



SIGNATURE SCHOOL

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I am delighted to submit this 2022-2023 “anniversary edition” of the Signature School Annual Report to our sponsor, the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation, and to the stakeholders of our Signature School community. The summary of the achievements of the year found within this report provides an overview of Signature’s curriculum, programs, recognitions, and finances.

This past May marked 20 years since Signature’s first graduating class, and the 2022-2023 school year was a time for celebration. The 20th anniversary year also provided an opportunity to look back and look forward, to reflect on where we started, on where we are now, and on what the future holds. Throughout the year, in numerous discussions on what at heart defines Signature School with students past and present, with faculty and staff, with board members, and with other Signature School stakeholders, certain constants came up again and again: Scholarship, Excellence and Innovation, Motivation, Service, and Integrity, tenets brought to life with last spring’s adoption of an official school crest.

Maintaining its commitment to core values that transcend any temporal boundaries, Signature nonetheless constantly reviews and renews and accommodates to meet the educational needs of each incoming freshman class and each new generation of students. The curriculum differs from what it was two decades ago, and it no doubt will look different twenty years hence, yet Signature lives in a perpetual future, always moving toward a terminus where we can be sure our students end up offered the finest educational opportunity possible. We review, renew, accommodate to ensure the relevance of the curriculum, determined that what we have built endures for future generations. To that end, the theme of this annual report, “Timeless,” beautifully brought to life by the fractal on the front cover, could not be more appropriate.

I am so proud to be part of this community of dynamic and committed faculty and staff, students, parents, board, and community members, all unwavering in their dedication to Signature School. We would not be here without their support.

We look forward to what I know will be another great year at Signature School.

Sincerely,

Jean Hitchcock
Executive Director

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Faculty members don their sweatshirts featuring the new Signature School crest.

SIGNATURE AT A GLANCE

SCHOLARSHIP

Indiana SAT College Readiness Benchmark Achievement (Math minimum 530; Evidence-Based Reading and Writing minimum 480)

Test Category	Signature Juniors (82)	Indiana Juniors (73, 101)	All Testers (1, 179,956)
Math	93% met or exceeded	30% met or exceeded	30% met or exceeded
Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	99% met or exceeded	49% met or exceeded	52% met or exceeded

I LEARN

92% Proficient (Science)

Participation in advanced classes:

100% of students are enrolled in advanced college preparatory classes

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

- 553 exams administered (excludes TOK & Extended Essay)
- 78 diploma candidates
- 50 diploma recipients (64%)
- 55 registered anticipated candidates
- 10 IB courses students

Participation in Advanced Placement

- Number of AP exams administered: **1,112**
(2018-999, 2019-1,150, 2020-1057, 2021-1039, 2022-1078)
- Number of students taking AP exams: **369**
(2018-361, 2019-375, 2020-371, 2021-355, 2022-353)
- **76%** of AP exams taken scored a **3 or above** on AP exams
(9th-60%, 10th-76%, 11th-79%, 12th-77%)
- **84%** scored at least **3 or above** on one AP exams

SAT & ACT

	Signature Seniors	Indiana	National
SAT Composite (Math/Reading) (87 tested)	1321	971	1028
ACT Composite (33 tested)	28	22.9	19.5

RESULTS

Signature Awards/Recognitions

Ranked #1 High School in the Nation by *Jay Mathews Challenge Index* (2023)

Ranked #2 Nationwide, #1 Charter in the Country, #1 in Indiana by *US News & World Report* (2023)

Four Star Award 2021

Ninety-eight percent of the 2023 graduating class passed at least one AP exam while in high school.

SCHOLARS

Opening enrollment: 400 students

Number of teachers: 27 full-time and 3 part-time

Average class size: 20

Participation in the community: 10,085 service hours
(Class of 2023 in 4 years)

Average daily attendance rate: 96%

2023 Graduation rate: 100%

(Class of 2023 grants & scholarships: \$21.2 million offered)

Academic Honors Diplomas granted: 98%

Seven National Merit Finalists: Wesley Blalock, Abigail Greenwell, Mary King, Cael McCullum, Naina Muvva, Elijah Rosen, Rebecca Stamm

EDUCATIONAL DESIGN

CURRICULUM

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB)

The IB Diploma Programme is a challenging two-year program of study offered to juniors and seniors. The curriculum consists of choices from six subject groups, and at its core are requirements for an extended essay, Theory of Knowledge coursework, and CAS (creativity, activity, service). Each IB class culminates in assessments that are externally evaluated by IB examiners. The diploma is awarded to students who earn the requisite number of points for their diploma path. All Signature students strive to meet IB diploma requirements.

Advanced Placement (AP)

The Advanced Placement program offers students college-level credit and advanced standing at most of the nation's colleges and universities. At the end of the course, students take an exam which is scored on a 5-point scale. A student may earn college credit with a score of 3 or above.

AP Capstone™ is a diploma program based on two yearlong

AP courses: AP Seminar and AP Research. These courses are designed to complement other AP courses that the AP Capstone student may take. Instead of teaching specific subject knowledge, AP Seminar and AP Research use an interdisciplinary approach to develop critical thinking, research, collaboration, time management and presentation skills students need for college-level work. Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP exams of their choosing receive the AP Capstone diploma™. All Signature students pursue the AP Capstone diploma.

Indiana Academic Honors Diploma (AHD)

The State of Indiana awards an Honors Diploma designation to students who have earned 47 credits, who have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and who have received no grade below a "C" in required courses. Specific English, social studies, math, and science courses are required. Additional world language and fine arts courses must be completed. All Signature students work to fulfill AHD requirements.

PROGRAM OF STUDIES 2022-2023

Curriculum Area	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Group 1: Language	English 9-H	AP Language & Composition	IB English HL1 (AP Lit)	IB English HL2
Group 2: Second Language	French-H 1 or 2	French-H 2 or 3	French-H 3/4	AP & IB HL/SL French
	German-H 1 or 2	German-H 2 or 3	German-H 3/4	AP & IB HL/SL German
	Spanish-H 1 or 2	Spanish-H 2 or 3	Spanish-H 3/4	AP & IB HL/SL Spanish
Group 3: Individuals and Societies	AP US History	AP World History	IB Psychology SL	IB Psychology HL
		Electives: AP Gov, AP Micro or Macro	AP Psychology	
			IB History HL1 (AP Euro History)	IB History HL2/SL
Group 4: Experimental Sciences	Biology-H	Chemistry-H	IB Biology HL1 (AP Biology 1)	IB Biology HL2 (AP Biology 2)
		Electives: AP Env Sci, AP Physics 1	AP Chemistry	IB Chemistry HL/SL
			IB Chemistry SL	IB Env Sys and Soc
			AP Env Sci	
			AP Physics 1	IB Physics SL/AP Phys 2
AP Computer Science A				
Group 5: Mathematics	Algebra 1-H	Geometry-H	Algebra 2 -H	IB Math SLAI
	Geometry-H	Algebra 2 w/Trig-H	Pre-Calculus	IB Math SL AA
			IB Math SL AA	AP Calculus BC/AB
			AP Calculus BC	IB Math HL AA
Group 6: The Arts	Fine Arts Connections	Music Elective (below)	AP Music Theory	IB Music HL/SL
		Visual Art 1 or 2	IB Art HL1/SL1	IB Art HL2/SL2
		Dance	IB Dance HL1/SL1	IB Dance HL2/SL2
Resource Period	Freshman Resource	AP Seminar	AP Research/TOK1	TOK2
Other Grad Requirements	P.E. (2 sem)	Health (1 sem)	AP U.S. Government (1 sem)	
			AP Microeconomics or AP Macroeconomics (1 sem)	
Other Electives	Ethnic Studies (1 sem), Indiana Studies (1 sem), Instrumental Music, Yearbook, Piano Lab, Signature Singers			

RESULTS IN EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT

Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, Indiana uses College Board's SAT to fulfill requirements pursuant to Indiana Code 20-32-5.7(d) for high school accountability. Students may also use scores to fulfill some high school graduation requirements. The SAT School Day exam, held for most students in March, assesses high school Mathematics, Reading and Writing standards in grade 11. The 2023 Indiana SAT School Day Benchmark for Evidence-Based Reading and Writing was set at 480 and for Math was set at 530.

2022-2023 School Day SAT Results

Subject	# of Sig. Juniors Tested	Signature School Mean	Indiana Mean	% Meeting Benchmarks Sig. School	% Meeting Benchmarks Indiana
Total	82	1300	959	93	27
Reading & Writing	82	653	483	99	49
Math	82	647	476	93	30

Indiana's Learning Evaluation and Assessment Readiness Network (ILEARN) is the summative accountability assessment for Indiana students in grades three through eight and high school biology. Students are required to participate in the ILEARN Biology End-of-Course Assessment (ECA) upon completion of the high school biology course to fulfill a federal participation requirement.

2022-2023 ILEARN Biology results

Grade Tested	Testing Period	# Tested	# Below Proficiency	# Approaching Proficiency	# At Proficiency	# Above Proficiency	% Proficient
9th	Spring	107	1	8	22	76	91.6

The ILEARN U.S. Government ECA is available per state legislation as an optional assessment for students upon completion of the high school U.S. Government course.

NATIONAL

SAT

Test Category	Signature Seniors (87 Tested)	Indiana	National
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	662	489	480
Math	658	482	530
Composite	1321	971	1028

ACT

Test Category	Signature Seniors (33 Tested)	Indiana	National
English	28	NOT AVAILABLE	18.6
Mathematics	27	NOT AVAILABLE	19
Reading Comp.	30	NOT AVAILABLE	20.1
Science Reasoning	27	NOT AVAILABLE	19.6
Composite	28	22.9	19.5

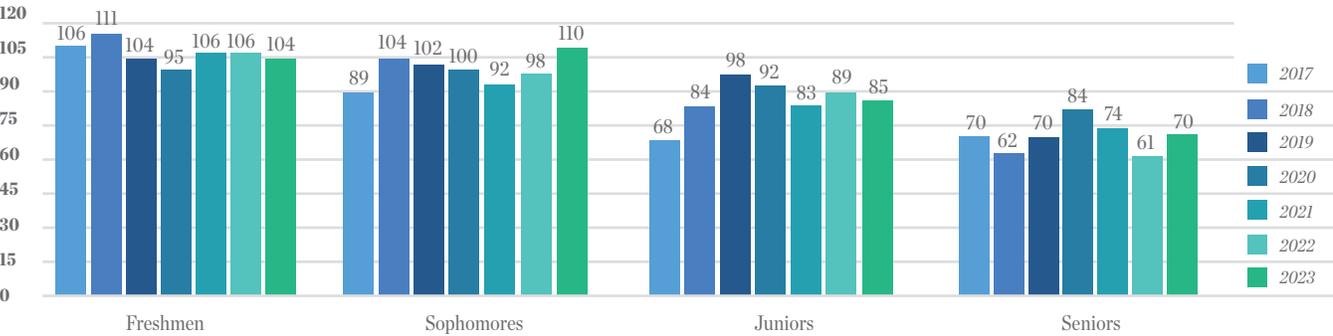


Becky Simpkins conducts members of the Jazz Band during a performance at Main Street Attraction.

