



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Academica International Studies



GPA, WHAT IS THAT?

GPA stands for grade point average. It is the average of all of your high school course grades.

American colleges have specific minimum GPA requirements for prospective applicants. This information can be found on each college's admissions page.



What about English test requirements?

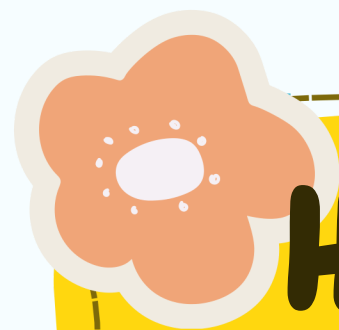
You may be required to take the TOEFL or other English proficiency exams.

Each college is different and has different requirements and exceptions. It is best to contact the International Admissions office directly, of each of your chosen schools, and let them know about your status as a student at AIS to see if you are still required to take the English proficiency exam.

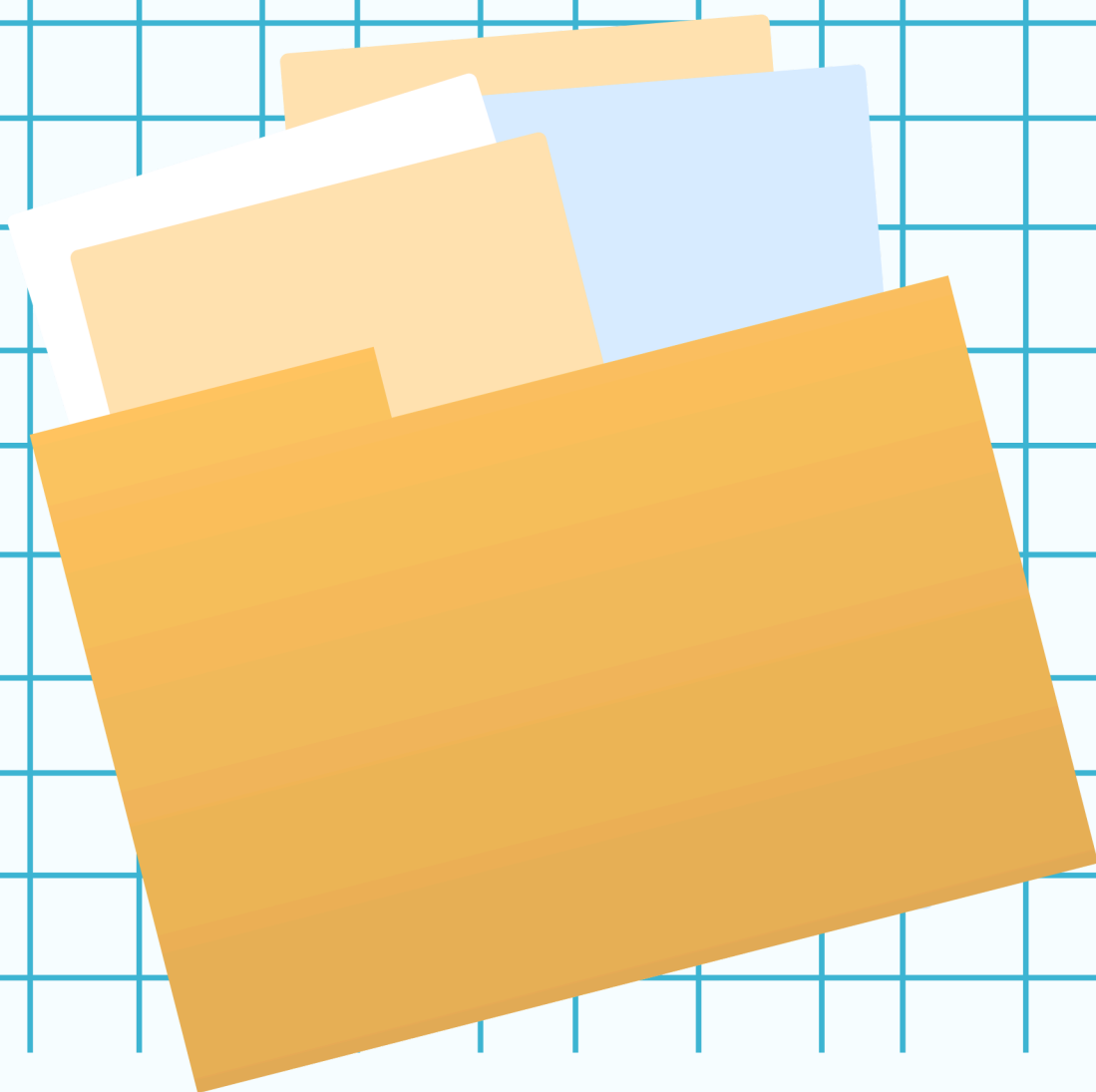
Where do I find information about the TOEFL?

