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Enrollment 2021-2022
Grade 7-12: 616
Class of 2021: 114
Student to Faculty Ratio: 8:1
Faculty: 78

Our Mission
Nansha College Preparatory Academy is a learning community that empowers students to achieve academic and social excellence. NCPA is an English-language immersion school that prepares students for success in higher learning.

English Language Immersion
Our English immersion program and emphasis on academic language acquisition distinguishes us from other international schools serving Chinese nationals.

Response to COVID-19:
In 21-22, all classes are in-person. In 20-21, NCPA had 15 of 180 student days online. In 19-20, NCPA was online from Feb. to May. All academic standards have remained the same during COVID-19 pandemic. NCPA students have not had access to most standardized tests since 11/2019.

School Profile 2021-2022

ABOUT NCPA

Nansha College Preparatory Academy (NCPA) is a private, co-educational, American curriculum boarding school operated in partnership with ULink Education Group and the non-profit, Princeton-based International Schools Services (ISS). We occupy a modern, purpose-built 31-acre campus. We are an English-medium School serving Chinese national students.

All NCPA faculty are native-level English speakers, with the exception of the Chinese language teachers. All of the content-area faculty hold North American diplomas and licensure. 69% of our faculty holds advanced degrees, including 3 with doctorates.

ACCREDITATION

The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) has granted NCPA full accreditation status.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND CURRICULUM

English is the instructional language for all classes, except Chinese Literature. Teachers across the disciplines use research-based approaches and embedded language learning strategies to enable students to access grade-level content while helping them develop academic English proficiency. The curriculum is aligned to U.S. standards including the Common Core State Standards.

HOLISTIC EDUCATION

NCPA students are involved in activities that cultivate lifelong habits in physical health, personal and interpersonal skills, and connectedness to faculty and peers.

- Our holistic curriculum includes 30 elective courses offered across all departments.
- Our grade 7-10 students meet every other day in small groups with their faculty advisors. Juniors and seniors are scheduled into semester-long seminar classes with their counselors.
- Our ASA program boasts over 200 activities including Model UN, Yearbook, Student Government, FBLA, National Honor Society and Tri-M Honor Society; and 24 competitive team sports and intramurals.

RIGOROUS ACADEMICS

- 8 credits required annually
- Pre-AP® English is used in G9 & G10
- 4 AP® courses and tests are required of all students (SS, Sci., Math & any other)
- NCPA is an AP® Capstone School
- Most NCPA students take 7 AP® courses

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

4.0 English
4.0 Social Studies
4.0 Mathematics
4.0 Science
4.0 Chinese
3.0 Fine/Performing Arts
2.0 Health & PE
1.0 Seminar
6.0 Electives
32.0 Total Credits

AP® RESULTS 2021

- 19 AP® course offerings: Art: Draw, 2D, & 3D, Biology, Calculus AB & BC, Chemistry, Computer Science A & Principles, English Language, Environmental Science, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Physics 1, Statistics, Psychology, Seminar and Research.
- 260 students sat for 618 exams.
- Our mean AP® exam score across all current programs was 2.82;
- 62% of our 2021 examinees earned a "3" or more.
- 87.8% of the Class of 2021 earned a "3" or more on at least one AP® exam.
- 52% of the class earned AP® Awards.

AP® SCHOLAR AWARDS 2021

AP® Scholars	35
AP® Scholars with Honor	22
AP® Scholars with Distinction	37
AP® Capstone Diploma	5
AP® Seminar and Research Certificate	4

ASSESSMENT

NCPA is a standards-based reporting school where teachers assess knowledge and skills through a set of benchmarks across the academic year. Official report card marks are given at the end of the year. At the end of Semester 1, teachers in year-long courses report only a student's progress to date in relation to that year's set of standards and benchmarks.

Students' yearly levels of achievement are reported on the following scale:

- **Exemplary (E)** – The student demonstrates evidence of thorough understanding of the required knowledge and skills and the ability to apply them consistently in a wide variety of situations.
- **Proficient (P)** – The student demonstrates consistent evidence of understanding and/or application of the required knowledge and skills.
- **Approaching (A)** – The student demonstrates partial or inconsistent evidence of understanding and/or application of the required knowledge and skills.
- **Not Yet (N)** – The student demonstrates minimal understanding and/or application of the required knowledge and skills.

CLASS OF 2016-2021 MATRICULATIONS AND ACCEPTANCES

There were 90 graduates in 2021 and 100% of NCPA college applicants received acceptances.

Select University Acceptances • **Student Matriculated** • **2 or More Students Matriculated**

Allegheny College
American U.
Amsterdam U. College, NL
Arizona State U.
 Australian National U., AU
Babson College
 Baldwin Wallace U.
 Bard College
Barnard College
Bates College
 Baylor U.
 Becker College
Beloit College
Bentley U.
Berklee College of Music
 Binghamton U.
 Boston Architectural College
 Boston College
Boston U.
Brandeis U.
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell U.
 California Polytechnic State U.
 California State U., Long Beach
 Carleton College
 Carleton U.
Carnegie Mellon U.
 Case Western Reserve U.
Centre College
 Chapman U.
Chinese U of Hong Kong
Clark U.
 Clemson U.
 Colby College
Colgate U.
College of the Holy Cross
Colorado College
 Colorado State U.
 Columbia College, Chicago
 Concordia U.- Montreal, CA
Connecticut College
Cornell College
 Dalhousie U., CA
 Davidson College