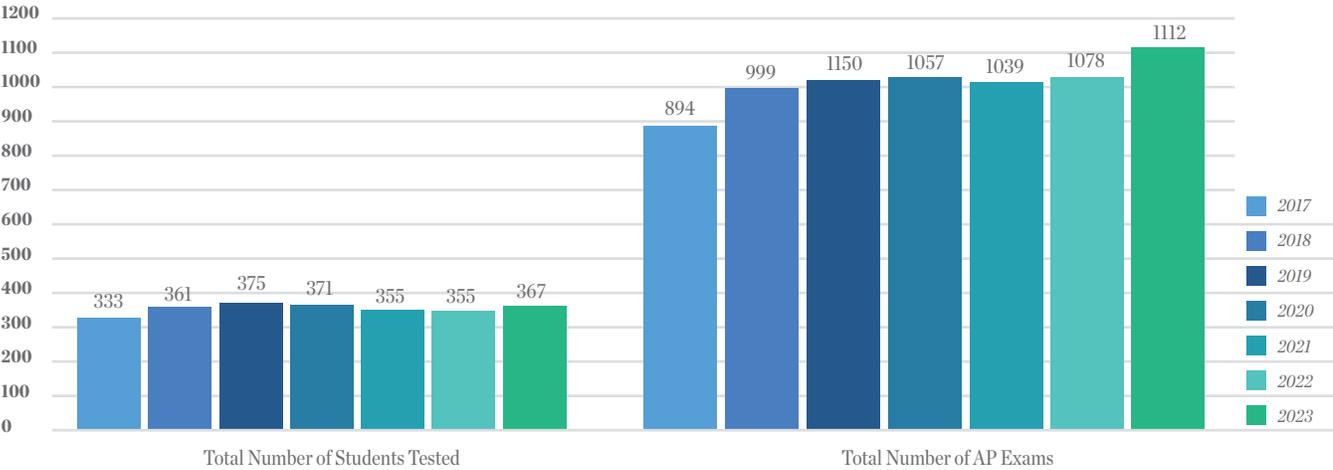
2023 ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM RESULTS SUMMARY FOR SIGNATURE SCHOOL

During the May 2023 AP testing session, 369 Signature students submitted 1,112 Advanced Placement exams. The following charts summarize the rate of participation since 2017. Signature School’s consistently high participation and success rates in widely respected external assessments, like Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams, have led to high rankings in lists published by *Newsweek*, *The Washington Post*, and *U.S. News & World Report*.

Number of AP Students by Grade Level

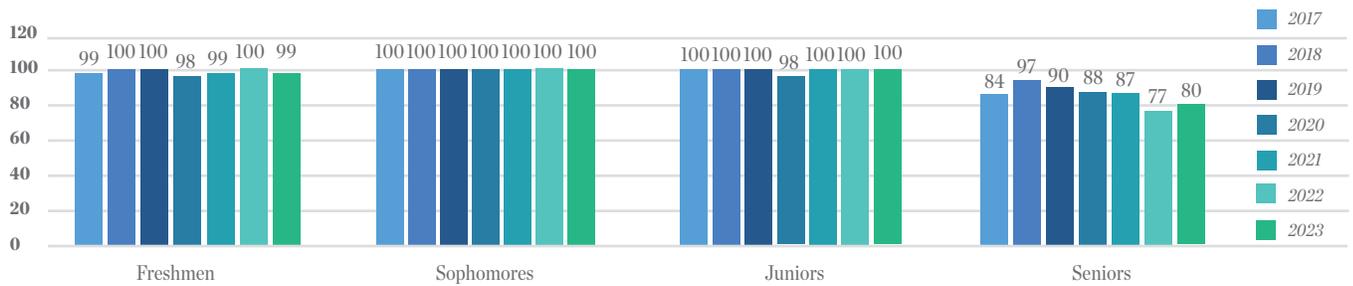


Total Number of AP Students and Exams



In 2023, 95% of Signature students took at least one AP exam. The chart below displays AP participation by grade level.

Percent of AP Participation



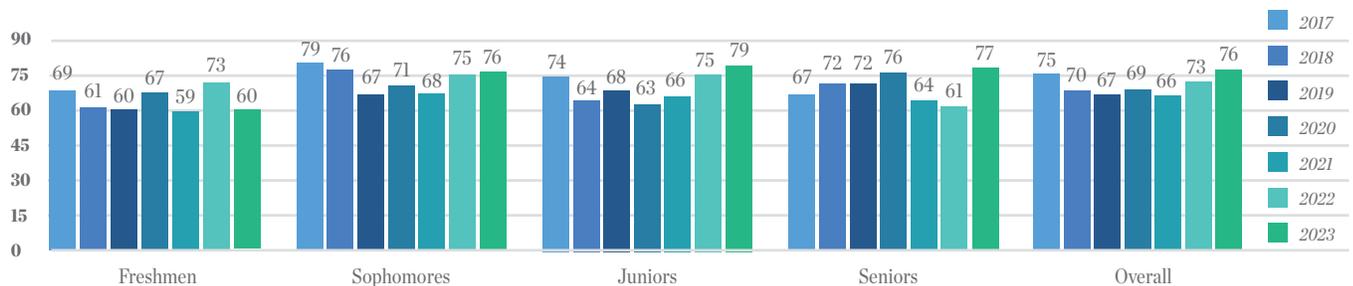
Of the seventeen seniors who did not participate in the May 2023 AP testing session, all of them participated in the May 2023 IB testing session, all but 16 of them passed at least one AP exam in prior sessions, and all of them passed more than one IB exam. Thus, 100% of Signature seniors participated in either AP or IB testing during their senior year, and 100% of Signature seniors passed at least one AP exam or IB exam while in high school.

Most AP exam grades are a weighted combination of the student's score on the multiple-choice section and on the free-response section of the exam. The final grade is reported on a 5-point scale:

(5) extremely well qualified | **(4)** well qualified | **(3)** qualified | **(2)** possibly qualified | **(1)** no recommendation

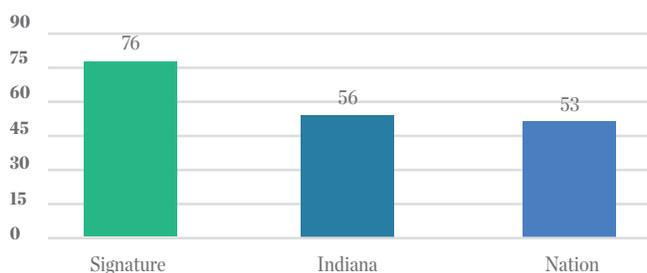
The following chart depicts the percentage of AP exams scoring a 3 or higher by class and overall from 2017-2023.

Percent of AP Exams Scoring 3 or Greater



Signature students, in many instances, fared better on their AP exams than did their peers in Indiana and in the nation. The chart below compares Signature School's 2023 overall pass rate with the 2022 Indiana pass rate and the 2021 national pass rate, the latest available data.

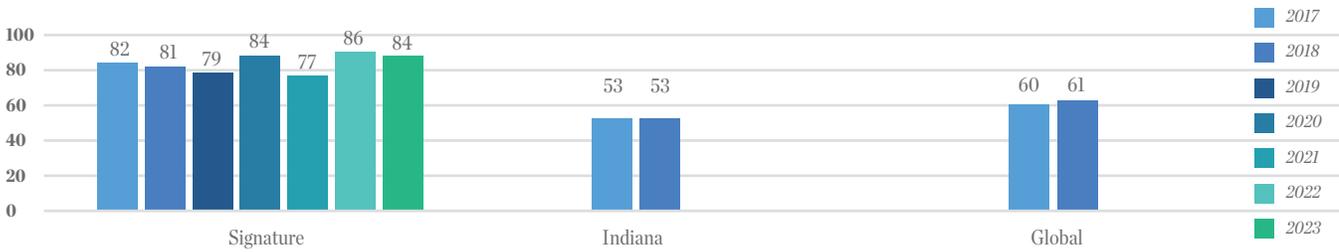
Percent of AP Scores 3 or Higher



Juniors Amishi Gandhi, Sreya Yelamanchili, and Aparna Kudiyirikkal Anil enjoy pancakes at Student Council's Pancake Breakfast.

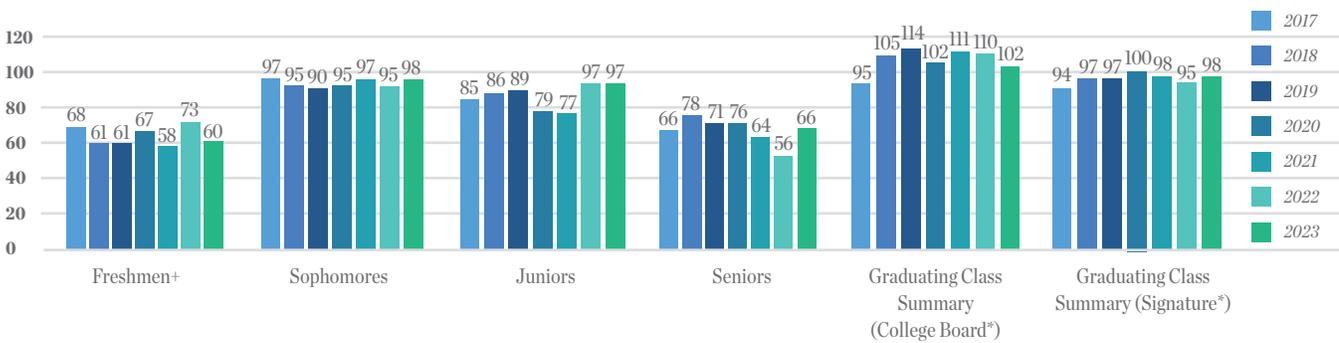
Understanding Signature student performance is enhanced by comparing the rate at which individual students earn a 3 or better. The chart below gives a five-year comparison of the percent of Signature, Indiana, and global AP students scoring a 3 or above on at least one exam in the given year.

Percent of Total AP Students with 3+



Equity and Excellence

The chart below gives Signature’s 2023 Equity and Excellence Graduating Class Summary score, defined as the percentage of seniors scoring a 3 or better on at least one AP exam taken during high school, as well as the Equity and Excellence scores, defined as the percentage of students in each class passing at least one AP exam that year. Ninety-eight percent of seniors took and passed at least one AP exam during their time in high school.

