Connecting Navy & DoD Affiliated Families and Education

A quick guide to education options for Military and DoD Families in Chinhae and Busan, South Korea

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MEET YOUR school liaison officer

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Hello and welcome to Korea! My name is **Linda Chao-Rogers** and I am the School Liaison Officer assigned to **Chinhae and Busan**! I started my career working with Navy Child and Youth Programs in 2010 while I was interning at Murphy Canyon Child Development Center in San Diego, California. Before coming to Korea I was working in Rota, Spain as the Teen Coordinator. My experiences working with CYP has given me the opportunity to become familiar with the military lifestyles and changes families undergo on a daily basis.

Now, in my current role as the **CYP Director and School Liaison Officer**, I have the opportunity to help provide an environment that promotes positive growth and development & influences the overall health of children in military families. I am grateful to have been able to combine both through building a firm foundation based on the high standards and *values of Navy CYP*.

Whether you and your family are moving to metropolitan Busan or scenic & peaceful Chinhae, you are never too far from our Navy community. The process of moving your children and spouse across the world is tough enough as it is, so the goal of this guide is to help relieve some of that stress and to provide some tools to promote a smooth, seamless transition to Korea.

This publication contains information on all of the education options currently a part of the Non-DoD School Program (NDSP). Your children will have the opportunity to attend any one of these education options and each option has something different to offer. I hope that you will find this guide useful in selecting the best education option to support your children's needs.

Linda Chao-Rogers

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What is the Non-DoD School Program?

The **Non-DoD school program (NDSP)** is in place to help maintain the continuity of education for children when families are stationed at international locations where DoDEA schools are not available. The goal of the NDSP is to help with the cost of education in international locations as well as support for making the transition back to education in the United States as seamless as possible.

The NDSP helps cover costs that would not normally be expenses for families in the states such as fees for tuition and enrollment, textbooks and transportation. These expenses that are covered by the NDSP are known as **allowable expenses**. Any expenses that will be the responsibility of the families are known as **non-allowable expenses**. These are expenses that would be covered by the parents if their children were attending school in the United States or at a Department of Defense Education Activities (DoDEA) school. These non-allowable expenses would include fees for meals, camps, field trips and uniforms amongst others.

The **NDSP does not endorse any specific school**. Families have the opportunity to choose any school that they would like to send their children to based on the needs of their children. This gives families the chance to send their children to international schools that utilize varying curriculums and offer a number of extra-curricular activities and programs.

All families will be allotted an education allowance to send their children to the international school of their choosing. Any fees, regardless of whether or not they are allowable or non-allowable expenses that exceed that annual education allowance will be the financial responsibility of the parents. Payment arrangements for any fees in excess of the education allowance will be arranged between the families and the schools.

All parents must take the **NDSP online orientation** *prior to registering* with the NDSP. After registering with the NDSP and receiving confirmation for the funds that you have been authorized, families can enroll at the international school of their choice.

Visit **https://www.dodea.edu/nonDoD/index.cfm** for more detailed information.

Curriculum Guide and Education Standards

Confused about the different type of curriculums offered?

Here are descriptions of the curriculums and education standards utilized at the currently available education options.

American Common Core State Standards

Common Core will probably be recognized by most Americans. These standards were developed as a means to break the stagnant increase in performance levels of children in the United States. These standards outline what children should know by the end of each grade level in Mathematics & Language Arts/Literacy.

For more detailed information on the Common Core State Standards, please visit:
http://www.corestandards.org/about-the-standards/

American Education Reaches Out (AERO)

AERO is a project set up by the US Department of State in order to help schools overseas that are implementing curricula based on American education standards. The AERO project strives to set standards in English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Art, Music & World Languages.

For more detailed information on AERO, please visit:
http://www.projectaero.org/

Alberta Curriculum

A Canadian based curriculum in which, according to the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA), is said to be one of the best education curriculums for children. The Alberta curriculum was developed with the whole child in mind. Educators work to educate children based on their individual levels rather than requiring all of the children in the class to perform on the same level. This approach allows children to learn at their own pace.