You can check out the official website and complete some practice tests to prepare:

<https://www.ets.org/toefl.html>



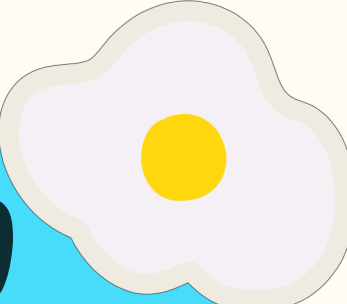
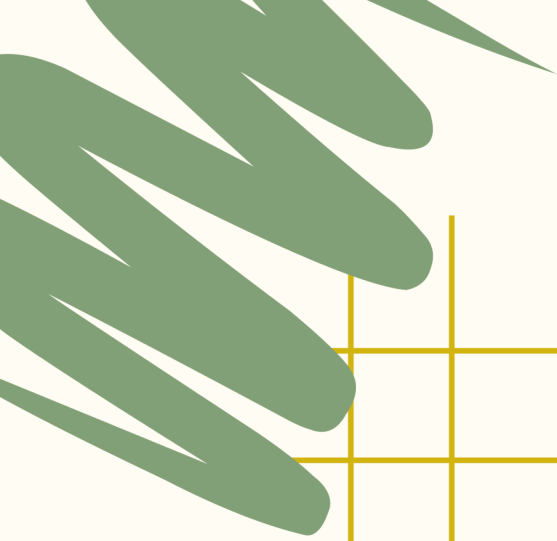
How can I request my transcripts?



You can request your transcripts through this link:

