

Concordia



starts with...

Our Mission

a Vibrant Community

an Authentic Experience

a Unique Balance

life success



Our Mission

At Concordia, we view every student as a gift from God, entrusted to us by parents and are committed in Christian stewardship to educate students holistically in a nurturing environment that includes comprehensive and challenging opportunities in academics, creative arts, spirituality, athletics, co-curricular activities, and service.

We partner with students and parents in a learning community that facilitates holistic education with high expectations. By giving more than taking, being kind and loving, and practicing forgiveness and peace, our community enables servant leaders. Celebrating our spiritual lives together and valuing everyone as equal, we respect and care for all people, making the best decisions for the individual in the context of community.





Community
Shared Values
Holistic
Academic
Pioneering
Passionate

Concordia empowers students through a comprehensive and rigorous education. Our vibrant community founded on shared values creates the ideal foundation for the entire family's success.



a Vibrant Community

30+
nationalities

33%+
students & teachers
live within walking
distance to school

150+
restaurants within
5 km of school

300+
bikes and scooters
on campus daily

960+
families

20+
years of service

50%+
students with
U.S. passports

1300+
average enrollment

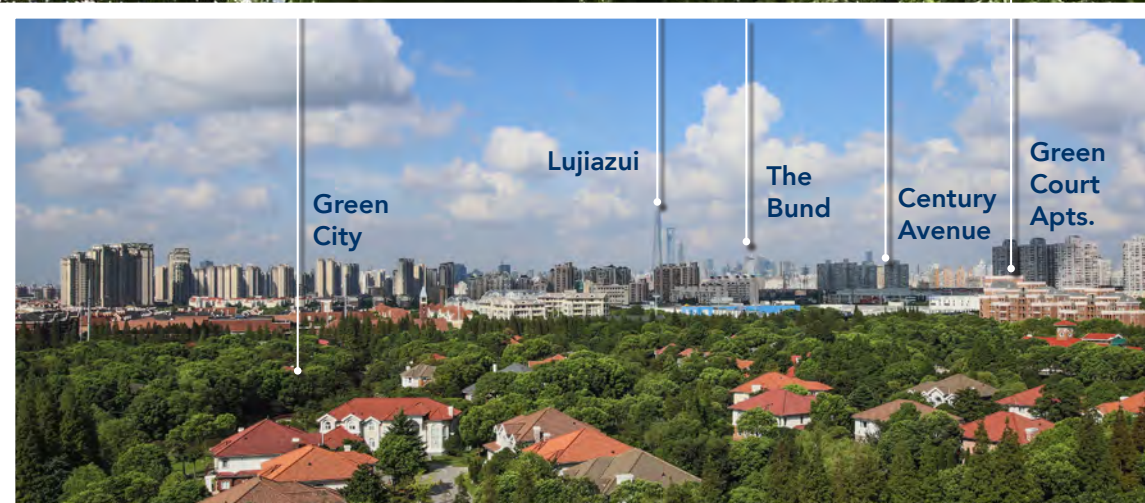
20+
neighborhood
family support
services



Concordia Campus - community on the go...

Concordia is centrally located in Jinqiao, one of Shanghai's largest international districts. Families gather for meals in neighboring homes and at many of the local restaurants that offer local and international cuisine. Living and going to school in Jinqiao offers many of the amenities to which our community members are accustomed, and before long it begins to feel like home away from home.

Parents and students enjoy the ease of walking or biking to school. Bus transportation is a convenient source of travel for our families in Century Park, Lujiazui, and Puxi.



Walking home for a snack before getting started on homework

Heading to strings rehearsal before tonight's concert

Joining a group of parents at the community center for a Chinese cooking class

Meeting friends at Starbucks for a study session before dinner

Heading to the supermarket to pick up supplies for a creative class project

Biking to a friends house for a playdate

Students

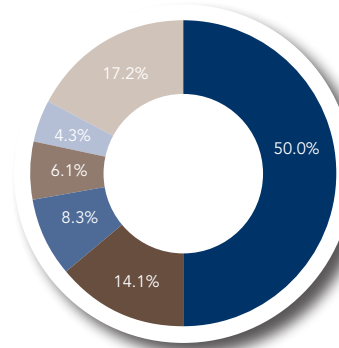
“Concordia students are some of the most dedicated and passionate students I’ve had the pleasure of teaching.”