For more detailed information on the Alberta curriculum, please visit:
http://education.alberta.ca

Curriculum Guide and Education Standards

International Baccalaureate

The International Baccalaureate Program (IB) was developed to help children become lifetime learners, who are able to think critically and independently. This curriculum has been in use for the last fifty years in more than 150 countries. The IB Program is comprised of four programs:

- Primary Years Program (PYP) for Kindergarten-5th Grade
- Middle Years Program (MYP) for grades 6th-10th
- Diploma Program (DP) for grades 11th-12th
- Career Related Program (CP) for students ages 16-19.

Three of the four programs PYP, MYP and DP are currently offered in the international schools.

For more detailed information on the International Baccalaureate Program, please visit: **http://www.ibo.org**

Fieldwork Education's International Curriculum

This international curriculum is comprised of three programs:

- International Early Years Curriculum (IEYC)
- International Primary Curriculum (IPC)
- International Middle Years Curriculum (IMYC)

The curriculums are all designed around eight learning principles that are essential to children's learning, growth and development. Each of the curriculums features learning units that aim to capture children's interest by teaching them subjects in a way that exhibits the interdisciplinary and holistic nature of subjects.

For more detailed information about Fieldwork Education's International Curriculums, please visit: **http://fieldworkeducation.com**

Cambridge international Curriculum

The Cambridge International Curriculum uses a learner-centered, inquiry-based approach to learning and presents students with a broad range of subjects. One of the goals of this curriculum is develop students' skills in problem solving, creative thinking and inquiry and also strives to help students transition into advanced studies. Schools have the ability to structure the curriculum based on the specific needs of their students as there are 70 subjects in 30 different languages offered.

For more detailed information about the Cambridge International Curriculum, please visit: **http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/**

The Olson School

The Olson School

The Olson School is a unique, small school for **children 3 years to Grade 1**. Students learn in an enriching, educational environment where subjects are studied to gain mastery and depth of knowledge. With an eye toward the student's eventual return to the US, Olson has incorporated the **US common core standards** into its curriculum and most students test well above grade level. These results are more a testament of **small class** size (5-6 students) where *discussion, study and working together to learn in a stimulating environment* surpass the need for continual testing.

Core classes include: STEM, STMATH, Korean, Geography/Social Studies and Language Arts.

The after school classes consist of a brand new sports school with dedicated, fun coaches and skilled art teachers. Students attend these classes 2-3 times a week. Other extracurricular activities are swimming (open and lessons), Tai Kwon Do, Hap Ki Do, and music to mention a few.

Curriculum: Uses different curriculums that help children to meet education standards as outlined by the American Common Core State Standards

Current Attendance: 0

Current Number of Military/DoD Students: 0

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CL Education Academy

CL Education Academy was established in February of 2004 by Mr. Changhee Lee. There are currently 30 teachers and 10 administrative staff members on the CL Education team. The school operates education programs for children beginning in **Kindergarten, up through the Middle Years**. Instruction provided is based on the **American Common Core Standards**. We provide children with the opportunity to engage in **special activities Monday-Thursday** in **K-Pop Dance, art, violin and robotics** through local, professional instructors.

At CL Education Academy, instructors feel that it is important to **immerse children into the culture** of their host nation. This is achieved through **inclusion classes with Korean students in art, music and experimental science.** CL Education Academy looks forward to providing your children with a **positive education experience** during your time here in Korea!