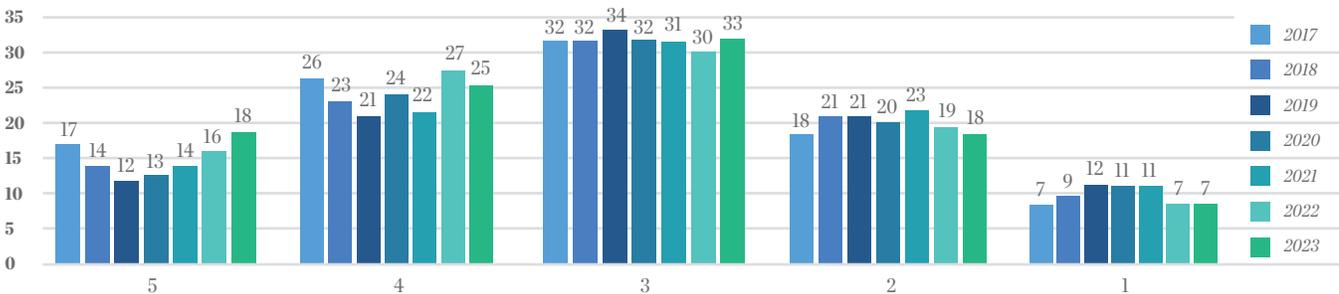


+ The College Board does not provide an Equity and Excellence score for freshmen.

* The College Board projects its Graduating Class Summary score while Signature School provides a percentage based on the true count of the numbers of seniors scoring a 3 or better on at least one AP exam throughout their four years of high school divided by the number of seniors.

The chart of AP score distributions since 2017 is provided so that the 2023 distribution may be seen in its historical context.

Percent Distribution of AP Scores



AP RESULTS BREAKDOWN BY SUBJECT AND SCORE AND AP/IB EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT RECORD

The table below gives a more detailed analysis of Signature student performance as compared to that of students across Indiana and around the world. The table provides the score distribution for each exam and shows the percentage of Signature students enrolled in AP or IB classes who participate in these external assessments.

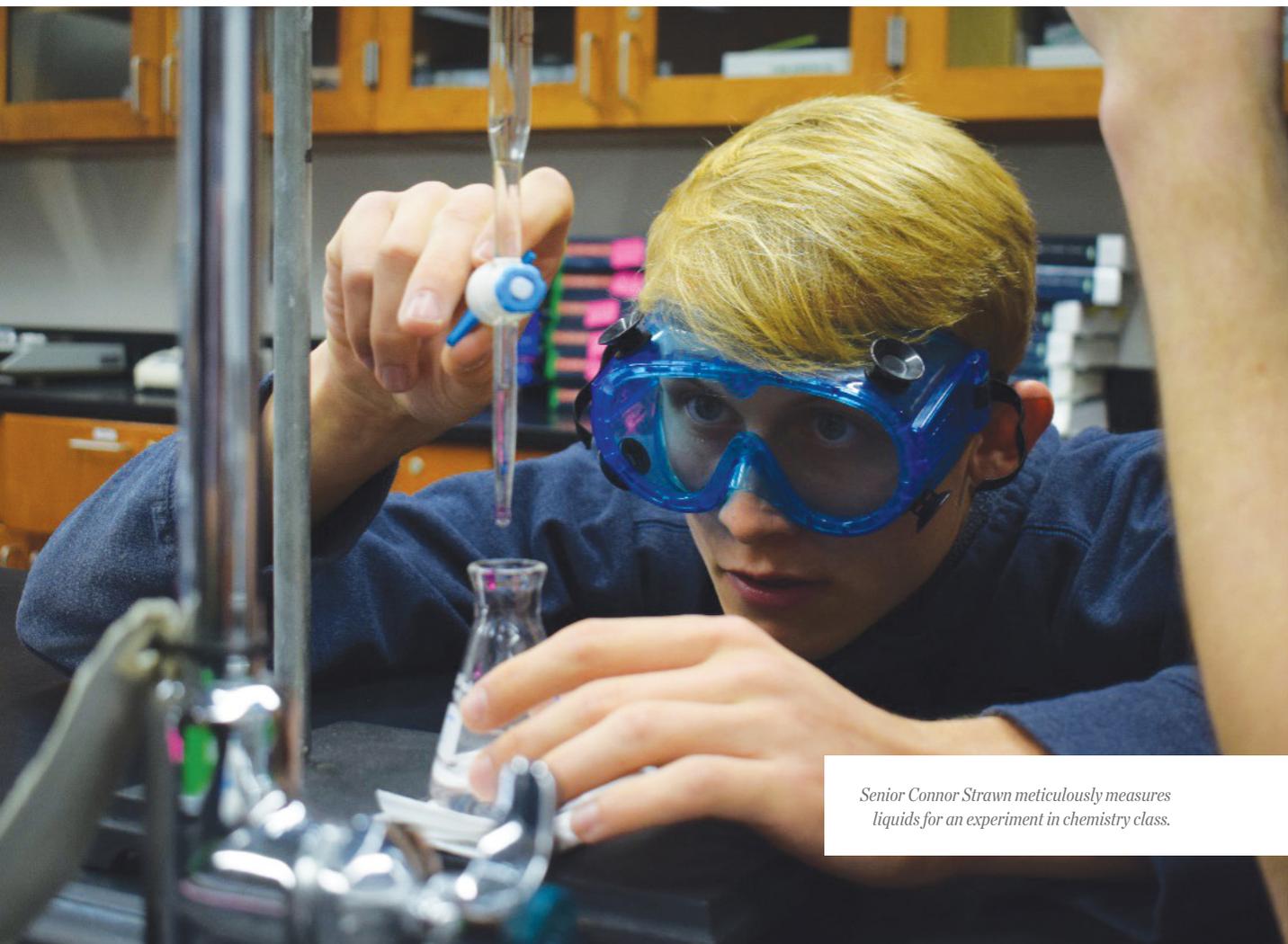
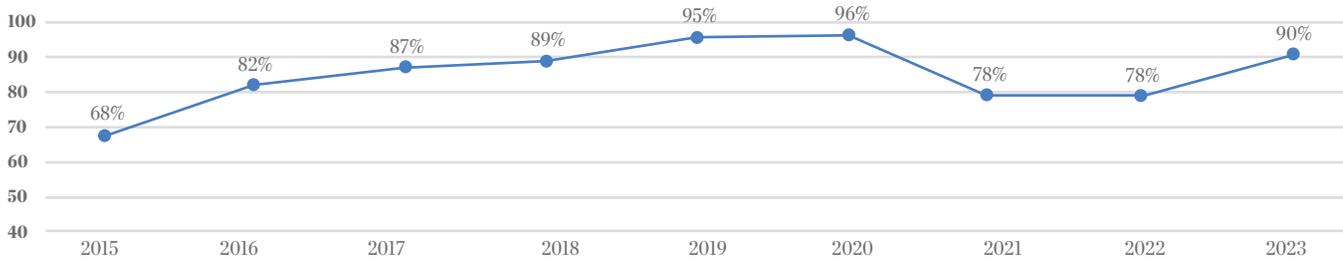
Exam/Course	# Enrolled	# AP Tests	% Tested AP	# IB Tests	%Tested IB	%Not Tested	AP Score							Analysis			Comparison
							5	4	3	2	1	3+	Mean	2022 Mean	IND Mean	Global Mean	
Bio/IB Bio HL2(1 senior in IB HLL)	38	37 (+1*)	97	38	100	0	10	11	14	3	0	92	3.74	3.86	2.88	3.04	
Calc AB	13	13	100	NA	NA	0	1	5	2	4	1	62	3.08	2.29	2.97	2.99	
Calculus BC/IB Math HL1-2	27	27	100	NA	NA	0	8	6	7	5	1	78	3.56	3.85	3.76	3.75	
Statistics, self-taught	0	2	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	1	0	0	0	100	4.00	5.00	2.94	2.88	
Chemistry/IB Chem HL1 & SL1	23	23	100	NA	NA	0	5	9	9	0	0	100	3.83	3.00	3.12	3.26	
Chinese Lang and Culture, self-taught	0	2	NA	NA	NA	NA	2	0	0	0	0	100	5.00	NA	4.19	4.06	
Computer Science A	21	21	100	NA	NA	0	9	6	2	2	2	81	3.86	2.46	2.82	3.21	
English Language	110	110	100	NA	NA	0	15	28	40	25	2	76	3.26	3.15	2.68	2.82	
English Literature	85	85	100	NA	NA	0	13	44	24	4	0	95	3.78	3.83	3.20	3.26	
Environmental Science	22	22	100	NA	NA	0	4	12	2	4	0	82	3.73	3.66	2.68	2.79	
Eur Hist/IB Hist HL1	33	33	100	NA	NA	0	6	11	8	7	1	76	3.42	3.48	3.06	2.95	
French Lang/IB French HL/SL	21	6	30	20	95	5	0	1	5	0	0	100	3.17	NA	2.87	3.19	
German Lang/IB German SL	18	1	6	18	100	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2.00	2.50	2.92	3.19	
Spanish Lang/IB Spanish HL/SL	47	4	9	47	100	0	1	3	0	0	0	100	4.25	4.80	3.28	3.56	
Macroeconomics: combined	54	54	100	NA	NA	0	6	12	15	17	4	61	2.98	2.66	2.88	3.08	
Macro: Sec 1	43	43	100	NA	NA	0	2	11	13	15	2	61	2.91	2.81	2.88	3.08	
Macro: Sec 2 100% online	11	11	100	NA	NA	0	4	1	2	2	2	64	3.27	2.38	2.88	3.08	
Microeconomics: combined	47	47	100	NA	NA	0	3	6	8	13	17	36	2.26	2.66	2.84	3.25	
Micro: Sec 1	37	37	100	NA	NA	0	2	3	7	5	12	13	2.16	2.94	2.84	3.25	
Micro: Sec 2 100% online	10	10	100	NA	NA	0	1	3	1	1	4	50	2.60	1.80	2.84	3.25	
Music Theory	7	7	100	NA	NA	0	0	1	3	2	1	57	2.57	1.43	2.79	3.01	
Physics 1	39	39	100	NA	NA	0	3	10	9	12	5	56	2.85	2.94	2.38	2.55	
Physics 2/IB Physics SL	16	16	100	15	94	0	5	5	5	1	0	94	3.88	3.67	2.65	3.15	
Physics C: E & M, self-taught	0	3	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	2	1	0	0	100	3.67	5.00	3.25	3.49	
Physics C: Mechanics, self-taught	0	3	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	3	0	0	0	100	4.00	5.00	3.31	3.40	
Psychology	42	42	100	NA	NA	0	19	15	5	0	3	93	4.12	3.93	2.72	2.88	
AP Capstone: Seminar	110	110	100	NA	NA	0	8	16	72	10	4	87	3.13	3.15	3.49	3.24	
AP Capstone: Research/IB TOK1-EE	85	76	89	85 (ant)	100(ant.)	0 (ant)	3	8	45	18	2	74	2.89	2.71	3.49	3.34	
US Gov & Politics 75% 10 th	114	114	100	NA	NA	0	15	17	33	42	7	57	2.92	2.95	2.49	2.59	
US History	110	109	99	NA	NA	1	18	17	29	22	23	60	2.86	3.25	2.24	2.54	
World History Modern: combined	105	105	100	NA	NA	0	48	27	27	3	0	97	4.14	3.75	2.88	3.04	
World History Modern: Sec 1	18	18	100	NA	NA	0	6	7	5	0	0	100	4.06	3.59	2.88	3.04	
World History Modern: Sec 2	86	86	100	NA	NA	0	42	20	21	3	0	97	4.17	3.80	2.88	3.04	
No AP/IB English HL	87	NA	NA	86	99	1	<i>See the IB information following.</i>										
No AP/IB History HL2	47	NA	NA	47	100	0											
No AP/IB Psychology HL & SL	62	NA	NA	62	100	0											
No AP/IB Env Systems & Societies	19	NA	NA	19	100	0											
No AP/IB Chemistry HL2/SL2	26	NA	NA	26	100	0											
No AP/IB Chemistry SL (1 yr.)	22	NA	NA	22	100	0											
No AP/IB Math SL AI	30	NA	NA	30	100	0											
No AP/IB Math SL AA	48	NA	NA	48	100	0											
No AP/IB Math HL AA	18	NA	NA	17	94	0											
No AP/IB Art HL & SL	19	NA	NA	19	100	0											
No AP/IB Dance HL & SL	13	NA	NA	13	100	0											
No AP/IB Music HL	6	NA	NA	6	100	0											