–High School teacher



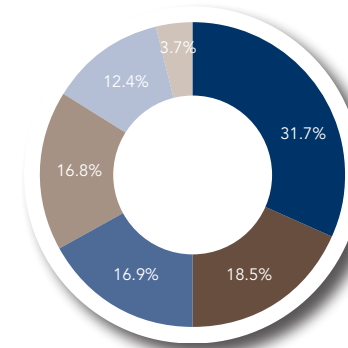
Concordia students are as diverse as they are many. All students are invited to invest their own unique gifts and talents into the community and share in the blessings that result from learning and growing with their classmates who come from all corners of the earth. Through this process of discovering and settling in their place among the many, students learn more about their own strengths and values as well as the importance of peaceful and respectful cross-cultural collaboration.

STUDENT PASSPORTS



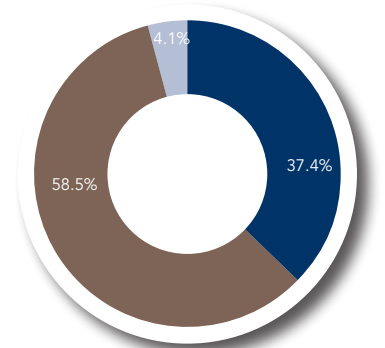
- United States
- Hong Kong (China)
- Korea
- Canada
- Taiwan (China)
- Other

STUDENT NEIGHBORHOODS



- Jinqiao
- Century Park Area
- Pudong Other
- Puxi
- Lujiazui
- Other

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATIONS



- Christianity
- None Specified
- Other



Faculty

"I love that I have the ability to be the best teacher I can be because I feel completely supported."

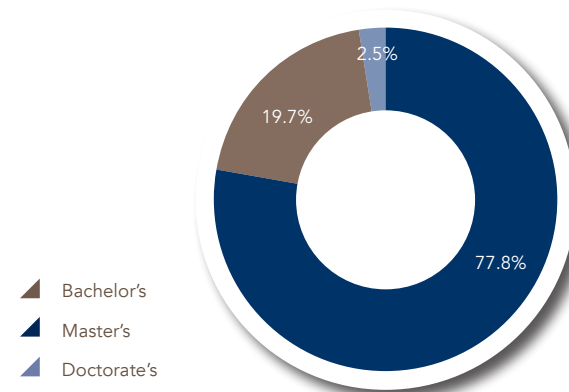
-Elementary School teacher



Concordia teaching faculty are qualified and experienced whether teaching students or one another. Concordia intentionally recruits teachers who are spiritually centered, who are passionate about teaching, and who possess in-depth knowledge of their subject matter. Our teachers are recognized for actively engaging students in learning, setting high standards, understanding students' needs, promoting sensitivity to other cultures, and beliefs, and contributing to co-curricular activities.

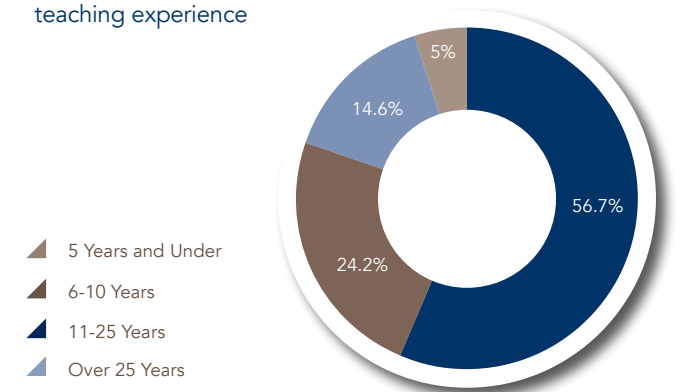
80%

Percentage of teaching faculty hold Master's or Doctorate's



70%

Percentage of Concordia teachers with over 10 years teaching experience





Parents

"It is here at school that I've filled my days, met people, and created a comfort zone for my children."

—Parent of two Concordia students



12

PSO Committees

15+

School/Parent Coffee Events

23+

Number of PSO events during the year

During most school days, parents will be on campus to help in the classroom, attend a cooking class, participate in a parent advisory group, sell Phoenix spirit wear, pop popcorn, lend their expertise to a Parent Support Organization (PSO) committee or attend a cultural or school-related event. Many parents come to the campus for themselves as much or more than they do for their students. This collaboration between the school and parents is essential to the success of the whole community.