Curriculum:

Uses different curriculums that help children meet education standards as outlined by American Common Core State Standards

Current Attendance: 400

Current Number of Military/DoD Students: 8

Daily Schedule

Time	Monday ~ Friday
8:30am	Arrival to School
~9:50	Literacy/Storytime
~10:20	Snack Time/Morning Exercises
~12:15	Classes
12:15~1:15	Lunch/Recess
~2:30	Classes
~ 4:00	Snack/Recess/Special Programs

- Friday: No Special Program
- Lunch & Morning/Afternoon Snacks

Monthly Programs

Month	Events	Month	Events
Aug.	--	Feb.	CL Festival
Sep.	Chusok, Pajama Day	Mar.	Watching Performance
Oct.	Halloween Party	Apr.	Planting, Song Contest
Nov.	Harvesting Plants	May	Children's Day Funny Hair Day
Dec.	Christmas Party	Jun.	Market Day
Jan.	Watching performance	Jul.	--

- Every Month: Field Trip & Birthday Party
- Newsletters: Weekly Teaching Plan, Monthly Newsletter

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International School of Koje

The International School of Koje is situated on the tranquil island of Geoje. The school is **truly international with dozens of nationalities** represented in the student and teacher population making an incredibly vibrant learning community.

Accredited by the **Western Association of Schools and Colleges** (WASC) the approach to learning is rigorous and fun as the school believes everyone should enjoy and master their own learning, all the while becoming confident global citizens. All the **teachers are highly qualified and receive constant additional professional development** to ensure the students receive the best education they can.

ISK follows the **International Early Years Curriculum for ages 2-5, the International Primary Curriculum for ages 5-11 and the International Middle Years Curriculum for ages 11-14.** Each of these curricula is rooted in up to date research of what great learning actually is depending on the developmental stage of the child and the school is accredited throughout these age ranges and in the process of improving further through reaccreditation.

Service and Challenge is a key part of the Secondary Section with the Middle Years students taking the **William Pike Challenge Award** and Higher Years taking the **Duke of Edinburgh's International Award.**

Curriculum:

- **International Early Years Curriculum (IEYC)**
- **International Primary Curriculum (IPC)**
- **International Middle Years Curriculum (IMYC)**
- **Cambridge International General Certificates in Secondary Education (IGCSE)**
- **Cambridge Advanced Levels (A-levels)**

The **International General Certificates of Education (IGCSE)** are rigorous certificates worked towards over **2 years of study and assessed by exams**. Students study separate subjects towards exams resulting in a collection of **internationally recognized graded certificates**. Students then follow **Advanced Levels** in individually chosen subjects in preparation for university or the world of work. Both IGCSE's and A-levels are awarded by **Cambridge International Assessment.**

Current Attendance: 160

Current Number of Military/DoD Students: 2

ISK has added 2 state of the art Science labs to its already impressive Art rooms, Music Rooms, Gymnasium, Library, Maker Spaces and outdoor all-weather fields. It is also building a woodland and farming area, secondary library, Higher Years student's hub and a fitness and dance suite. All the spaces listed above are used for a range of after-school activities on Monday to Friday, with the exception of Wednesdays, run by the dedicated and passionate teachers and volunteer parents from the community eager to share the things they enjoy with the next generation.

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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF KOJE
ISK
거제국제외국인학교

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Cambridge International School

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ipc Accredited School 2016 - 2019

imyc Accredited School Mastering Level 2017 - 2020

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British International Academy

The British International Academy **(BIA) on Geoje Island** is an independent institution offering the world renowned International Baccalaureate programs to learners from the **ages of 3 to 16**. BIA has a unique identity, defined by its multicultural, multilingual (especially English, Korean and French) community in which students from diverse backgrounds intermingle, learn and grow. BIA is a friendly and steadily growing place of learning where each child receives considerable teacher support and attention, enabling them to optimize their progress.

BIA is the only educational institution on Geoje Island that offers the **International Baccalaureate Program (IB).** IB is delivered in English and is open to all nationalities, including speakers of other languages for whom English is a second language.

