Tsinghua International School (THIS, Chinese: 清华大学附属中学国际部) is a non-profit[citation needed], WASC-accredited international school in Beijing, that was founded in 2009. THIS is attached to one of Beijing's top public secondary schools, Tsinghua Fuzhong. Tsinghua Fuzhong is the secondary school affiliated to Tsinghua University. THIS is tied to and shares some facilities with Tsinghua Fuzhong but remains an independent school. The school has around 430 students in grades 1-12. THIS is in the Advanced Placement program and its courses are derived from the Common Core State Standards Initiative. The colleges attended by alumni are impressive for a small school, including names like Columbia University, Brown University and MIT.

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Facilities[edit]

THIS has an elementary school, middle school, and high school. They recently finished the construction of their teaching building with modern classrooms and science labs. In addition, the school just finished construction of an indoor gym. Other facilities include:

Library

Science laboratories

Cafeteria

Athletics track

Basketball courts

Soccer field

Computer labs

Soundproof music studio

Drama studio

Black Box Theatre

Teachers' lounge

Computer lab

New Multi-story Gym

High school program[edit]

The US-based high school curriculum prepares students for colleges in the United States, Canada, and other western countries. Multiple advanced placement courses such as AP World History, AP English Language and Composition, and AP Physics are available, while new courses are being introduced in the future.[1]

Selection for high school courses[edit]

English/Language Arts

Chinese

Social Studies

Visual Arts and Performing Arts

Foreign Languages and Linguistics

Mathematics

Physical Sciences

Computer Technology

Physical Education and Health

Student life[edit]

Extracurricular activities[edit]

THIS teachers provide a variety of after-school extracurricular activities[2] for all elementary school, middle school, and high school students. Activities, including sports, are held every day from 3:30 to 5:30.

THIS is a member of ISAC (International Schools Athletic Conference) and has recently also joined ACAMIS (Association of China and Mongolia International Schools). Middle school and high school extracurricular activities include:

Dance Club

Rock/Pop band

Choir Club

Community Service Club

Speech and Debate Club

MUN (Model United Nations)

MEAT Club (Middle School Events & Activities Team)

**Engineering Club** 

Woodworking Club

SciNex (Science Club)

Middle School Math Club

High School Math Club

Author's Circle

**Traditional Dance Club** 

Fashion Design Club

Theatre

English Newspaper, The Spartan Times

Chinese Newspaper

Korean Club

**Japanese Club** 

Visual Art Club

Dining service[edit]

The catering services[3] at THIS provide breakfast, lunch, and dinner for middle school students, high school students, and faculty members. They serve a variety of dishes that are reasonably priced. Some dishes include noodles, Japanese tofu, and stir-fried rice. Elementary students have lunch prepared for them beforehand and are given morning snacks every day.

Transportation service[edit]

Daily school buses[4] at designated pick-up points before and after school are provided for elementary school, middle school, and high school students. THIS has eleven bus routes for students to choose from across Beijing.