Denison U.
 DePauw U.
Dickinson College
Drexel U.
Durham U., UK
Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne, CH
 Elon U.
Emerson College
 Emily Carr U. of Art & Design
Emory University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Fordham U.
Franklin & Marshall College
 Georgia Institute of Technology
 Gettysburg College
 Gonzaga U.
Grinnell College
Hiram College
Hamilton College
 Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hofstra U.
 Hong Kong Baptist U.
Hong Kong Poly.
Hong Kong Design Institute
HK U. of Sci & Tech
 Illinois Institute of Technology
 Illinois Wesleyan U.
Indiana U at Bloomington
 Indiana U-Purdue U.
 Iowa State U.
 Ithaca College
Johns Hopkins U.
 Kent State U.
 Kenyon College
 Lafayette College
 Lancaster U., UK
 Lawrence U.
Lehigh U.
Lewis & Clark College
Loyola Marymount U.
 Loyola U. Chicago
Macalester College
Maryland Institute College of Art
 McGill U., CA

McMaster U., CA
 Mass. College of Pharmacy
 Miami U., Oxford
Michigan State U.
Middlebury College
 Monash U., AU
Mount Holyoke College
Muhlenberg College
 New York Institute of Technology
New York U.
 North Carolina State U.
Northeastern U.
Northwestern U., Qatar
Oberlin College of Arts & Sciences
Occidental College
 Ohio Wesleyan U.
Ontario College of Art & Design, CA
Pennsylvania State U.
Pepperdine U.
Pratt Institute
Purdue U.
 Queen's U., CA
 Quinnipiac U.
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rhodes College
Rice U.
Rochester Institute of Technology
 Rollins College
Rutgers U.
Ryerson U., CA
 Sacred Heart U.
 San Diego State U.
 San Francisco State U.
San Jose State U.
Sarah Lawrence College
 SCAD HK & US
Sch. of the Art Institute of Chicago
School of Visual Arts
 Seattle U.
Simon Fraser U., CA
Skidmore College
Smith College

Southern Methodist U.
 St. Lawrence U.
 St. Olaf College
 St. Norbert College
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stony Brook U.
Swiss Hotel Management School, CA
Syracuse U.
Temple U.
 Texas A&M U.
The College of Wooster
The Citadel
The George Washington U.
The New School/Parsons
The Ohio State U.
The U. of Arizona
 The U. of Auckland, NZ
The U. of Edinburgh, UK
The U. of Hong Kong (HKU)
The U. of Iowa
The U. of Melbourne, AU
 The U. of NC, Chapel Hill
 The U. of the Pacific
 The U. of Portland
The U of Queensland, AU
The U. of Southern California-USC
 The U. of Texas, Austin
Trinity College, CT
Trinity College, Dublin, IE
Tulane U.
Union College (New York)
U. at Buffalo - SUNY
U of British Columbia, CA
U of Calgary, CA
U. of California, Berkeley
U. of California, Davis
U. of California, Irvine
UCLA
U. of California, Riverside
U. of California, San Diego
U. of California, Santa Barbara
U. of California, Santa Cruz
 U. of Cincinnati
 U. of Colorado at Boulder

U. of Connecticut
U. of Delaware
U. of Denver
U. of Florida
 U. of Georgia
 U. of Hartford
U. of Illinois, Urbana Champaign
U. of Kansas
U. of Maryland, College Park
U. of Massachusetts, Amherst
U. Michigan-Ann Arbor
U. of Miami
U. of Minnesota, Twin Cities
 U. of Nebraska at Lincoln
U. of Oregon
U. of Ottawa, CA
U. of Pittsburgh
U. of Redlands
U. of Richmond
U. of Rochester
 U. of San Diego
U. of San Francisco
U. of Sydney, AU
U. of Toronto, CA
 U. of Utah
 U. of Victoria, CA
U. of Washington
 U. of Windsor, CA
U. of Wisconsin, Madison
UNSW, AU
 Ursinus College
 Utah State U.
 Villanova U.
 Virginia Commonwealth U.
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest U.
Washington State U.
Western U., CA
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Wheaton College MA
Whitman College
 Wilfrid Laurier U., CA
 Wilkes U.
 Willamette U.

GRADE WEIGHTING AND REPORTING

NCPA computes a weighted grade point average. The weighted average includes all courses taken at NCPA and counts year-end course grades based on their level, according to this system below.

WEIGHTING SYSTEM	College Prep	AP
Exemplary (E)	4.50	5.00
Proficient (P)	3.50	4.00
Approaching (A)	2.50	3.00
Not Yet (N)	1.50	2.00
Incomplete (I)	0.00	0.00

GPA RANGES	2022*
Highest	4.61
Median	4.01
Mid-range 50%	3.67 - 4.33

* Cumulative through 6th semester final grades.

SAT PERFORMANCE CLASS OF 2020-2021

	NCPA Mean Score		Middle 50%	
	2020	2021&2022	2020	2021&2022
ERW	525	n/a*	460-600	n/a*
Math	680	n/a*	625-740	n/a*
Overall	1202	n/a*	1090-1310	n/a*

* Data unavailable for classes of 21 & 22 due to lack of access to testing