The International Baccalaureate Program

The International Baccalaureate is the most widely used international curriculum in the world.
Here are some current statistics:

- Number of countries with IB programs - 157
- Number of IB institutions - 4,786
- Number of IB Diploma graduates annually - 150,000
- Number of IB learners in the world – 1,000,000
- Country with the largest number of IB schools – USA

WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges)

WASC is one of the largest accreditation organizations in the United States and accredits many international institutions. BIA has now begun the WASC two-year accreditation process and will **complete the process in Spring 2020.** This is significant as it means that the graduation certificates of BIA's first graduating class will be WASC-validated.

SKAC (Southern Korean Activities Conference)

BIA is a **member of the SKAC Conference**, ensuring that our students participate fully in sporting competitions taking place across the southern half of South Korea. In addition to the SKAC focus on volleyball, basketball and track & field, our students also enjoy soccer, handball, ultimate frisbee, floorball, dodgeball, multi-sports, hiking and other activities during PE lessons, at break times, and as after-school outdoor clubs, while a number of indoor clubs are offered as well.

Curriculum: International Baccalaureate Program

Current Attendance: 70

Current Number of Military/DoD Students: 0

Multi-Age Learning

In **2019-2020, BIA classes** will open from **Pre-K right through to Grade 10**. Classes will combine two-year groups, as shown below. At BIA, multi-age classes are not only practical, due to the small size, but BIA has found that they also have a very positive impact on learning across all ages. Multi-age learning is sometimes a concern for new parents, who may assume that it is less effective than single entry classes. However, important educational research has identified several key strengths in multi-age classes, showing why this is often a preferred approach. As BIA grows, there may be a need to transition to single age groups, but in the shorter term BIA is achieving remarkable levels of learning with a dynamic, multi-age approach, supported by high levels of individual teacher attention .

Class Name	Age on September 1st	Year Level (UK)	Grade Level (US)
EY 1	2.5 – 3	Nursery Foundation	Pre - school Pre - K
PYP 0	4 – 5	Reception (Pre PYP) Year 1	Kindergarten Grade 1
PYP 1	6 – 7	Year 2 Year 3	Grade 1 Grade 2
PYP 2	8 – 9	Year 4 Year 5	Grade 3 Grade 4
MYP 1	11 - 12	Year 6 (Pre MYP) Year 7 (MYP 1)	Grade 5 Grade 6
MYP 2	13	Year 8 (MYP 2) Year 9 (MYP 3)	Grade 7 Grade 8
MYP 3	14 – 15	Year 10 (MYP 4) Year 11 (MYP 5)	Grade 9 Grade 10

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Hillside Collegiate

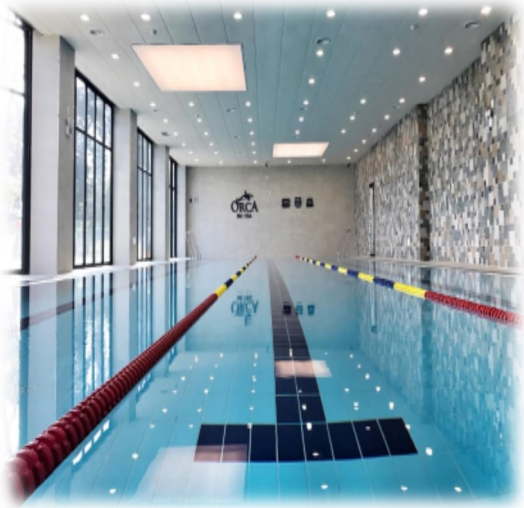
CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION
HILLSIDE COLLEGIATE

Prestigious International Education, International Curriculum and Extra-curricular Activities in Beautiful Nature of Geoje.

- **Unlimited admission** for Canadian International Education Programs for students of **all nationalities**.
- Curriculum and Textbooks **officially certified** and used in schools in Canada.
- Certified and trained teachers and **100% English Environment**.
- Campus located within the beautiful forest with swimming facilities on the first floor of the main building.
- Diverse outdoor activities such as **snag golf, fencing, swimming** and more.
- **Grades offered: K – G6**

Resources

The resources and programs used at Hillside Collegiate are selected to support the **quality delivery of the curriculum.** Canadian Textbooks from Nelson Publisher are used in many of our classrooms as a resource and a teaching reference.



