night
- Local Community Volunteering

## Sports & Athletics

- Basketball
- Soccer
- Cross Country
- Table Tennis
- Golf
- Fencing
- Volleyball
- Track & Field

## Fine Arts

- A Capella Group
- Jazz Ensemble
- Rock, Pop n' Soul Club

## Technology & Engineering

- Artificial Intelligence Club
- CodeCats
- Competitive Computer Science Club
- Girls Who Code Club
- iOS Apps Club
- Robotics Club

## Math/Science

- Anatomy Club
- Biology Olympiad
- Chemistry Olympiad
- Environmental Club
- Science Olympiad
- Neuroscience Club
- MATHCOUNTS

## Humanities/Other

- Book Club
- Creative Writing Club
- National Scripps Spelling Bee
- Speech & Debate
- Board Game Club
- Academic Decathlon
- Entrepreneurs Club

*Our list of offerings is constantly growing and changing. We will happily provide you with a full list of activities offered at each campus upon request.*



# Life Off Campus

**“It’s really special to have an international student stay in my home because I just love exchanging cultures with the students that I host.”**

- BASIS Independent Silicon Valley host parent

## Homestay

Our program is a homestay with a local host family. Students can use an agency of choice but will be provided with a list of homestay agencies that have been used by our students. The benefits of a homestay are total immersion into American student life under the care of a supportive host family in a safe, comfortable environment. Very often this experience is unforgettable for host families as much as it is for students.



**“New York City is a very beautiful place, and very convenient! I have many favorite sights—museums, shopping districts, and beautiful parks. We go sightseeing and have picnics outside. And like I mentioned, it’s very convenient. We can take the subway to almost everywhere I want! From the BASIS Independent Brooklyn campus, we can go to a subway station nearby, and ride the subway to Manhattan, to Brooklyn, to Queens, and even to Coney Island. It’s great.”**

- Lily, International Student at BASIS Independent Brooklyn

## Weekend Life

Located in some of the most dynamic cities and states in the United States, BASIS Independent Schools offer not only an unparalleled academic experience, but access to unlimited enjoyment of surrounding culture, shopping, and activities.



# How to apply

We're delighted to know you are considering our program. Our admissions process is designed to get to know your child and help you truly understand the BASIS Independent Schools difference.

The International Student Application occurs in a Rolling Admissions Cycle. Once an application is received we aim to complete your package (interview, testing, and receipt of transcripts and scores) and provide an admissions decision via email within a month. Admission to our school is a selective and competitive process.

Below are all of the steps required to apply to BASIS Independent Schools:

Checklist for Application Requirements:	
<input type="radio"/>	Submit the application on the school website (click "Apply Now") and pay the application fee of \$200 (Please note: International applicants who need an F-1 Student Visa must select the "International Student Admission Cycle" on the application form). BASIS Independent Brooklyn: <a href="http://brooklyn.basisindependent.com">brooklyn.basisindependent.com</a> BASIS Independent McLean: <a href="http://mclean.basisindependent.com">mclean.basisindependent.com</a> BASIS Independent Fremont: <a href="http://fremont.basisindependent.com">fremont.basisindependent.com</a> BASIS Independent Silicon Valley: <a href="http://siliconvalley.basisindependent.com">siliconvalley.basisindependent.com</a>
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<input type="radio"/>	Send official TOEFL score report from ETS using the following institution codes: BASIS Independent Brooklyn: C243 BASIS Independent McLean: B925 BASIS Independent Silicon Valley: C244
<input type="checkbox"/>	Please note: Upon receipt of the application and the required documents, the school admissions team will reach out to you via email to schedule the following interview and assessments.
<input type="radio"/>	Schedule and complete a web-interview with an Admissions Staff Member that includes a reading and writing assessment.
<input type="radio"/>	Schedule and complete a proctored web-math assessment.

If you have additional questions, please contact the school admissions office directly:

- **BASIS Independent Brooklyn:** [brooklyn-isp@basisindependent.com](mailto:brooklyn-isp@basisindependent.com)
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**Learn more about the International Student Program at BASIS Independent Schools and apply by visiting [basisindependent.com/isp](http://basisindependent.com/isp).**

**BASIS Independent Brooklyn\***

New York, NY | PreK–Grade 12

[brooklyn.basisindependent.com](http://brooklyn.basisindependent.com)

**BASIS Independent McLean\***

McLean, VA | Age 2–Grade 12

[mclean.basisindependent.com](http://mclean.basisindependent.com)

**BASIS Independent Silicon Valley\***

San Jose, CA | Grades 5–12

[siliconvalley.basisindependent.com](http://siliconvalley.basisindependent.com)

**BASIS Independent Fremont\***

Fremont, CA | TK–Grade 12

[fremont.basisindependent.com](http://fremont.basisindependent.com)

**BASIS Independent Manhattan**

New York, NY | PreK–Grade 12

[manhattan.basisindependent.com](http://manhattan.basisindependent.com)

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