* Some students take exams for courses in which they are not currently enrolled. The larger number is calculated in reporting results, but it is not used in determining AP participation percentage for a particular course or course average. **Student took as a junior.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE SESSION IN MAY 2023 FOR SIGNATURE SCHOOL

Starting with the Class of 2019, all Signature students pursue the IB Diploma provided they can also meet Indiana graduation requirements. Students who cannot pursue the IB Diploma participate in the program as fully as their schedule permits.

Percentage of Senior IB Diploma Candidates



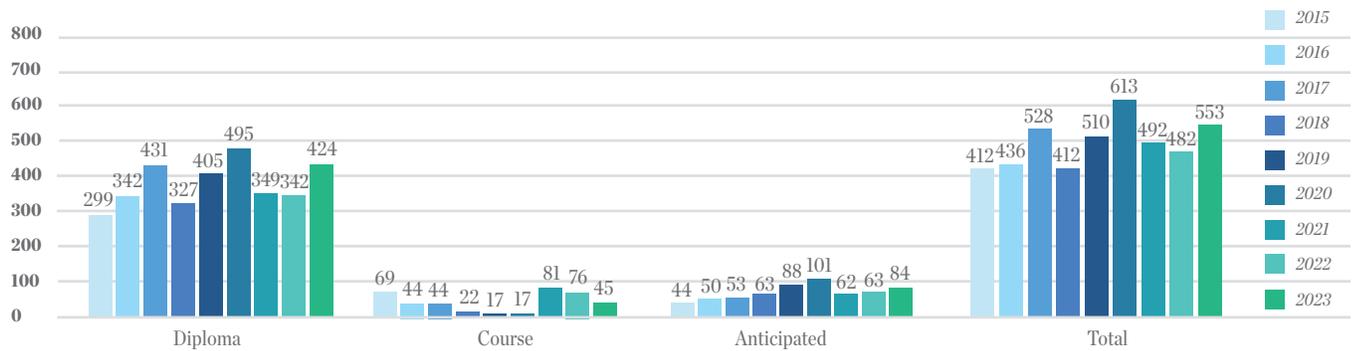
Senior Connor Strawn meticulously measures liquids for an experiment in chemistry class.

Members of the IB Dance class practice their routine.



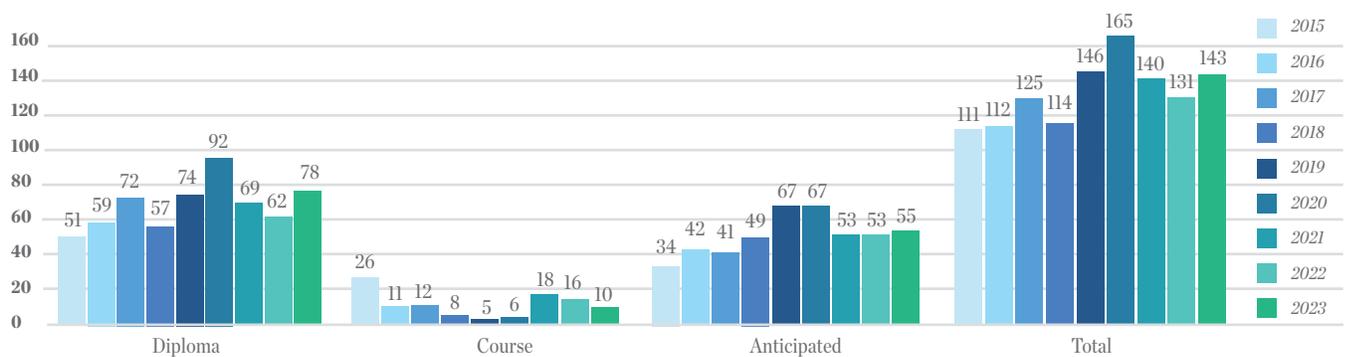
The IB program is a two-year commitment that begins in 11th grade. The chart below shows the number of exams taken by students at all three levels of IB program participation: **Diploma** (seniors who work to satisfy all IB Diploma program requirements), **Course** (students who satisfy all of the IB Diploma requirements they can while also meeting Indiana Academic Honors Diploma requirements or sophomores taking IB exams that do not count towards the IB Diploma), and **Anticipated** (juniors intending to satisfy all IB Diploma requirements). These numbers do not reflect candidate registrations in Theory of Knowledge or Extended Essay.

Number of IB Exams Taken



The following chart depicts the number of students involved at the three categories of participation and overall. All seniors took at least one IB exam, and 99% of seniors took at least four IB exams. Sixty-five percent of juniors took at least one IB exam as Anticipated candidates.

Number of Participants in IB Testing



IB Diplomas are awarded based on a student’s performance in six subject-area external and internal assessments and satisfactory completion of a 4000-word extended essay (EE), a Theory of Knowledge (TOK) course, and approximately 150 hours of Creativity, Action, Service (CAS). The following table shows Signature’s IB Diploma award rate as well as the 2021 worldwide rate, provided to give a basis of comparison.

Group and Year	Diploma Candidates	Diplomas Awarded	Diploma Award Rate
Signature School 2008	13	10	77%
Signature School 2009	12	10	83%
Signature School 2010	18	13	72%
Signature School 2011	38	31	82%
Signature School 2012	40	25	63%
Signature School 2013	39	36	92%
Signature School 2014	63	60	95%
Signature School 2015	51	42	82%
Signature School 2016	59	47	80%
Signature School 2017	72	51	71%
Signature School 2018	57	36	63%
Signature School 2019	74	47	65%
Signature School 2020	92	68	74%
Signature School 2021	69	58	84%
Signature School 2022	63	52	84%
Signature School 2023	78	50	64%
Worldwide: May, 2023	TBA	TBA	79%

The highest score a student can achieve in any subject area is a seven. Diploma candidates take six exams over the two-year program for a total possible 42 points. Three more points, Core points, may be awarded according to a matrix composed of the Theory of Knowledge (TOK) and Extended Essay (EE) components. Diploma recipients are students who perform satisfactorily across all subject areas, complete the CAS requirements, and achieve at least 24 points distributed according to Article 13 of the document, “General Regulations: Diploma Program.”

TOK and the extended essay are assessed as follows:

A - Excellent | **B** - Good | **C** - Satisfactory | **D** - Mediocre | **E** - Elementary | **F** - Failing Condition

These grades combine according to the matrix at the right to give students a possible maximum of 3 additional points. Students who do not submit an EE or who do not fulfill TOK requirements and students who receive an F in one or both will not receive a diploma.

		Theory of Knowledge				
		A	B	C	D	E
Extended Essay	A	3	3	2	2	F
	B	3	2	1	1	F
	C	2	1	1	0	F
	D	2	1	0	0	F
	E	F	F	F	F	F

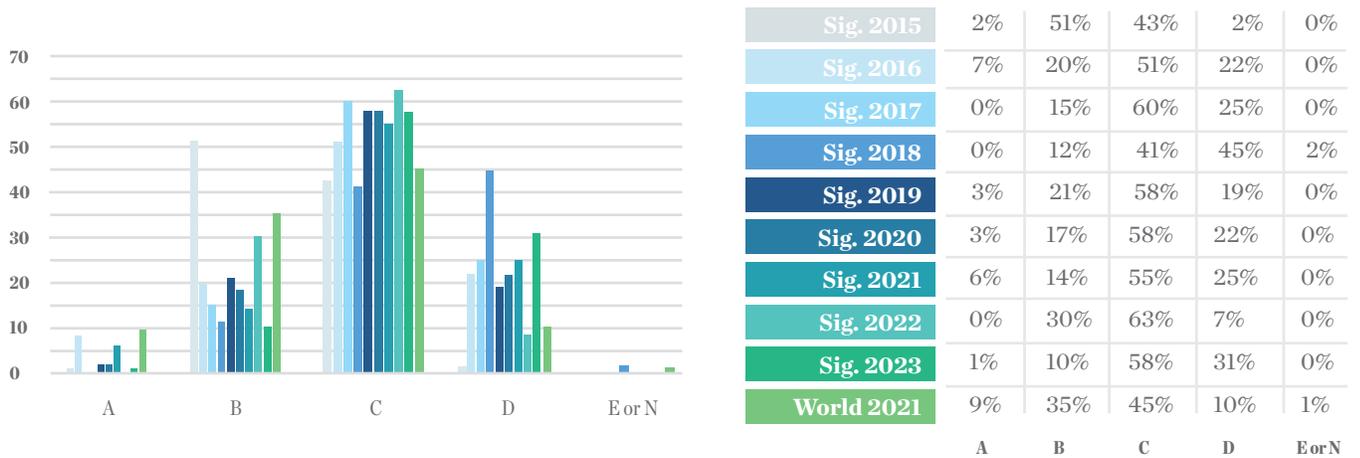
The chart below compares Signature's IB core point distribution over the last five years with the world-wide point distribution in May 2021.