Curriculum: Alberta Curriculum

Current Attendance: 45

Current Number of Military/DoD Students: 2

Operating with Systematic 'Outdoor Green Activity' Program

• **Headmaster** with experience running **'Outdoor Green Activity' Program in Canada** organizes and operates systematic program and curriculum.

• Offering **various activities** in the beautiful forest and sea surrounding the campus.

• Introducing and implementing **'Green Activity Program' by Canadian Ministry of Education.**

Extracurricular Activities

• Organizing extracurricular activities for all students in regular classes **to enhance student experience** and **promote well balanced development of multiple intelligence.**

• Systematic guidance of professional coaches in **swimming, soccer and fencing.**

• Extracurricular activities are systematically taught by specializing teachers.

"The First Campus" Area of 9,917m2 Located Within the Beautiful Forest with Ocean View

• Comfortable **classrooms with natural lighting** and **allergy care** and **air purification systems** enhance the learning ability.

• **Swimming pool with harmless water treatment** and automatic water depth control system for children located on the 1st floor of **Hillside Collegiate.**

• Implementing **eco-friendly, naturalistic education** in outdoor spaces such as 'The Secret Forest', playground, ecological stream playground, party place & 'Garden of Life'.

• **Future plans** for 'The Second Campus' **expanding grade levels** and facilities such as dormitories and cafeteria.

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Busan Foreign School

Busan Foreign School opened its doors to the Busan community and surrounding areas in October of 1996. With only two grades originally, BFS has since expanded to encompass **early childhood to Grade 12**, currently educating **over *240 students*** *from* ***20 different nations***. In addition to the increase in enrollment, the curriculum has developed into a highly rigorous American standards-based program that offers students a wide variety of courses and activities.

Busan Foreign School is **an *international school with an American style educational philosophy and curriculum***. The BFS mission is to inspire each learner by providing educational services that nurture their social, intellectual, emotional, and physical growth.

Students are prepared to enter top-tier universities worldwide as responsible, contributing citizens in a rapidly changing world. The ongoing commitment to intercultural understanding and a strong partnership between students, parents/guardians, teachers and the community enable BFS to achieve this in a caring and supportive environment.

BFS is **fully accredited** from **pre-kindergarten to grade 12** by the **Western Association of Schools and Colleges** (WASC) in the United States. BFS proudly participates in the College Board's AP Capstone™ program.

Curriculum: American Common Core State Standards and AERO

Current Attendance: 250

Current Number of Military/DoD Students: 33

Embracing Diversity, Striving for Excellence

STUDENT BODY

As of August, 2016, Busan Foreign School has 243 students from nursery to grade 12. The majority of our students are US citizens, but as a whole the student body is composed of children from 20 different nations.

47% US

26% Korea

12% Russia

15% other

84 High School

57 Middle School

107 Elementary

95 % attend post-secondary education

FACULTY

BFS has thirty-four full time teachers and two part-time teachers. Twelve teachers have master's degrees. One holds a Ph.D. All teachers are certified in their grade level and content area in either the United States or Canada. Twenty eight teachers are from the U.S.A., four from Canada, four from Korea.

The average class size is 14.

8:1 Student to Teacher ratio

These colleges and universities have accepted BFS students!