Bring your talents to one of many committees:

New Parent Welcome Coffee
Back-to-School Bash
International Festival
Christmas Bazaar
Treat Sales
Phoenix Boosters

Explorers Club
Used Uniform Sales
Used Book Sales
Staff Appreciation
Language Ambassadors
Scholastic Book Orders





an Authentic Experience

40+
MS Inspirations

50+
Concordia Presents
speaker events
since 2009

100%
of kids participate in
service projects

25+
educational trips

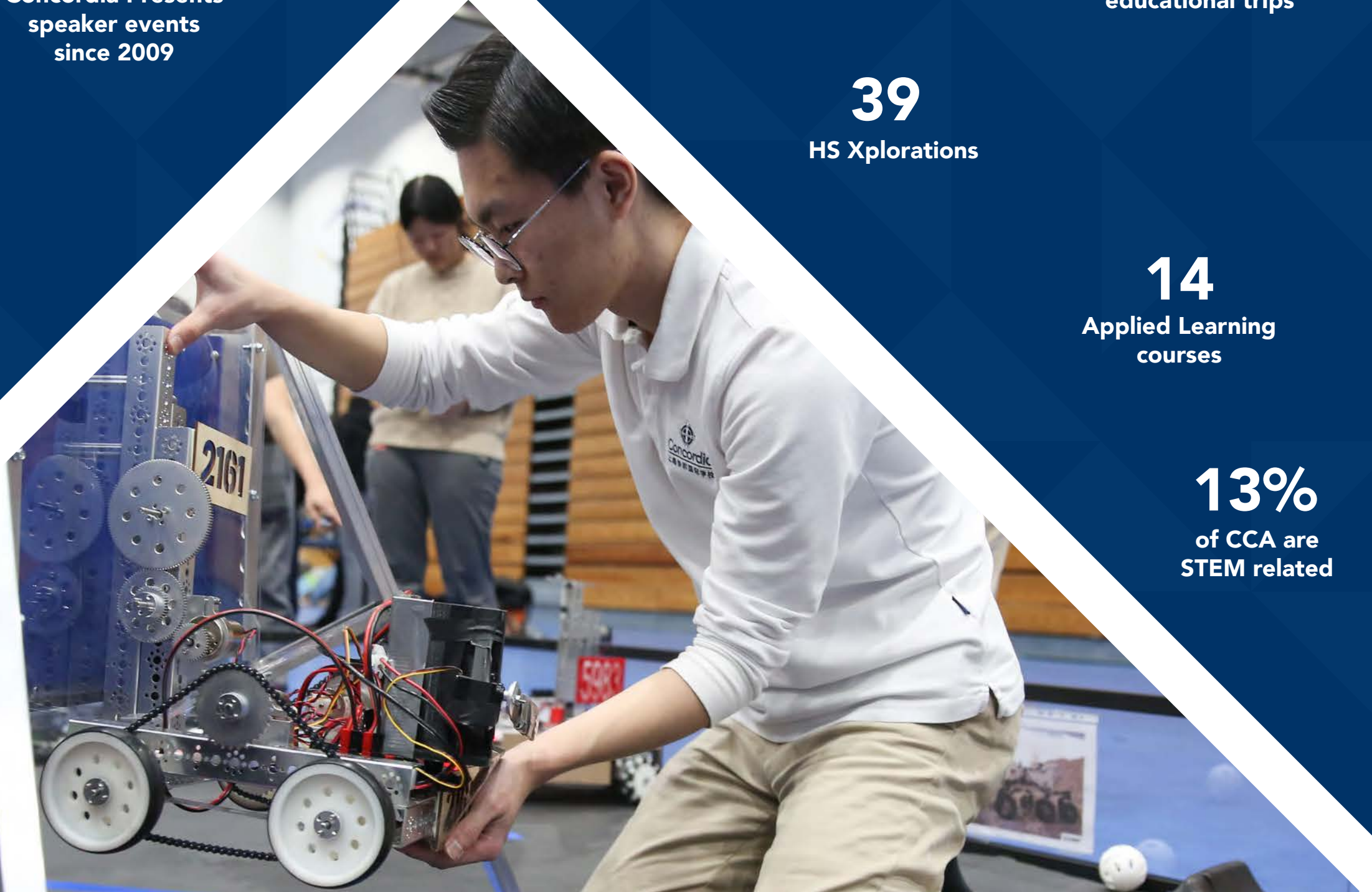
80+
total internships
for Juniors

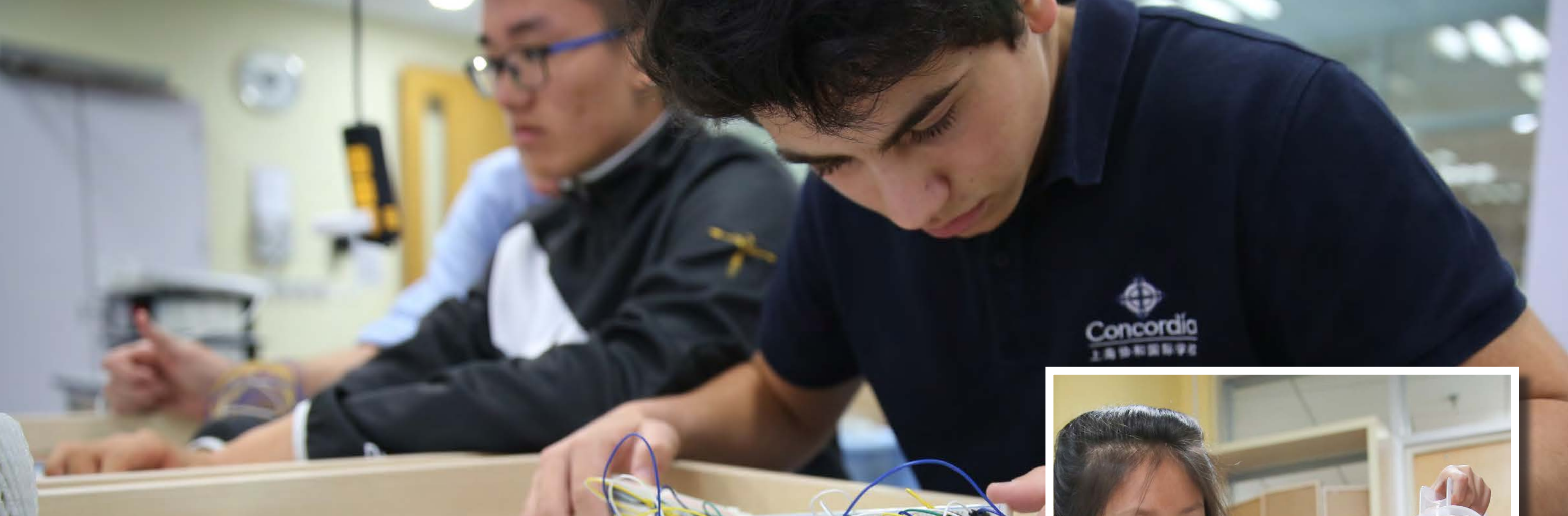
39
HS Xplorations

14
Applied Learning
courses

10
acre campus

13%
of CCA are
STEM related





Applied Learning – education through experience...