Distribution of IB Core Points

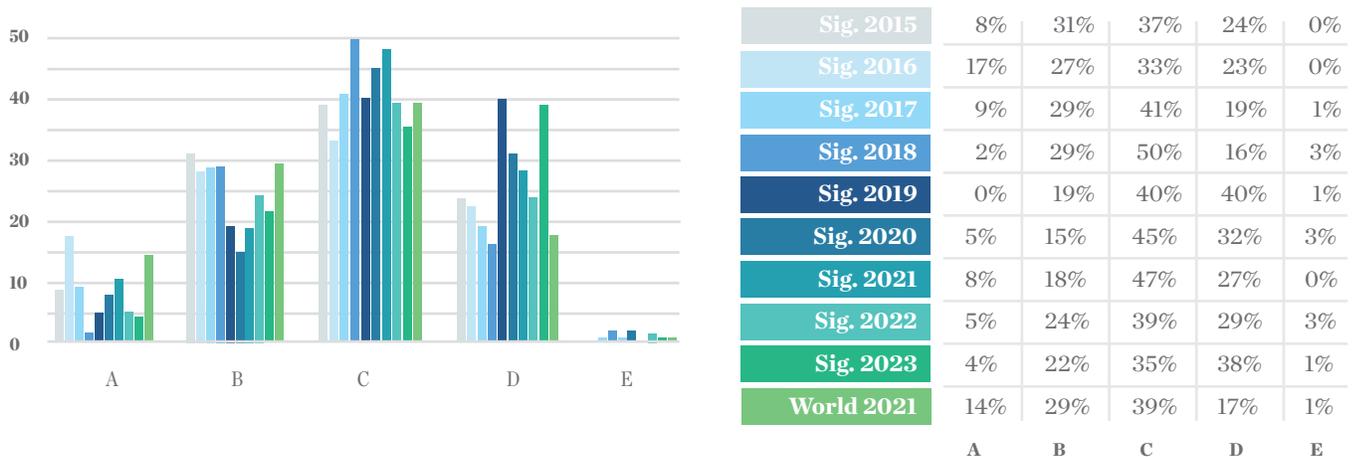


The following two charts show the grade distribution for TOK (83 submissions) and EE (82 submissions) over the last eight years compared to the world-wide point distributions of these subjects in May 2022, the latest available data. Note that rounding error may lead to percentages less than or greater than 100.

TOK Grade Distribution



Extended Essay Grade Distribution

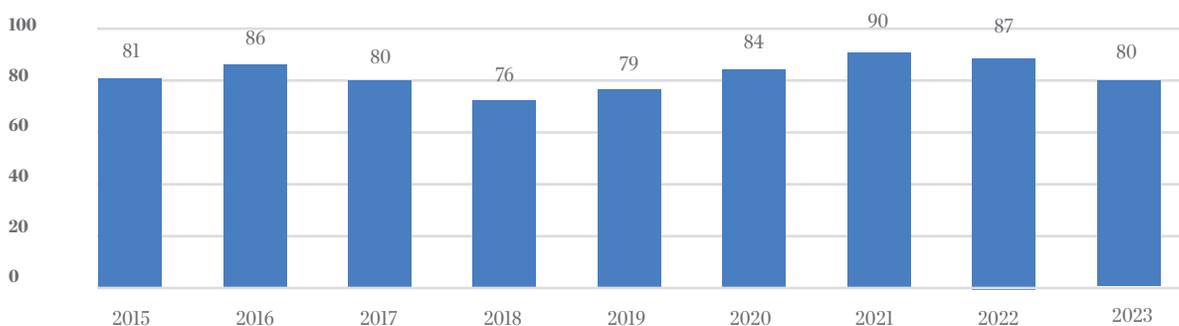


The following table shows the breakdown of scores Signature students earned during the May 2023 IB testing session. The table on the next page gives a description of each score value as well as a graphical display of the comparison of Signature’s mean scores with global mean scores.

Subject	Candidates	Score								Signature Mean 2023	Signature Mean 2022	Signature Mean 2021	Signature Mean 2020
		7	6	5	4	3	2	1	N				
English A HL	86	0	4	35	38	8	1	0	0	4.38	4.62	4.67	4.97
French B HL	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	4.00	NA	3.83	5.00
French B SL	18	1	4	7	5	1	0	0	0	4.94	4.65	3.94	4.47
German B SL	18	0	0	2	10	6	0	0	0	3.78	4.41	4.56	4.23
Spanish B HL	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	6.25	NA	6.80	6.00
Spanish B SL	43	1	9	24	8	1	0	0	0	5.02	4.97	5.13	4.88
Spanish AB SL	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	4.50	NA	NA	NA
History HL	45	0	1	13	25	4	2	0	0	4.16	4.31	4.49	3.91
History SL	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	4.00	NA	6.00	3.80
Psychology HL	38	0	3	8	23	4	0	0	0	4.26	5.07	NA	NA
Psychology SL	24	2	8	10	3	1	0	0	0	5.29	5.41	5.19	5.25
Env S & S SL	19	5	6	4	3	2	1	0	0	5.58	6.14	6.18	5.70
Biology HL	38	0	4	12	10	11	1	0	0	4.18	5.14	4.82	4.07
Chemistry HL	26	0	1	6	9	5	5	0	0	3.73	3.88	4.13	4.08
Chemistry SL	22	0	0	1	2	7	11	1	0	2.59	2.71	3.33	3.00
Physics SL	15	0	4	4	5	2	0	0	0	4.67	6.00	NA	NA
Sp, Ex, & HS SL	22	1	1	5	10	4	1	0	0	4.18	NA	NA	NA
Math HLAA	18	0	4	8	4	1	0	0	1	4.88	5.67	5.85	4.84
Math SLAA	48	1	17	16	11	3	0	0	0	5.04	4.96	5.06	4.63
Math SLAI	30	0	1	4	9	11	5	0	0	3.50	4.78	4.41	4.84
Dance HL	8	0	1	1	5	1	0	0	0	4.25	5.63	4.50	3.60
Music HL	5	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	3.80	3.40	3.67	3.33
Music SL	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3.00	NA	NA	NA
Visual Arts HL	15	0	1	3	5	6	0	0	0	3.93	3.54	4.00	3.58
Visual Arts SL	4	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	4.75	4.00	4.00	3.00

Percentage of Exams Scoring 4 or Higher

The chart below shows the percentage of exams scoring a 4 or higher from 2015 to 2023. A score of 4 on an IB exam is considered “passing” by some evaluators.

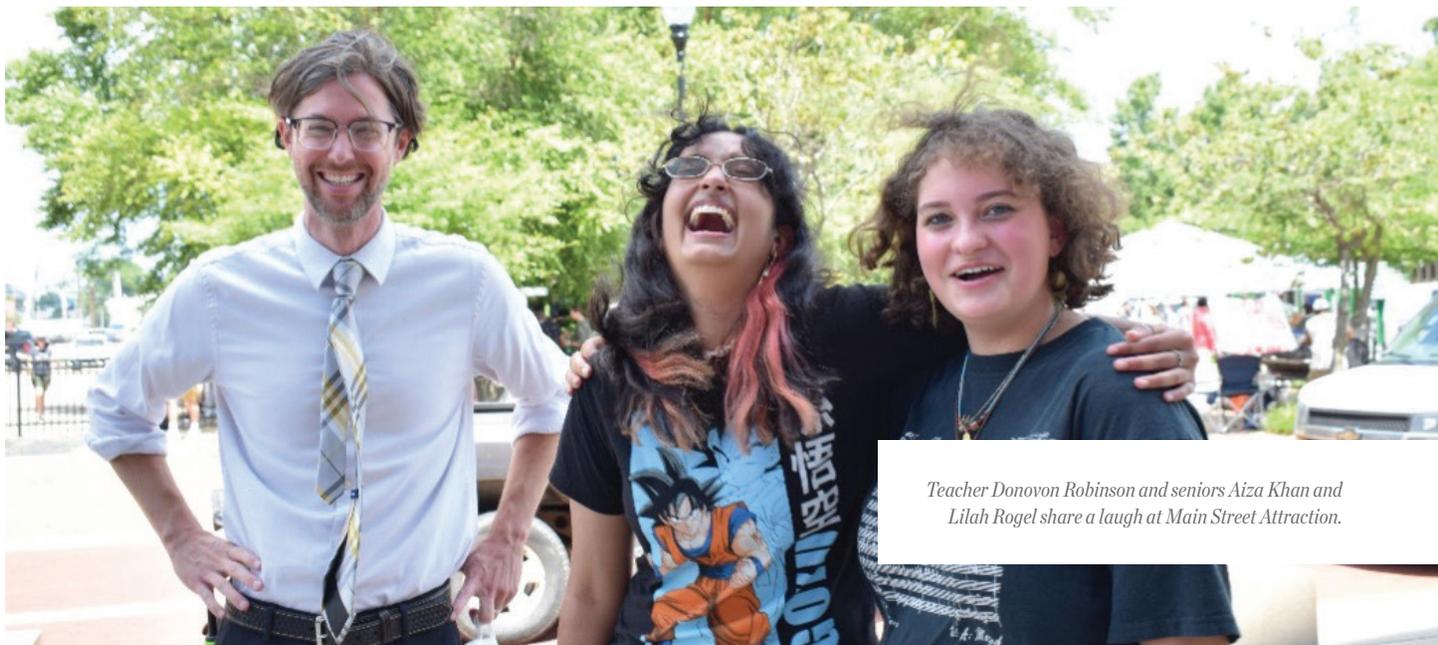
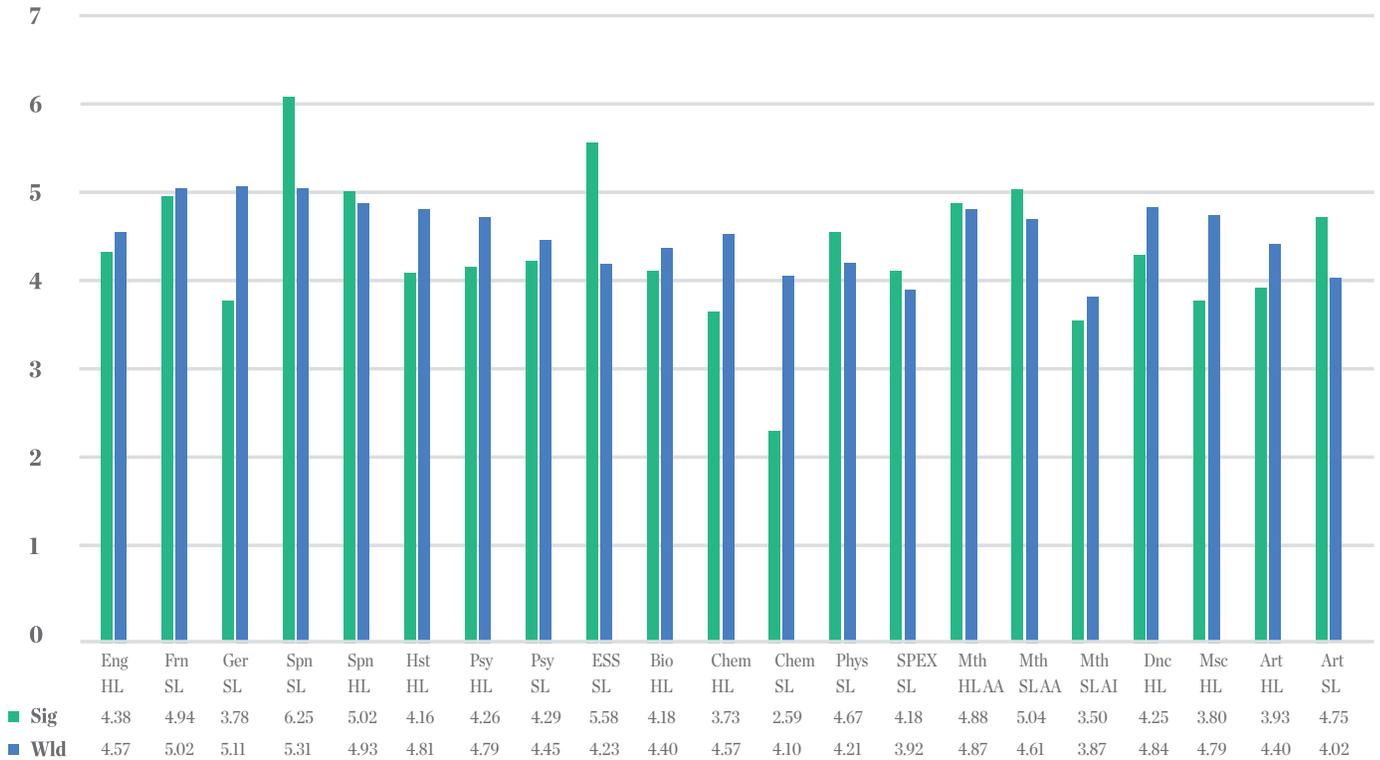