Abilene Christian University
Amherst College
Boston College
Berklee College of Music
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bucknell University
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Colgate University
College of William & Mary
Cornell University
Duke University
Emory University
Fashion Institute of Technology
George Washington University
Hong Kong University
Johns Hopkins University
Keio University, JP
McGill University
New York University
Northwestern University
Parsons the New School for Design
Penn State University
Purdue University
Queen Mary University of London
Rice University
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Rutgers University
Seoul National University
Skidmore College
Texas A&M University
University of Auckland, NZ
University of British Columbia
University of California, L.A.
University of California, Berkeley
University College London
University of Illinois
University of Michigan
University of North Carolina
University of Notre Dame
Korea University
University of Lübeck, DE
University of New South Wales, AU
University of Rochester
University of Southern California
University of Texas
University of Toronto
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin
Vanderbilt University
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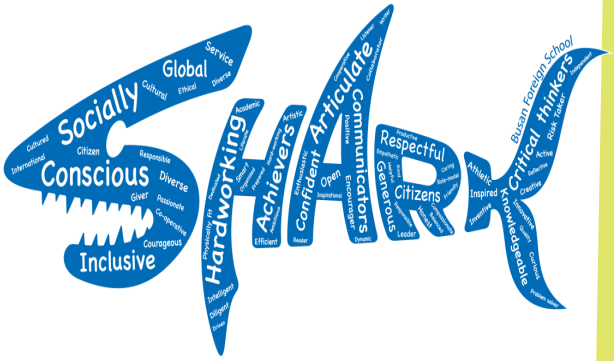


International School of Busan

ISB is an incredibly warm and inviting community of inquiring learners. The International School of Busan family is a place where **ALL students have the opportunity to explore, discover, thrive and become the global citizens of tomorrow!** ISB is a school that is "Inspiring Global Minds."

ISB prides themselves on **personalized, inquiry-based education experiences** for all learners in a nurturing and inclusive environment. ISB's goal is to provide students with a high quality education that will equip and enable them to acquire the attributes of the IB learner profile and to gain entrance to and succeed at the finest international universities around the world. To this end, ISB strives to provide a **nurturing and rich educational climate** that is committed to developing students academically, socially, emotionally and ethically. ISB is the leader and the school of choice for quality international education in southeast Korea!

ISB has received authorization from the **International Baccalaureate Organization** to provide three IB programs: the Primary Years Program (PYP), the Middle Years Program (MYP) and the IB Diploma Program (DP). Additionally, ISB is **accredited** by the Western Association for Schools and Colleges (WASC).

Families describe ISB as a **warm and welcoming community** and a family school. ISB invites you to come and discover for yourself the rich and exciting educational opportunities provided for all learners as you seek to explore, discover, thrive and belong to an international community that is committed to making a difference – the ISB difference!

ISB, was **established in 1983,** and has a long and distinguished history of serving the international expatriate community in and around the Busan area. In the **summer of 2010,** ISB changed its school name to Busan International Foreign School, and moved to their current state-of-the-art, purpose-built facility, built by the Busan Metropolitan City, which supports their **comprehensive approach to international education**. Now, we are back to the name International School of Busan.

United in our Diversity, Thriving in our Individuality.

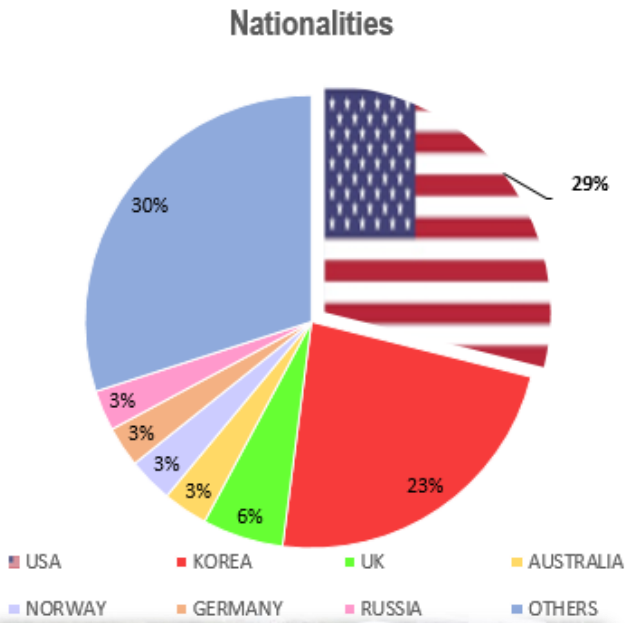
Curriculum: International Baccalaureate Program

Current Attendance: 311

Current Number of Military/DoD Students: 22

ISB **families hail from 35 countries** and all students from Pre-K up to high school, feel at home at ISB.