<https://ais.academica.org/transcript-request/>

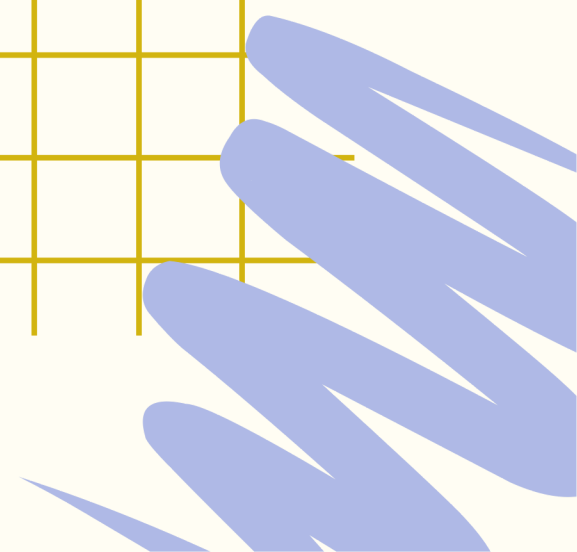
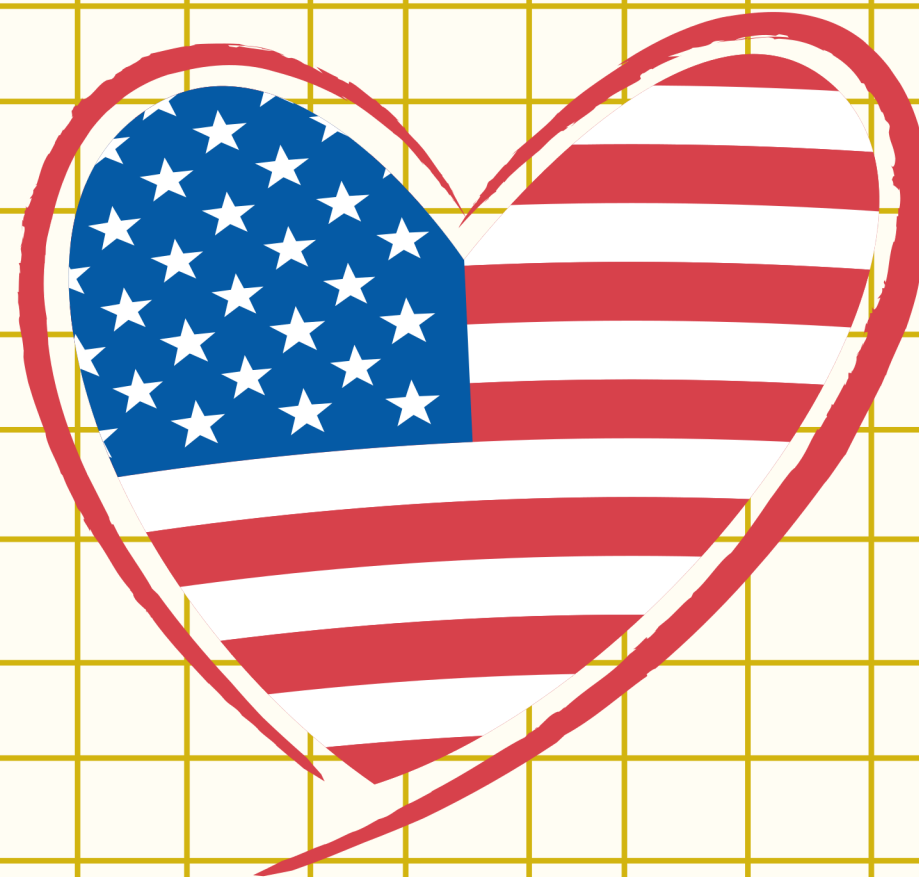
Remember to complete the respective webform correctly with your personal information. Please note that it can take up to 10 days to process and receive the electronic transcript. There is a fee associated with the official transcripts.



What if I am an American citizen?

If you are an American citizen, you will likely follow the requirements for domestic applicants.

It is best to confirm beforehand with your chosen schools by contacting the International Admissions Office and letting them know more information about your unique situation.





How do I list AIS as a high school in the Common App?

When filling out the application in Common App, you can add a second highschool. When you click on Common App, you should then click on Education. It will give you the option to search for a second school.

In the area for additional information, you can mention that they are still a student with our school. The name of our school as it is listed in Common App is: **Academica International Studies.**

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Common App

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Preview

Current or Most Recent Secondary/High School

Other Secondary/High Schools

If you have attended any secondary/high schools not listed in the previous section, please indicate the number of schools.*

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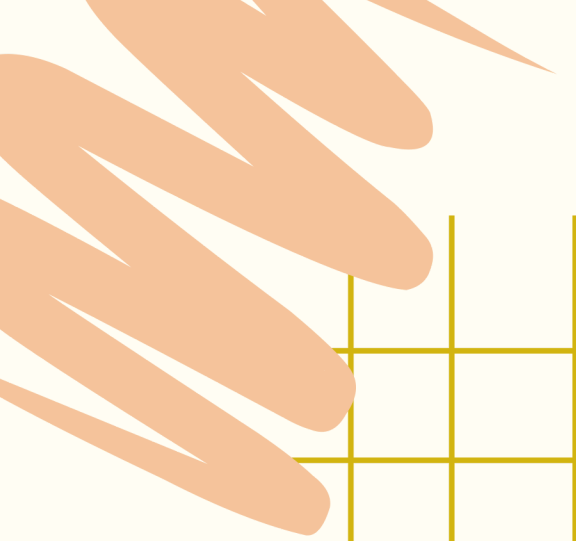
Secondary/high school 2 to date*

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Please provide details about why you left each of the above secondary/high schools.*

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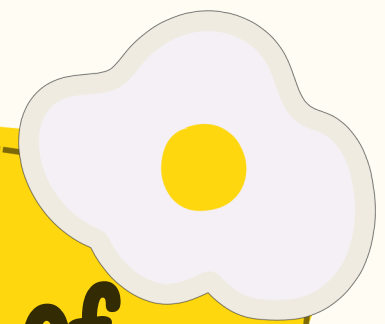
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You can ask teachers, counselors, and sometimes coaches for letters of recommendation.