The IB exams are assessed on a 7.0 scale, delineated as follows:

7 - Excellent | 6 - Very good | 5 - Good | 4 - Satisfactory | 3 - Mediocre | 2 - Poor | 1 - Very Poor | N - No Grade

The table below provides a comparison of Signature student performance with performance world-wide in the May 2023 session. This table includes the scores of both full diploma candidates and certificate candidates. Only subjects with more than one student are displayed.

Comparison of Mean Subject Scores



Teacher Donovan Robinson and seniors Aiza Khan and Lilah Rogel share a laugh at Main Street Attraction.

STUDENT PROFILE



Seniors Zachary Stinson, Alan Estrella, Justin O'Connor, Himanchu Patel, Connor Strawn, Mitchell Thomas, and Noah Deeg surround junior Mann Patel for a photo at Winter Formal.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Statistical Analysis of Student Composition

Male _____ 41%
 Female _____ 59%

White/Non-Hispanics _____ 65%
 African American _____ 6%
 Asian American _____ 18%
 Hispanic _____ 5%
 Multi-racial _____ 6%

Free & Reduced Texts _____ 18%

Attendance Rate _____ 96%
 Drop Out Rate _____ 0%

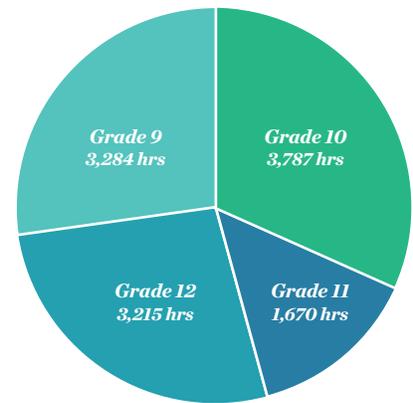
Suspensions/Expulsions

Suspensions _____ 4
 Expulsions _____ 0

Official Enrollment (ADM): 393 in Fall (F) / 388 in Spring (S) **F/S**
 Grade 9 _____ 107/105
 Grade 10 _____ 111/110
 Grade 11 _____ 88/86
 Grade 12 _____ 87/87

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Reflecting the Signature commitment to community service, Signature students completed 11,956 hours of community service during the school year. Each student is required to complete a total of 25 service hours for the community and/or the school, totaling 100 hours of service in each of his/her four years at Signature School.



SPECIAL EDUCATION

Last year, Signature School had zero students with Individualized Educational Plans (IEP). Signature provided fourteen students additional accommodations in the classrooms in accordance with Part 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Signature School abides by the Federal Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA), the Americans with Disabilities in Education Act of 1990, Part 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and regulations implementing these mandates, including the requirements in Article 7 concerning evaluation, re-evaluation, and education of students in the least restrictive environment, and due process and reporting requirements.

MAJOR SCHOLARSHIPS ACCEPTED (CLASS OF 2022)

Ball State University – <i>Global Honors Scholarship</i>	\$16,000	University of Montana – <i>Athletic Scholarship</i>	\$3,800
Ball State University – <i>Presidential Scholarship</i>	\$5,500	University of Montana – <i>Merit Award</i>	\$17,000
Ball State University – <i>Scholars Award</i>	\$4,000	University of Montana – <i>O'Connor Recruitment Scholarship in Wildlife Biology</i>	\$2,500
Bradley University – <i>Presidential Excellence Scholarship</i>	\$25,000	University of Montana – <i>Presidential Scholar</i>	\$4,000
Butler University – <i>Academic Scholarship</i>	\$20,000	University of Southern Indiana – <i>David L. Rice Merit Scholarship</i>	\$1,000
Emory University – <i>Emory Opportunity Award</i>	\$15,000	University of Southern Indiana – <i>David L. Rice Merit Scholarship</i>	\$1,500
Emory University – <i>Army ROTC Scholarship</i>	\$64,144	University of Southern Indiana – <i>David L. Rice Merit Scholarship</i>	\$2,000
Indiana University – <i>Cox Exploratory Scholarship</i>	\$25,624	University of Southern Indiana – <i>David L. Rice Merit Scholarship</i>	\$3,000
Indiana University – <i>Hamilton Lugar Living Learning Center Scholarship</i>	\$2,500	University of Southern Indiana – <i>David L. Rice Merit Scholarship</i>	\$4,000(x4)
Indiana University – <i>Hamilton Scholarship</i>	\$2,000	University of Southern Indiana – <i>Dean's Scholarship</i>	\$2,000
Indiana University – <i>Hudson and Holland Scholars Program</i>	\$6,000(x2)	University of Southern Indiana – <i>Presidential Scholarship</i>	\$22,633(x2)
Indiana University – <i>Hutton Honors Scholarship</i>	\$1,000(x4)		
Indiana University – <i>Kelly Scholars Program Scholarship</i>	\$25,700		
Indiana University – <i>Luddy Direct Admit Scholarship</i>	\$2,000(x2)		
Indiana University – <i>Provost's Scholarship</i>	\$1,000(x2)	Benjamin & Anna Bosse Scholarship	\$6,250
Indiana University – <i>Provost's Scholarship</i>	\$4,000(x4)	Edward E. Meyer Scholarship	\$2,750(x2)
Indiana University – <i>Provost's Scholarship</i>	\$5,000(x3)	Public Education Foundation Scholarship	\$500
Indiana University – <i>Provost's Scholarship</i>	\$7,000	Ted Kuhlenschmidt Memorial Scholarship	\$1500
Indiana University – <i>Shreve Scholarship</i>	\$1,250	Laurel Szorcik Heart of Signature Scholarship	\$1500
Indiana University – <i>Wells Scholars Program Scholarship</i>	\$28,670	Major General Eric Schwenker Scholarship	\$1500
Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis – <i>Jaguar Excellence Scholarship</i>	\$1,000		
Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis – <i>Jaguar Excellence Scholarship</i>	\$2,000		
Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis – <i>Jaguar Excellence Scholarship</i>	\$2,500		
Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis – <i>Provost Scholarship</i>	\$2,000		
Loyola University Chicago – <i>Loyola Scholarship</i>	\$23,500		
Morehead State University – <i>Eagle Leader Scholarship</i>	\$10,000		
Morehead State University – <i>Residence Hall Leader Scholarship</i>	\$4,800		
Purdue University – <i>Emerging Leader Scholarship</i>	\$10,000		
Purdue University – <i>Lily Scholars at Purdue Scholarship</i>	\$28,794		
Purdue University – <i>Presidential Scholarship</i>	\$2,000		
Purdue University – <i>Presidential Scholarship</i>	\$4,000 (x3)		
Purdue University – <i>School of Engineering Scholarship</i>	\$2,500		
Purdue University – <i>Trustee Scholarship</i>	\$10,000		
Saint Louis University – <i>Vice Presidential Scholarship</i>	\$25,000		
United States Air Force Academy – <i>Merit Award</i>	\$104,000 (x2)		
University of Alabama – <i>Automatic Diversity Scholarship</i>	\$34,785		
University of Alabama – <i>Presidential Diversity Scholarship</i>	\$34,460		
University of Alabama – <i>Presidential National Housing Scholarship</i>	\$9,300		
University of Alabama – <i>Provost Academic Excellence Scholarship</i>	\$1,000		
University of Colorado Boulder – <i>Boulder Chancellor's Achievement Scholarship</i>	\$6,250		
University of Evansville – <i>Dean's Scholarship</i>	\$27,000		
University of Evansville – <i>Essay Scholarship</i>	\$1,000		
University of Evansville – <i>International Baccalaureate Diploma Scholarship</i>	\$1,500		
University of Evansville – <i>Ridgway Scholarship</i>	\$1,500		
University of Louisville – <i>Trustee's Scholarship</i>	\$7,000		

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Benjamin & Anna Bosse Scholarship	\$6,250
Edward E. Meyer Scholarship	\$2,750(x2)
Public Education Foundation Scholarship	\$500
Ted Kuhlenschmidt Memorial Scholarship	\$1500
Laurel Szorcik Heart of Signature Scholarship	\$1500
Major General Eric Schwenker Scholarship	\$1500

Signature School Outstanding Senior Award - Wesley Blalock was selected by the Signature teachers to receive the Outstanding Senior Award. This is awarded to a student who has excelled academically, demonstrated leadership, performed community service, and is respected by teachers and peers.

Signature Spirit Award - Naina Muvva was selected by the Signature teachers to receive the Signature Spirit Award. This is awarded to a student who best represents the ideals of the "Signature Way."

Valedictorian - Kerry Ao, Wesley Blalock, Katharine Carver, Savannah Hoar, Aiza Khan, Cael McCullum, Naina Muvva, Elijah Rosen, Alexander Watson, Tessa Williams

Salutatorian - Emily Brady, Grace Chaumell, Abigail Greenwell, Sophia Hoar, Mary King, Kaden Leverenz, Kori Leverenz, Abigail Maserejian, Omeed Mehrzad, Justin O'Connor, Rebecca Stamm, Amalee Strupp, Aidan Vonderahe

GRADUATE PROFILE

Total Grant & Scholarship Dollars Offered (2023)	\$21.2 million
Total number of Signature seniors	87
Class of 2023 graduation rate	100%
Four-year on-time high school completion rate	100%
Academic Honors Diplomas	85 (98%)
Core 40 Diplomas	2 (2%)
AP Capstone Diplomas	28 (35%)

STUDENT RECOGNITION

NATIONAL

AP Scholars: 240 Signature students earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement (AP) Exams.