ISB **teachers are from 14 different countries** which adds to the true **international atmosphere** that ISB boasts. **94% of the teachers** at ISB have **more than 5 years** of teaching experience and the majority have as many as 16 years of teaching experience!



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Gyeongnam International Foreign School

Gyeongnam International Foreign School (GIFS) is a **PreK-12 co-educational institution** offering students and families a truly international educational opportunity. GIFS students come to us from near and far around the world. In this **multicultural** and **multilingual environment**, students have the opportunity to learn about themselves and each other in a rapidly changing globalized world. We are committed to providing a high quality education that connects students to the local community as well as other international schools in South Korea.

All classroom teachers at GIFS hold **higher education degrees**, and all must hold teaching certificates from their respective country of origin. GIFS continues to have outstanding success in preparing students for post-secondary education. Although our graduating classes are small, we are proud that throughout our history our seniors have moved on to top-tiered colleges and universities in the U.S. and around the world. GIFS is an **IB World School** offering the **Diploma Program to Juniors and Seniors**. GIFS is proud of all its achievements in its first decade, and we look forward to many more years in service to students, families, and staff. GIFS is **accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).**

Curriculum: American Common Core State Standards (PreK-8)

Cambridge International Curriculum (Grades 9-10)

International Baccalaureate Degree Program (Grades 11-12)

Current Attendance: 100

Current Number of Military/DoD Students: 0

GIFS opened its doors in 2004 with sixteen students and now welcomes **an average of 120 students per year.** It is located in the city of Sacheon, a medium sized city in a coastal area on the south central tip of South Korea. We offer an excellent educational environment in a modern purpose-built facility.

GIFS is a **truly international school** made up of students and staff from around the globe. At any given time, it is normal for us to serve as many as **twenty-five nationalities** among our student population. The GIFS faculty and support staff is also a diverse one made up of many nationalities, ages, genders, and religious affiliations. Currently, the administrative and teaching faculty includes American, Canadian, Jamaican, South African, Indian, and Korean staff.

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Gyeongnam International Foreign School

Inspiring Excellence in an International Community of Learners

Home Based Education

The NDSP offers an education allowance for families that opt to provide their children with education at home. Parents are able to choose the at home curriculum that is best suited for the needs of their children and the NDSP will cover the costs of allowable expenses. For children that are stationed on **CFAC, Child and Youth Programs** (CYP) provides activities to enrich the children's home education as well as to give them a break from studying at home. CYP offers activities such as cooking club, fitness, art and gardening amongst others at no cost to the families.

