Founded in 1994 Western Academy of Beijing (WAB, simplified Chinese: 北京京西国际学校; traditional Chinese: 北京京西國際學校; pinyin: Běijīng Jīngxī Guójì Xuéxiào[2][3]) is an international school located in Beijing.[4] The school provides education from Early Years 3 to Grade 12. WAB uses the IB PYP (IB Primary Years Program) until Grade 5, IB MYP (IB Middle Years Program) up to and including Grade 10, and the IB DP (IB Diploma Program) for Grades 11 and 12.  
WAB was an Olympic Educational Model School for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. Out of the 500 schools across China, who were awarded by Beijing Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games as an Olympic Educational Model School, WAB was among the top 120 schools.[5]  
In 2013 Mike Embley, the headmaster of the British School of Beijing (BSB), stated that along with BSB and the International School of Beijing (ISB), WAB was one of the top three English-language international schools in Beijing, all having long waiting lists.[6] Citing Embley's definition of two lower tiers of Beijing Anglophone international schools which have vacant student spaces, Tristan Bunnell, the author of The Changing Landscape of International Schooling: Implications for Theory and Practice, stated that this was an instance of the idea of " 'superior' and 'inferior' schools" shared by teachers and parents.[7]  
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Facilities[edit]  
WAB has an Early Childhood Center, Elementary School, Middle School and High School. Each school section has a dedicated building, and the HUB Sports, Arts & Technology Center is a shared facility in the center of the campus. The school has three libraries: the Sabina Brady Library (ES), the Red Scroll Library (MS), and the Green Sky Studio (HS). Other facilities include:  
Three gymnasiums  
Eight sub-gymnasiums  
One swimming pool  
Fitness center (known as the Adrenaline)  
Certified outdoor field (one full-length football/soccer/rugby field, and three smaller fields)  
Athletics track  
Tiger L'Air, an air-supported, clean-air dome including indoor tennis courts  
Indoor and outdoor basketball courts  
Vertex climbing walls  
Five theaters (Founders', Blue, OOB, Space, HS Amphitheater)  
Three libraries  
Computer laboratories  
Forty science laboratories  
Two photography and editing studios  
Music, dance and drama studios  
Soundproof recording studios  
Live broadcast studio  
Three TV/Video production studios (WABTV News)  
Specialist classrooms, such as languages, technology, learning kitchens, arts and learning support  
Dining courts, cafes and lounges (Lotus Lounge, Atrium, Galleri, Wild Ginger, Link, Koi Garden)  
Two PTA supply stores  
Five elevators (all accessible to students)  
Large on-field scoreboard/monitor  
3 Apple-authorized help desks  
Properties and securities building  
WAB Wild (camp) office  
Peace Park  
Prototype learning spaces created by the studio of Rosan Bosch to support the Theory of Knowledge curriculum[8]  
Technology[edit]  
WAB offers a 1:1 laptop environment (for grade 3–12) with wireless access across the school. Students in grade 6 and up are required by the school to purchase and use their own Apple MacBook. The school uses software for things such as submitting homework, which is mainly done on Microsoft Teams for middle and high school. Drupal-powered public news sites and community portals are also integrated into regular school life.[citation needed]  
The high school's Tiger Sports Network (TSN) also provides a livestream to watch most sporting matches, performances, parent meetings and assemblies.  
WABX[edit]  
WABX is WAB's extra-curricular program, offer more than 400 athletic, art, service, academic and social options to students school-wide. WAB participates in multiple interscholastic sporting competitions, including the ACAMIS (Association of Chinese And Mongolian International Schools), ISAC (International Schools Association in China), Tri-Cities (Beijing, Guangzhou, Shanghai), China Cup, EARCOS and APAC (Asian Pacific Athletic Conference). Sports include: rugby, football (soccer), tennis, badminton, cross country, track and field, volleyball, basketball, swimming, baseball, table tennis, and softball.[9]  
Year Team Competition Final Position  
2011 Boys soccer APAC 1st  
2012 Boys soccer APAC 1st  
2013 Boys soccer APAC 1st  
2014 Boys soccer APAC 1st  
2014 Boys volleyball APAC 3rd  
2015 Boys soccer APAC 1st  
2015 Boys rugby APAC 2nd  
2015 Boys volleyball APAC 1st  
2016 Boys rugby APAC 1st  
2016 Boys Soccer APAC 1st  
2017 Girls football China Cup 2nd  
2017 Boys basketball ISAC 3rd  
2017 Girls basketball ISAC 2nd  
The arts[edit]  
WAB has an arts program that engages students of all grade levels and levels of experience. WAB offers options for chorus, band and orchestra, drama options including original and classic musicals and plays; as well as visual arts. All are available as part of the IB curriculum, electives, or as after-school activities.[citation needed]  
Student life[edit]  
The school has many global citizenship projects, which are actively involved in the local, national and the international community.[citation needed] Each division (Elementary School, Middle School and High School) has its own student government, known as the "Student Council" or "StuCo" for short.[citation needed]  
WAB also has many extra-curricular clubs such as:  
Allen Wang Foundation  
Chinese Culture Club  
Fetch  
Etch+  
Friday Nite Lites (FNL)  
Geek Force  
Global Issues Network (GIN)  
Graphite Designs  
Hip-hop Club  
H. Wang Student's Board (H. Wang SB)  
LGBT+ Spectrum Club  
Model United Nations (MUN)  
soups & toots  
Tedx Club - hosts  
The International Thespian Society  
Ultimate Frisbee Club  
World Scholars Cup (WSC)  
Vita Brevis Literary Society  
Yearbook Club  
TEAM 10  
Accreditation[edit]  
WAB is accredited by many associations, such as:  
International Schools Athletic Conference (ISAC)  
The International Baccalaureate (IBO)[10]  
National Center for Curriculum and Textbook Development (NCCT)  
New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)  
Association of China and Mongolia International Schools (ACAMIS)  
The Council of International Schools (CIS)  
East Asia Regional Council of Schools (EARCOS)  
Tri-Cities Association Beijing, Guangzhou, Shanghai (Tri-Cities 北京，广州，上海)  
Asia Pacific Activities Conference (APAC).[11]