AP Scholar with Distinction (106): Maram Alashi, Jude Allaw, Mbene Amar, Claire Arisa, Claire Baba, Erika Barr, Nicole Bautista, Gabrielle Bennett, Wesley Blalock, Joseph Boren, Paris Borgman, Emily Brady, Brock Butler, Zhixin Cai, Katharine Carver, Pranav Chandar, Grace Chaumell, Kaitlyn Chaumell, David Clutter, Cooper Croslyn, Claire Deardorff, Lilee Denney, Alexander DeVries, Alexandra Donea, Tuula Dowell, Carissa Downs, Toby Durosinni-Etti, Andrew Estes, Isaac Fankhouser, Jade Fei, Ryan Feller, Priya Gaddam, Amishi Gandhi, James Gaw, Addison Greaney, Abigail Greenwell, Lindsey Gunderloy, Caroline Hannah, Chace Harmes, Caleb Hasenour, Ethan Hilton, Savannah Hoar, Sophia Hoar, Jonathan Hruaia, Amelie Hubbard, Aika Jackson, Bradley Kehler, Sofia Keppler, Aiza Khan, Mary King, Aparna Kudiyirikkal Anil, Eliza Kumapley, Rahini Kumber, Kaden Leverenz, Jeremy Li, Sophia Lin, Grace Lubbers, Maya Luna, Calum MacLeod, Charitha Mandha, Elena Maria, Katharine Marino, Abigail Maserejian, Camille Mason, Trent Matzen, Archit Maurya, Cael McCullum, Leila Mehrzad, Omeed Mehrzad, Bianca Mijares, Abigail Mullins, Naina Muvva, Clara Myers, Ahmed Nassr, Natalie Nenneker, William Nurrenbern, Justin O'Connor, Ava Olomajeye, Aved Paroyan, Himanshu Patel, Mann Patel, David Quinonez, Elijah Rosen, Lyla Sagez, Blake Sanders, Sarah Lynn Sanford, Christian Schoenike, Tolen Schreid, Jack Schulte, Christian Slade, Paige Spaulding, Rebecca Stamm, Caleb Stinson, Amalee Strupp, Sarah Tapal, Tanay Thakore, John Vogel, Alexander Watson, Sophia Wilderman, Tessa Williams, Brianna Wink, Jonah Wu, Andrew Xu, Sreya Yelamanchili, Costas Yerolemou, Kai Zou.

AP Scholar with Honor (27): Sophia Brooks, Katrina Catalan, Andrew Chandler, Hannah Conner, Allie Cook, Noah Deeg, Mackinzee Denney, Annaliese Durham, Noah Felt, Michael Greif, Truman Harper, Sophia Meier, Maribel Moore, Divya Narra, Prem Patel, Anelysta Pudleiner, Samuel Razor, Griffin Reutter, Gabriel Rivas, Kahra Schmitt, Lily Sigler, Shambel Stein, Ella Teuscher, Soren Troffkin, Paul Wallace, Muhammad Waseem, Maxwell Wolfe.

AP Scholar (106): Hana Adeel, Attisa Adiki, Nizam Alashi, Alex Albin, Robert Allen, Hamdi Altowaireb, Margie Amador, Meredith Aydelotte, Jayden-Jamal Baiden-Amisshah, Arianna Ballard, Madelyn Beck, Xavier Berry, Nicholas Braeman, Arthur Buck, Rio Burk, Cassandra Conder, Dayanna Cruz-Amador, Riley Davis, Olivia Day, Tasline Diab, Lillian Ellis, Alex Englert, Ailyn Estrella, Brianna Floyd, Campbell Glaser, Juliana Greaney, William Greif, Alivia Hall-Aye, Omar Hamami, Elijah Hardesty, Penelope Harper, Ethan Hogg, Shani Hui, Bea Inserto, Hassan Iqbal, Margot Jackson, Tyoshi Jackson, Raneem Karim, Charli Keith, Hashim Khan, Katherine Klitzing, Kaylee Kramer, Vania Lau, Julian

Laura, Ashritha Lavu, Brian Lee, Kori Leverenz, Lauren Litherland, Roger Lu, Noura Mahmoud, Anneliese McCullum, Holden McNeal, Maura McPhearson, Charlotte Mendigorin, Tasneem Mohammed, Joseph Motz, Vince Murrell, Carson Newton, Yadira Onate-Ayala, Raegen Orange, Mahala Paine, Anika Paranjape, Gavin Parker, Zachary Parker, Prachi Patel, Robert Pierce, Eden Poag, Sydney Pope, Avery Renshaw, Sophie Rodionova, William Rogers, Arianna Rountree, Emma Sallee, Gabriel Salyers, Jeffrey Sandefur, Madison Schmitz, Kesang Sherpa, David Sidro Ruiz, Breanna Sisson, Chad Smith, Connor Strawn, Andrew Strezewski, Tijani Sylla, Aleria Taylor, Norah Taylor, Lynne Thissen, Emma Thompson, Matthew Titzer, Suprita Vavilala, Sanjana Veeraraghavan, Isabelle Vickers, Victor Villasana-Alvarado, Alexandra Vlas, Natalie Vo, William Vraney, Vivian Vu, Amber Walker, Aja Warren, Leah Webb, Riley Weber, Caden Weinzapfel, Holly Wilkerson, Carston Winiger, Lyla Wischer, Jonica Wooton, Alexandra Yates.

AL International Diploma (1): Savannah Hoar.

AP Capstone Diploma (50, a 72% increase over 2022): Jude Allaw, Margie Amador, Gabrielle Bennett, Paris Borgman, Sophia Brooks, Brock Butler, Olivia Day, Alexandra Donea, Toby Durosinni-Etti, Ailyn Estrella, Amishi Gandhi, Campbell Glaser, Juliana Greaney, Michael Greif, Caroline Hannah, Truman Harper, Ethan Hilton, Jonathan Hruaia, Shani Hui, Bea Inserto, Kaylee Kramer, Aparna Kudiyirikkal Anil, Jeremy Li, Calum MacLeod, Elena Maria, Katharine Marino, Archit Maurya, Bianca Mijares, Tasneem Mohammed, Joseph Motz, Clara Myers, Natalie Nenneker, Ava Olomajeye, Yadira Onate-Ayala, Raegen Orange, Mann Patel, Jeffrey Sandefur, Blake Sanders, Tolen Schreid, Lily Sigler, Sarah Tapal, Lynne Thissen, Sanjana Veeraraghavan, Alexandra Vlas, Paul Wallace, Muhammad Waseem, Brianna Wink, Maxwell Wolfe, Jonah Wu, Sreya Yelamanchili.

AP Seminar and Research Certificate (4): Cassandra Conder, Penelope Harper, Sydney Pope, Natalie Vo.

National Merit Scholarship Foundation, Class of 2023: Seven students qualified as National Merit Finalists: Wesley Blalock, Abigail Greenwell, Mary King, Cael McCullum, Naina Muvva, Elijah Rosen, Rebecca Stamm.

US Senate Youth Program (USSYP): Kerry Ao was chosen as one of two delegates in the state to represent Indiana in the USSYP. This national program was established to recognize outstanding high school students interested in pursuing a career in public service.

Eighth Congressional District Art Show Competition: Senior Kori Leverenz won first place in the contest and will have her art displayed at the U.S. Capitol.

STATE

Indiana Academic All-Stars: Cael McCullum was named an Indiana Academic All-Star by the Indiana Association of School Principals.

Scholastic Chess of Indiana Finals: The Signature School Chess Team of Parth Patel, Neel Patel, Suyash Bhagwat and Brian Lee placed third in the state.

Indiana Mock Trial: Aika Jackson was recognized as one of the Top Ten Mock Trial Witnesses in the state.

Indiana's Started Up Foundation: Kerry Ao was selected to represent Indiana's Started Up Foundation's Alumni Association.

Tech Point Mira Award: Kerry Ao won the Mira Award for Student Entrepreneur of the Year.

LOCAL

Innovate WithIN: Signature School's Business Club students won the regional Innovate WithIN competition. Sophomores Claire Deardorff, Jennifer Vazquez, and juniors Ethan Hilton, Jude Allaw, and Mann Patel were selected to represent southern Indiana in Washington, D.C.

Changemaker Challenge: Junior Sophie Rodionova won second place at the University of Evansville's Changemaker Challenge.



Seniors Cooper Croslyn, Kerry Ao, and Naina Muvva are interviewed about the financial literacy program they developed, Intertwined, as part of the UE Changemaker Challenge.

FACULTY RECOGNITION

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Isaac Cooper
Music Theory
Online

Aaron Ethridge
World Modern
Online

Ross Halvorsen
Capstone Research
Chicago, Illinois

Alex Janusek
English Literature and Composition
Experienced
Bowling Green, Kentucky

Ned Mitchell
Macroeconomics and
Microeconomics
Atlanta, Georgia

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

Nicholas Bullington
Physics Subject Specific Seminar
Chicago, Illinois

Isaac Cooper
Music Category I and DP Music
Assessments
Online

Ross Halvorsen
German B Category II
Online

Tracey Hayden
Biology 2025 Assessment
Chicago, Illinois

Alex Janusek
English A: Exploring Literature in
Translation Category III
Online

EDUCATION

Cynthia Ahmed took part in the Education for Environmental Change Summer Science Institute at Indiana University, Bloomington.

Erin Atkinson attended the online professional development session entitled “Preparing, Designing, and Facilitating e-Learning in K-12,” created by Purdue University’s College of Education.

Cameron Chrockrem and **Kristen Cirino** attended the Indiana Student Financial Aid Association (IFSAA) Counselor Workshop at the University of Evansville.

Lily Durcholz attended the Indiana Philanthropy Leads conference in Indianapolis and took part in the Lilly School of Philanthropy “Developing Major Gifts” course.

Karla Razor took IDOE courses “Supporting ELLs” and “Out of School Time for English Learners.” She also attended sessions entitled “Mesa Redonda: La alegría y creatividad en el aula de Español” and “Effective Literacy Instruction for Multilingual Learners: What it is and What it Looks Like.”

Karla Razor led a training session entitled “Structured Immersion: Self-reflection on Effective Instruction” for all Signature faculty and staff.

SCHOOL SAFETY

Jean Hitchcock, Shannon Hughes, José Mota, and Joe Nelson I Love You Guys Safety Training
Evansville, Indiana

Joe Nelson
Indiana School Safety Specialist
Advanced Training
Indianapolis, Indiana

ADVANCED PLACEMENT READERS AND LEADERS

Cynthia Ahmed
Advanced Placement Reader,
Environmental Science
Online

Aaron Ethridge
Advanced Placement Reader, US
History
Online

Joe Nelson
Advanced Placement Early Table
Leader, US History
Online

Donovan Robinson
Advanced Placement Reader,
European History
Online

FACULTY HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

Cynthia Ahmed was selected to join the Global Deliberations Collaborative project at Indiana University’s Global Center.