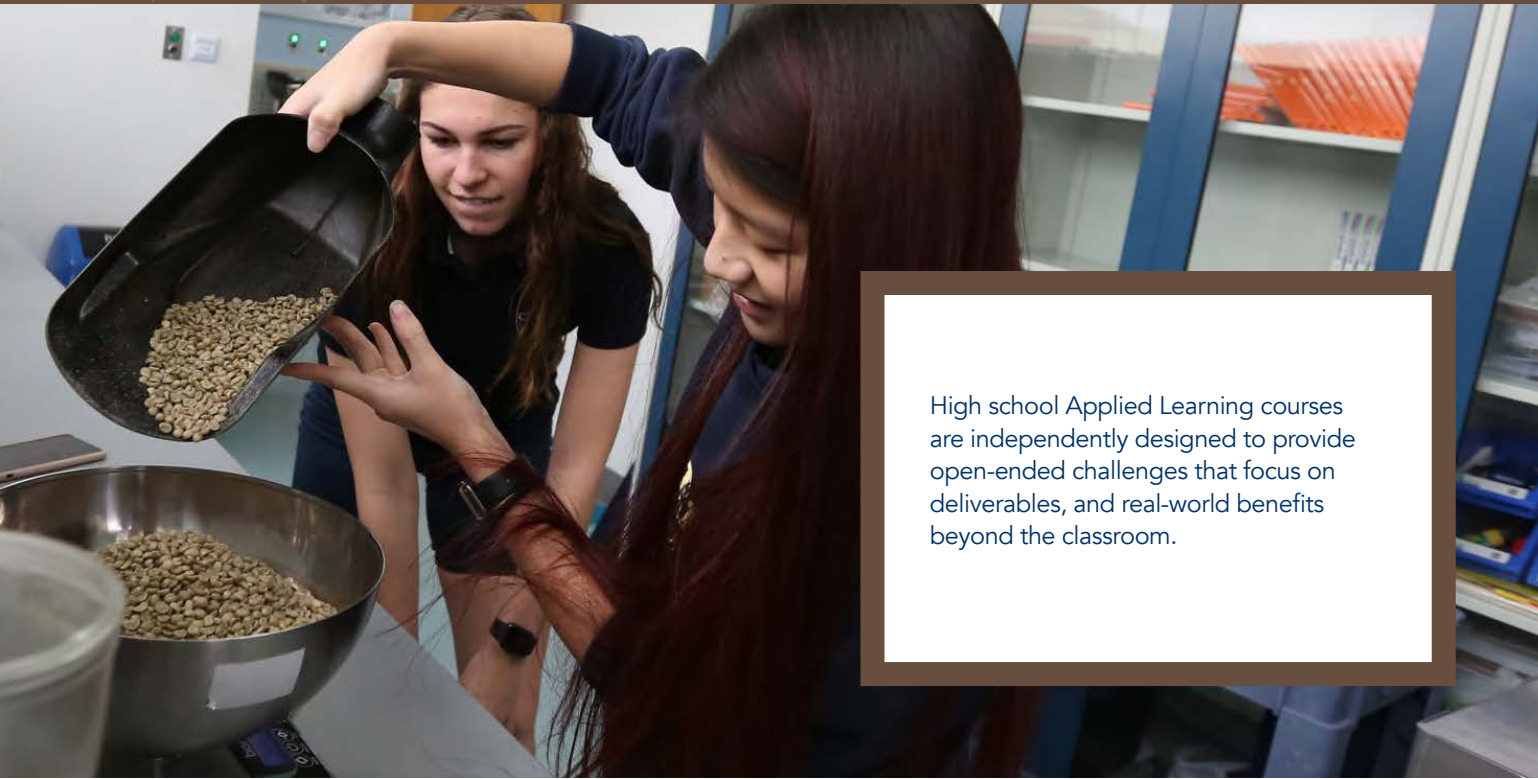
Our approach to education centers around providing students relevant, authentic experiences through which they can pursue areas of passion and explore new interests. In applied learning courses and activities throughout the grade levels, students are applying critical thinking skills, creative problem solving, and knowledge integration across disciplines. Applied learning is inherent in virtually all areas of the curriculum, from science to visual arts.

Educational travel and field trips take learning outside of the classroom, and provide valuable opportunities for students to make connections between knowledge, theory and real-world application, leading to greater relevance and deeper understanding of their academic subjects and the role they play in affecting industry and society.





Throughout high school, grades 9 to 12, our focus is on providing life experience through a tailored curriculum that lets students focus on their passions and further develop their academic personalities. Whether students are drawn to the sciences or the humanities, mathematics or the arts, they find opportunities to flourish within the high school program. In addition to a number of Advanced Placement (AP) options across disciplines, the high school offers college-level Applied Learning courses that provide authentic opportunities to deepen understanding while allowing students to personalize their learning.



High school Applied Learning courses are independently designed to provide open-ended challenges that focus on deliverables, and real-world benefits beyond the classroom.