Each college will have specific information about the letters of recommendation requirement including how many you need and who you can ask.

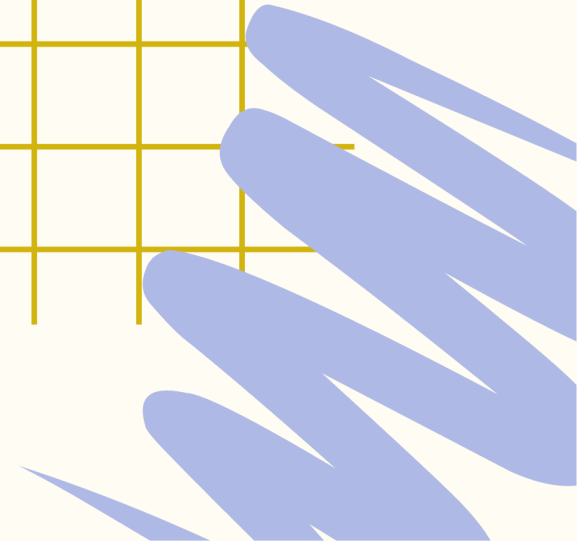
If you are applying to an American college, the letters of recommendation should be in English.

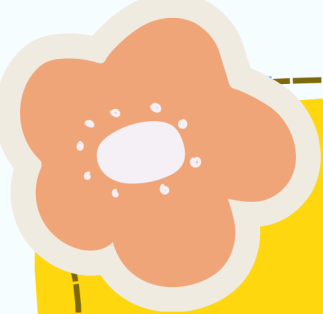


Who can I ask about letters of recommendation?

You can ask your AIS teacher(s) for a letter of recommendation.

It is helpful to send the person some information about yourself such as what you want to study and why, your accomplishments and strengths, and your resume or CV.





How do I choose between the SAT and ACT?

SAT:

<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration/international-testing>

ACT:

<https://global.act.org/content/global/en/products-and-services/the-act-non-us/registration.html>

If you have the option to choose either the SAT or the ACT, do some research about each test to see which one you would be most confident in taking.

Check out the descriptions of each exam on the official websites. Try a free practice test for each exam to see your strengths and areas for improvement. Then make your decision, register, and study!

College is expensive, what about scholarships?

Scholarships are available for international students, but are competitive.

Check out the Financial Aidpage of your chosen college(s) website to learn more about scholarship opportunities.



Another helpful resource is Big Future which has search options for scholarship opportunities:

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

ALS does not offer scholarships.

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Bright Futures Scholarship

The Bright Futures Scholarship is for **Florida residents** who are **U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens**.

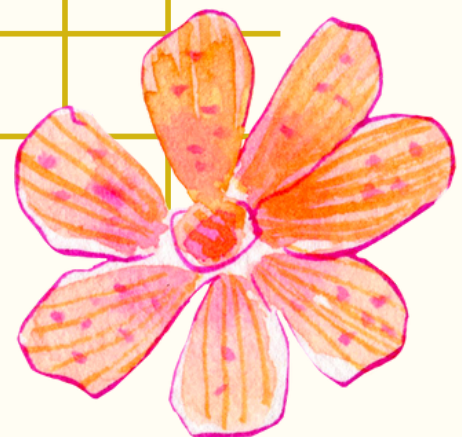
More information about options and qualifications can be found here:

<https://floridabrightfutures.gov/>



Be aware that entrance exam scores, community service hours, GPA, and other identifying information may be necessary to qualify for this scholarship opportunity.

Bright Futures provides more details about the scholarship through their guide and handbook which is updated each year.



I want to study at an American college, but I don't know which one to choose.

Check out **BigFuture** where you can create a free profile to filter college searches, programs of study, scholarship information and more: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