Nicholas Bullington was named a Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Fellow.

Kyle Darnell was named an On-Ramp Creative Entrepreneur Fellow by the Indiana Arts Commission.

Tracey Hayden was recognized in the 2023 Academic All Stars by the Indiana Association of School Principals.

Ned Mitchell and **Isaiah Seibert** were selected to be instructors for the 2023 Indiana University Honors Program in Foreign Language (IUHPFL) summer immersion program in France.

José Mota was selected as a 2023 Indiana Innovation Education Fellow and participated in the 2023 STARTedUP Italy Immersion Trip.

Dr. Jacob Sunderlin’s book *This We in the Back of the House*, published in October, 2022, won the Saturnalia Editors Prize. Dr. Sunderlin attended the Association of Writers and Writing Programs conference in Seattle and read aloud for the press. He did readings at independent bookstores in Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Lafayette, and Evansville, with poets Matt Hart, Michael Robins, Marianne Boruch, and with the Damon Smith Jazz Trio.

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Lorena Boyle and **Karla Razor** led a panel entitled “Engaging Students in the Target Culture” at the University of Southern Indiana’s World Languages and Culture Teaching Journey event.

Nicholas Bullington served on the American Regions Mathematics League’s (ARML’s) Executive Board and served as Midwestern Site Coordinator at the group’s June 2023 competition at the University of Iowa.

Tracey Hayden worked with the Indiana Department of Education in evaluating the 2024 Biology I-Learn test.

Jean Hitchcock took part in the Indiana Charter School Network’s Legislative Preview and Legislative Wrap-up sessions. She also travelled to Indianapolis to take part in the Indiana Association of School Board Members’ school law seminar.

José Mota attended the PBIS Leadership Forum.

SCHOOL RECOGNITION

NATIONAL

Signature School #2 Nationwide, #1 Charter in Country, #1 in Indiana Ranked by *US News & World Report*

The U.S. News & World Report Best High Schools rankings include data on nearly 25,000 public high schools in 50 states and the District of Columbia. Nearly 18,000 schools were ranked.

Signature School #1 Nationwide, by *The Jay Mathews Challenge Index*

Since 1998, The Post's Jay Mathews has ranked Washington-area public high schools using the Challenge Index, his measure of how effectively a school prepares its students for college. In 2011, The Post expanded its research to high schools across the United States. The formula for the rankings is: Divide the number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate or other college-level tests a school gave in a given academic year by the number of graduating seniors. Equity & Excellence (E & E) is the percent of all seniors who had at least one passing grade on an AP or IB exam. Signature's E & E was 100%.

Signature School was highlighted in Mr. Mathews' book, *An Optimist's Guide to American Public Education*, published in January 2021.

STATE

First in Indiana for access to and success in Advanced Placement courses and exams

Signature School has been first in the state among high schools whose graduating class cohort earned a score of at least three or higher on at least one AP exam during the high school years: 2010 – 75.5%, 2011 – 88%, 2012 – 90%, 2013 – 95%, 2014 – 92%, 2015 – 97%, 2016 – 97.2%, 2017– 93%, 2018 – 89.1%, 2019 - 97.4%, 2020 - 98.9%, 2021 – 98%, and 2022 – 95%.

Four Star Award

The Four Star Award is a prestigious award which recognizes Signature School for having demonstrated Adequate Yearly Progress (under No Child Left Behind), having performed in the top 25% of all schools in the state in four areas: attendance rate, language arts proficiency score, mathematics proficiency score and percentage of students meeting state standards in both English/language arts and mathematics. Signature received this distinction in the state's most recent Four Star School report for 2017–2018.

A-F Accountability, Signature Receives an "A"

The State Board of Education methodology for determining school and corporation category designations (A-F grades) is based on student performance. Signature School received an "A" in the most recent state reporting.



The Signature Soirée hosted nearly 200 guests to celebrate Signature's 20th Anniversary.

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023 (all numbers in 1,000s)

Category	Frequency	Revenues	Expenses
State Basic Tuition Support	Annual	\$2,874	\$2,874
Charter School Grant	Annual	\$491	\$491
Student Fees & Textbook Rentals	Annual	\$219	\$207
State Grants	Annual	\$64	\$64
Federal Grants	Annual	\$6	\$6
Donations from Signature School Foundation	As Required	\$118	\$118
Temporary Loan from Signature School Foundation	As Required		\$58
Donations from Parents & Unrelated Parties	As Required	\$75	\$75
Federal COVID Grants	One Time	\$53	\$45
All Other	Varies	\$18	\$18
Total		\$3,918	\$3,956

Subtotals by Frequency	Frequency	Revenues	Expenses
Annual	Annual	\$3,654	\$3,642
As Required	As Required	\$193	\$251
One Time	One Time	\$53	\$45
Varies	Varies	\$18	\$18
Total		\$3,918	\$3,956

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HISTORY

Launched as a half-day program, Signature School became Indiana's first charter high school in 2002 through the support and direction of the Signature Learning Center, which later became the Signature School Foundation, Inc. In December 2001, Principal Vicki Snyder and a group of teachers submitted a charter to the Evansville Vanderburgh School Board of Trustees (EVSC) seeking conversion status. On February 25, 2002, the EVSC approved the charter and this full-time program began to "put itself on the map."

Signature's proximity to the Evansville Civic Center, financial and business institutions, museums, libraries and other community organizations enhances educational opportunities for students. Over the years, the school has become an increasingly integral part of the downtown community.

In 2015, Signature joined the Southwest Indiana Regional Cities team, a group later awarded a total \$42 million grant by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. The official announcement of this downtown and regional expansion took place in April of 2016 in the Signature School Commons by then Governor Mike Pence with Evansville Mayor Lloyd Winnecke, Signature School Board Chairman Robert L. Koch II, Executive Director Jean Hitchcock (named head of school in 2012), legislators, community members, and Signature faculty, staff, and students taking part.

Signature School was the first Regional Cities team member to complete a project with the opening of a new biology laboratory on the second floor of the Robert L. Koch II Science Center, the site of the original announcement, in August 2016. In January 2019, the

construction crew broke ground on the site of the former faculty parking lot to begin work on further expansion of school facilities. The remaining portion of Signature's \$2.5 million from the Regional Cities funding was used to complete this project, allowing the school to accommodate a growing student body. On January 6, 2020, the dedication ceremony for the Robert L. Koch II Center for the Arts and Sciences took place. Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch, Mayor Lloyd Winnecke, Board President Bob Koch, and Executive Director Jean Hitchcock spoke at the grand opening ceremony, and Signature faculty, students, alumni, board members, and community supporters joined in the celebration. Classes began at the Koch Center the following day.

An open-admission public high school, Signature School provides choice to students and parents in Evansville and Southwestern Indiana. Signature School's curriculum is internationally based with emphasis on fine and performing arts, science, technology, mathematics, and the liberal arts. All Signature courses are designed to comply with the Indiana Academic Standards for the appropriate grade level and discipline. External assessment is provided to all students through the Advanced Placement (AP) program and the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme, implemented in 2006. Attentive to the demands of the community for a secondary education option putting academics first, Signature continues to revise and improve its curriculum, instituting both the AP Capstone Diploma Program in 2017 and, effective with the Class of 2019, the expectation that all students would be IB Diploma candidates. Signature continues to be ranked as the #1 high school in the Midwest and a top high school in the United States.



DEVELOPMENT REPORT

As a public charter high school, Signature School receives less funding than traditional public schools in Indiana. Specifically, charter schools receive less funding for capital improvements and technology. In addition, Signature School does not receive any of the monies generated locally by property taxes. Signature School addresses this funding gap through a variety of fundraising efforts. In 2022-2023, fundraising efforts included the annual Parent Campaign, applying for grants, seeking gifts from corporate and individual donors, and the Building on Success Campaign.

WITH APPRECIATION:

Twenty years of educational transformation in the lives of Signature students is a testament to the hard work of students, faculty, and staff, as well as the generous support of numerous donors, including parents and the Signature School Foundation. Because of the ongoing support, Signature School continues to provide an exceptional education to students who reside in Indiana and is ranked among the best high schools in the country. This success would not be possible without the generous support from our community.

Sincerely,

Lily Durcholz

Development Director

SIGNATURE FUNDRAISING:

PARENT CAMPAIGN

Parents have always played a vital role in the success of Signature School. They provide countless hours of volunteering with school events, projects, and fundraisers. Through the annual Parent Campaign, Signature parents donate money to provide the school with classroom resources and materials and to help with any technology needs.

The 2022-2023 Parent Campaign raised a total of \$115,431.13.

GRANTS/REQUESTS

The Bower-Suhrheinrich Foundation – The Bower-Suhrheinrich Foundation grant monies are targeted to assist Signature School in general operational support costs.

James R. and Adelaide H. Duncan Foundation – The James and Adelaide H. Duncan Foundation grant monies are targeted to assist Signature School in general operational support costs.

SIGNATURE SCHOOL FOUNDATION

The Signature School Foundation has provided unwavering support for Signature School since its opening in August 2002. The Foundation is made up of business and community leaders and is a reflection of the successful partnership between education and business. The Signature School Foundation members make pledges/gifts to the school and assist in seeking gifts from corporate and individual donors.

DONORS TO THE BUILDING ON SUCCESS CAMPAIGN

In January 2020, Signature School Foundation initiated an effort to secure larger annual gifts to the school. This new initiative is called Building on Success Campaign. Gifts and pledges to the Building on Success Campaign for the 2022-2023 year totaled \$94,175.

Individual Donors: Dave & Teri Albin, Randy & Cheryl Alsman, Josh Armstrong, Steven G. & Carol Becker, Don Carrell, Kristina & John Dalton, Femi & Enida Durosinni-Etti, Richard & Rita Eykamp, Rick & Michele Geissinger, Jon & Martha Goldman, Mike Holmes & Allison Melton, Patrick & Patricia Jackson, Eric King & Natalie Koch, Bob & Cindy Koch, Pat Koch, Allison Mooney & Mark Krahling, James & Mary Kay Muehlbauer, Susan & Bob Parsons, Darrell, Sherry, Chris, Cooper, & Connor Pratt, Denny & Cassie Quinn, Ron & Connie Romain, Mike & Shelby Roscoe, John C. & Diane Schroeder, Matthew & Caitlin Schultheis, Jennifer Slade, David Wagner, John Whinrey, Linda E. White

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SIGNATURE SOIRÉE: 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Signature Soirée joined alumni, parents, friends, and community members together to celebrate 20 years since the graduation of the first full-time class at Signature. The event featured student performances, a video history of the school, and the unveiling of Signature's crest. We would like to sincerely thank the following sponsors for making this event possible.

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The mission of the Signature School is to meet the needs of self-motivated learners in a progressive environment driven by global concerns. We emphasize rigor and excellence in academics, the arts, integrated technologies and community service.