For a week each fall, students head to destinations across China on an adventure, service or cultural excursion that impacts both students and the local communities.

learning by doing

building, researching, analyzing, cultivating

Big Data Analytics	Social Entrepreneurship	Human Anatomy and Physiology
Epidemiology	Independent Lab Research	Global Development & Public Health
Applied Art & Design	Aerospace Engineering	Multivariable Calculus & Linear Algebra

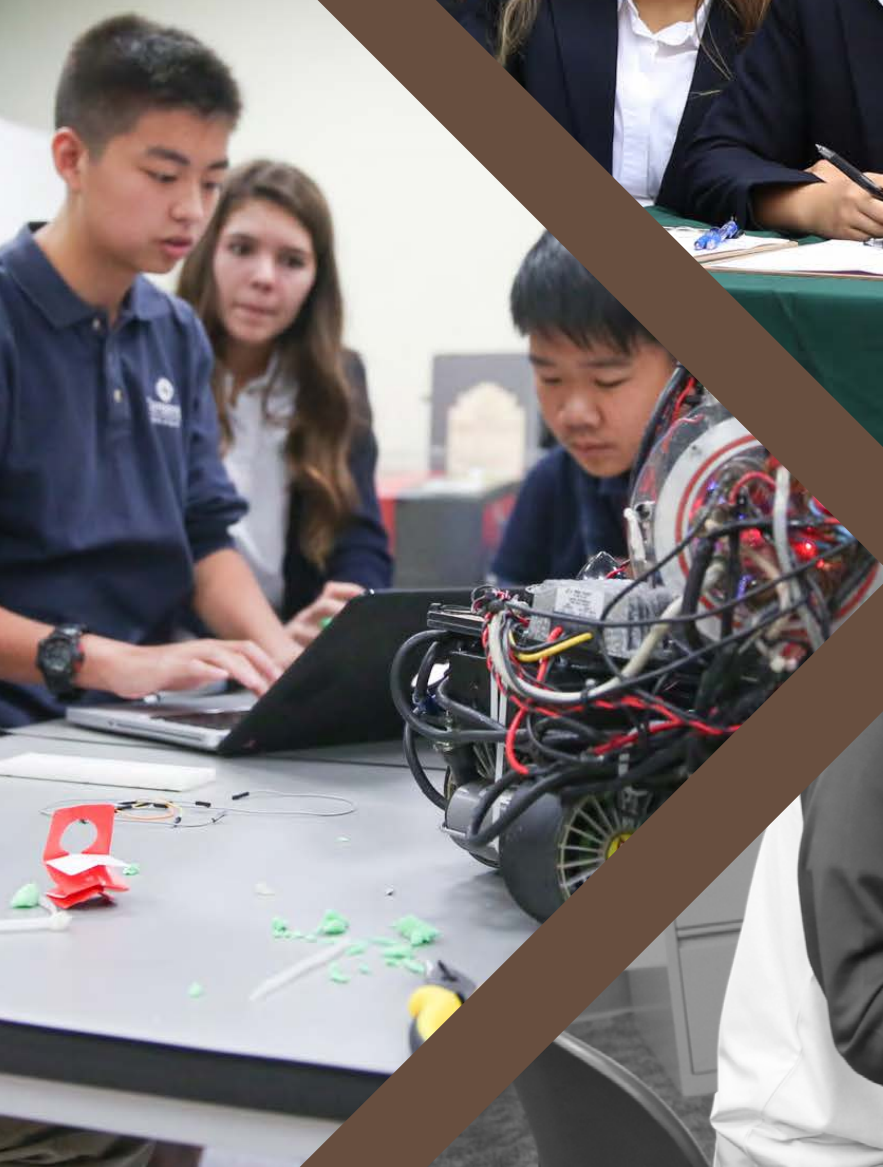
High School Educational Travels

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| 1. YEP Service & Storytelling - Left Behind Children | 7. Nomads of Ningxia | 15. Silk Road Merchants Challenge |
| 2. YEP Service & Storytelling - Water Project Impact | 8. Religions in China | 16. Sichuan Wildlife Conservation: Pandas |
| 3. Inner Mongolia Culture & Service Camp | 9. Culture Through the Lens: Visual Story Telling | 17. Sanjiang Minority Culture Project (Wild China) |
| 4. Sanya Bright Connection Service Camp | 10. Utopia Shanxi | 18. Moganshan Sustainability & Service |
| 5. Zhangjiajie Service Camp | 11. Sichuan Expedition | 19. Western Sichuan Expedition |
| 6. Water, Life, and Development | 12. Yunnan Bike Adventure | 20. Inner Mongolia: Hulanbier |
| | 13. Master Chef, Beijing | 21. Public Health-Hangzhou |
| | 14. Yunnan Abujee Tea Trail Trek | |



"My years at Concordia were definitely an avenue for developing my interests and passions. It wasn't just about academics. I was able to find myself outside of school and that's what's most important."