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Child and Youth Programs

Number of Children Currently Homeschooled: 5

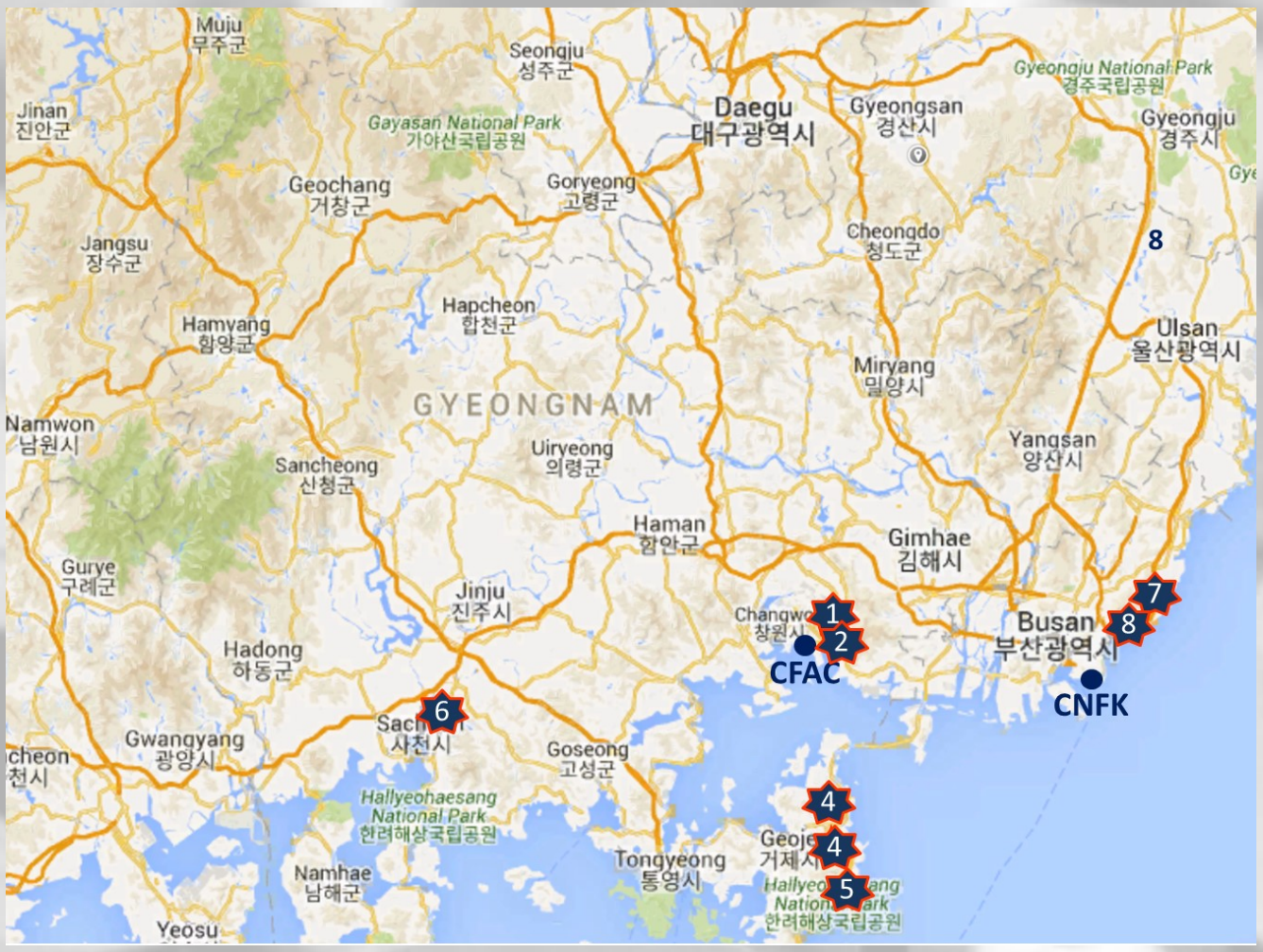
CYP Professionals utilize curricula from the **Boys and Girls Clubs of America (BGCA)** and **4-H** to develop new experiences for our youth in home based education. Both organizations offer curricula that helps CYP professionals to develop the whole youth—mind, body and soul. It is important that we maintain a strong connection with the youth in our programs and give them a place where they can come together and experience the social interactions that they may be missing out on from not being in a school.

As with choosing a school, parents are able to decide at their discretion which curriculum would best suit the educational needs of their children. Families can opt to use curricula from online elementary, middle and high schools in the state of their choosing or they can utilize other curricula for home based study. Below are a few curricula that parents have used for home based study as well as others found through internet based research:

- Calvert Education
- Pearson Home School
- Weaver Education
- State Department of Education sites
- Online K-12 schools

For any inquires about home based study, please contact Ms. Linda Chao-Rogers your School Liaison Officer, at 055.540.5381.

NDSP School Locations



1. The Olson School
2. C.L Education Academy
3. International School of Koje
4. British International Academy
5. Hillside Collegiate
6. Gyeongnam International Foreign School
7. Busan International Foreign School
8. Busan Foreign School

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