

High School Profile | 2007 ? 2008

School and Community

Founded in 1983, Daeil Foreign Language High School (DFLHS) is a competitive, college preparatory, private school located in the northern Seoul in the Republic of Korea. DFLHS serves 1,263 students from all nine provinces of Korea. It is the first and largest out of the foreign language high schools. It is also considered to be one of the top high schools in Korea.



Admissions consist of a proprietary exam, interview, and essay. Each admitted student generally ranks in the top 3 of their middle schools. In 2006 we had an acceptance rate of 18%.

The Korean academic school year begins in March and ends the following February. The academic year consists of two semesters and classes during the week and on every first and third Saturday. Students receive a two-month winter vacation in January and February as well as a month of vacation in the mid-July.

The typical student is expected to excel in all academic areas, understand Korean, English, Chinese Characters and another language (Chinese, German, Russian, Japanese, Spanish, or French). Students attend school from 8AM to 10PM; they take regular classes from 8AM to 5PM. After 5PM, students participate in various extracurricular activities, such as study hall, club activities, academic institutes or other programs.

In 2006 we hosted esteemed guests, Alexander Vershbow, the Ambassador of United States and the Ministry of Education from Singapore and United Arab Emirates.

- Seniors 415 / Total 1,292
- CEEB: 682192
- Principal - Mr. Kang, Chan Koo
- Vice Principal - Mr. Kong, Yeon Seok
- Director of Guidance and International Exchange - Mr. Kim, Hee Sun

Faculty

- Approximately 90 full-time and 6 part-time staff
- 95% hold Korean teaching licenses with 11 holding advanced degrees; 3 individuals hold doctorates

Graduation Requirements

- A minimum of 214 units. A unit is defined as an hour per week.
- 15 hours of community service each year
- Minimum TOEIC score of 850

Counseling Notes

- We do not use a class rank system.
- Students have very few course options. All courses follow government rules and regulations.
- IB, AP, honors, or enrichment courses are not applicable in the Korean educational system. However we offer the Daeil Overseas Studies program.

Accreditations and Memberships

Ministry of Education and Human Resources of the Republic of Korea
Seoul Metropolitan Office of Education
Overseas Association for College Admissions Counseling
National Association of College Admission Counseling

Difficult Regular Courses

English: English Composition II
Math: Mathematics II, Differentiation and Integration
Natural Science: Chemistry II, Biology I
Social Science: Korean Geography
Foreign Language: By language labeled with ;II;
Fine Arts: Fine Arts
Other: Chinese Characters

Program Recognition & Innovation

The Daeil Overseas Study Program (DOSP) is an intensive supplemental US college preparatory program, held in the evenings after regular classes. Its aim is to prepare students interested in attending universities abroad. Unlike regular classes, DOSP classes are conducted in English. The program consists of: volunteerism, student mentoring; guests speakers, speech and debate, critical reading, literature, language composition, leadership workshops, and preparation for SAT, SAT Subjects, and Advanced Placement exams. It began in 2001 with 3 students and currently, the program consists of 33 sophomores, 30 juniors, and 27 seniors.

DOSP Counselors

Sophomores: Victor Cho ? vchovcho@gmail.com

Juniors: Irene Lee ? irenelee@dryang.net

Seniors: Hoo (Paul) Kang ? daeilap@gmail.com

Advanced Placement Program

Majority of AP test-taking students at Daeil study autonomously or in groups. Currently DOSP offers two AP classes: Calculus BC and Microeconomics

There are plans to offer more AP courses such as Statistics and Government and Politics. During the 2007 AP exam, 35 students took the AP Exam and received 54 successful scores of 3, 4, or 5.

2006 Korean National Test Results

The Korean national exam also referred to as the KSAT or *iSoo-neung*, is taken by approximately 600,000 students a year -in November- to gain entry to Korean universities. It consists of Korean language, mathematics, English, social studies, science, and a second foreign language. In 2006 95% of Daeil Students placed in the top 11th percentile.

Post-Secondary Plans

The Class of 2007 graduated 423 students, 100% continue their education and attend 4-year colleges. 84% receive entry to the top 10 universities in Korea and 90% of them are private. 3% of students of the Class of 2007 went to the US for undergraduate school.

2007 Student Accolades

Our students are active in many fields and have won many awards from various international, national, and city-wide events. The following is a sampling of approximately 90 awards and medals in the following fields: foreign languages, debate, design, volunteerism, and writing:

Gold Medalist ? YBM's 9th Annual High School English Competition

1st Place ? 23rd Annual Korean Unification Essay Contest

1st Place ? YTN's Visit Korea User Created Content (UCC) Video Contest

3rd Place ? EBSlanguage Speaking & Writing Competition

3rd Place ? 8th Annual Korea Geography Olympiad

4th Place ? US National Mock Trial Competition

University Matriculation for 2005 to 2007

Ninety-nine percent of our students go to universities following graduation. Numbers in parenthesis () indicate more than one graduate currently studying at that institution.

International

Bard College

Bentley College

Brandeis University

Brown University (2)

Carnegie Mellon University

Cornell University (2)

Duke University

Georgetown University

McGill University (Canada)

Northwestern University

Purdue University (3)

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (4)

University of California at Berkeley

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2)

University of Michigan

University of Pennsylvania

Waseda University (Japan) (4)

Wesleyan University (3)

Korea

Ewha Women's University (146)

Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (~150)

Korea University (317)

Seokang University (193)

Sungkyunkwan University (~60)

Seoul National University (51)

Yonsei University (318)

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