–Concordia Alumnus





Encompassing grades 5 to 8, the middle school serves as a bridge between the worlds of elementary and high school. During these transitional years, students explore a greater number of courses and co-curricular activities, expanding their fundamental body of knowledge and the skills necessary for deeper interpretation and application. They are also presented with greater expectations for independence in their academic pursuits and leadership through increased social and personal responsibilities, including the use of technology, all within a supportive and positive environment.



Middle School Inspirations is a Spring program which gives students the chance to pursue new activities that further their interest in a particular subject or try new activities they may have never otherwise considered.



Centered around culture, service, and adventure, MS students explore their host country outside of Shanghai for 3 to 7 days.

learning by doing exploring, practicing, inventing, creating

Robotics	Digital Design (Art)	Mixed Media in Art
Culinary Arts	Maker Design (STEM)	Engineering Design
Big Data	"Making" Movies	Applied Design (Art)

Middle School Educational Travels

1. Grade 5 Nanbei Hu
2. Grade 6 Moganshan
3. Grade 7 Beijing
4. Grade 8 Dali



"Giving students the chance to explore problems and discover solutions prepares them to address real-world challenges in the future."

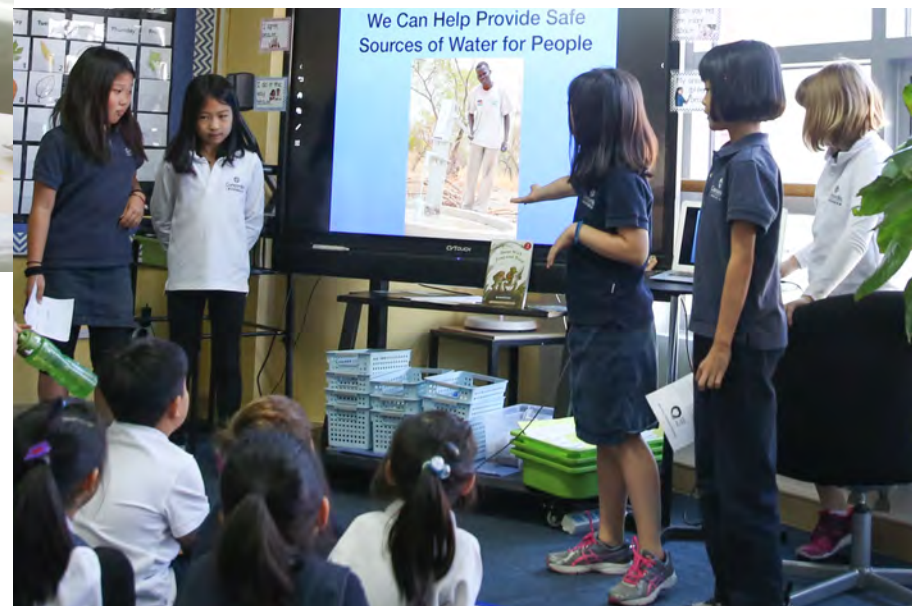
—Middle School science teacher



Our elementary school students, grade 1 to grade 4, have a myriad of opportunities to develop academically, spiritually and socially. An intentional focus on building a solid foundation in the fundamental academic areas within a practical, real-world context broadens our students' view of their world. Just as in the other grades, co-curricular activities, clubs and field trips around the city provide additional exposure to experiential learning within a safe and nurturing environment.



Hands on experiences are essential to elementary education at Concordia.



learning by doing

authentic learning opportunities

Integrated Coding & Robotics	Real World Design Challenges
Construction Challenges	Global Awareness and Service Learning
Hands-On Explorations	Authentic Performance Tasks



"The quintessential question of childhood is "Why?" We give our students the necessary confidence, freedom, and skills to investigate that all important question."

-Elementary School STEM Coach



Our Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten, and Kindergarten communities are actively engaged within a safe and nurturing learning environment. Scaffolding the development of the “whole-child”, our rich program provides educational experiences that are research-based for the age and stage of young children’s development. Through teacher-directed and child-initiated learning experiences, highly-qualified educators promote self-regulation and executive function, within a program that serves to enhance language acquisition, cognition, and social competencies. Reading, Writing, Math, Social Studies, STEM, Motor Skills and the Arts are focused components of a typical day for all students. Concordia supports the development of knowledge and fosters positive, life-long learning habits. Early childhood classrooms are filled with adventure, creativity, investigation, love, and friendship.



Concordia's early childhood program creates an environment that allows for authentic and meaningful experiences for learning.



learning by doing

contributing, risk-taking,
problem-solving, whole-child learning

Full-Day Happy Children	A School-Within-a-School	EduCare
Eco-Stewardship	Life-Skills Learning	Home-Borrowing Library
Multiple Outdoor Spaces	Atelier Space	Language Learning Immersion Program



“Walking through the halls
you see excitement and happiness, and it
is obvious these teachers love what they
do. Concordia has truly made Shanghai
feel like home”

—Early Childhood parent

Intellectual Hub



Concordia's Intellectual Hub is where interesting people come together to discuss interesting things.



Concordia attracts thinkers and international subject-matter experts in a variety of fields who come to our campus from around the globe to share their stories and insights with the greater community.



- Rajmohan Gandhi**
Biographer, researcher and grandson of Mahatma Gandhi
- Saeed Aghabozorgi**
Data scientist with IBM Canada and Big Data University
- Dr. Bob Bain**
Historian and Big History Project professor
- Dr. Chao Zhong**
Professor of synthetic biology at ShanghaiTech
- Tess Johnston**
Historian and co-author of Shanghai walking guide book series
- Michael Thompson**
Author and clinical psychologist
- David Begbie**
Spokesman for Crossroads Foundation
- Nicolas Kristof**
Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and blogger for The New York Times
- Trevor Lai**
Children's book author and illustrator
- Riley Roam and Kenny Mikey**
Emmy Award-winning producers of Page Turner Adventures
- Salvat Dut**
Sudanese Lost Boy and human rights activist
- Ishmael Beah**
New York Times Best-Selling Author and Advocate



a Unique Balance

40+

MS co-curriculars

7

full-time music teachers

80%

of students participate in co-curriculars

12+

college athletes

15

of APAC championships

20+

Broadway plays performed

70+

of athletic programs

7

professional art studios

24

of foreign language instructors

60+

of SISAC championships

50+

ES co-curriculars

1 to 1

laptop program





Holistic Education – a journey of self-discovery...

When we say we educate the whole child we mean that we invest in and tend to every part of each student: spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially, and intellectually. Our holistic philosophy is intentional from early childhood to high school because we believe that balance is integral to life success.

By encouraging students to find their own unique balance, while providing them with support to pursue personal excellence, we find that amazing things happen. As a result, Concordia students take away the experience of having tried their hand at many things, gaining mastery as they delve deeper into their passions and building confidence in their ability to adapt and learn new skills.



Fine Arts Program

Concordia's Fine Arts Program is integral to our students' academic and co-curricular experience at all grade levels. Through in-depth study of music, theatre and visual arts, we inspire and nurture students holistically, encouraging each child to express their creative passions.



Activities foster development of social skills such as teamwork, cooperation and leadership.







At Concordia, we connect the physical realm with the intellectual, emotional and social development of our student-athletes through diverse athletic and co-curricular programs.

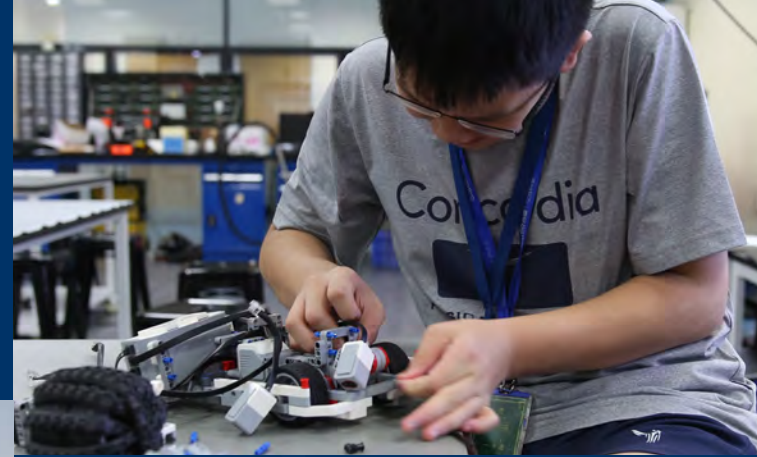


Athletics Program





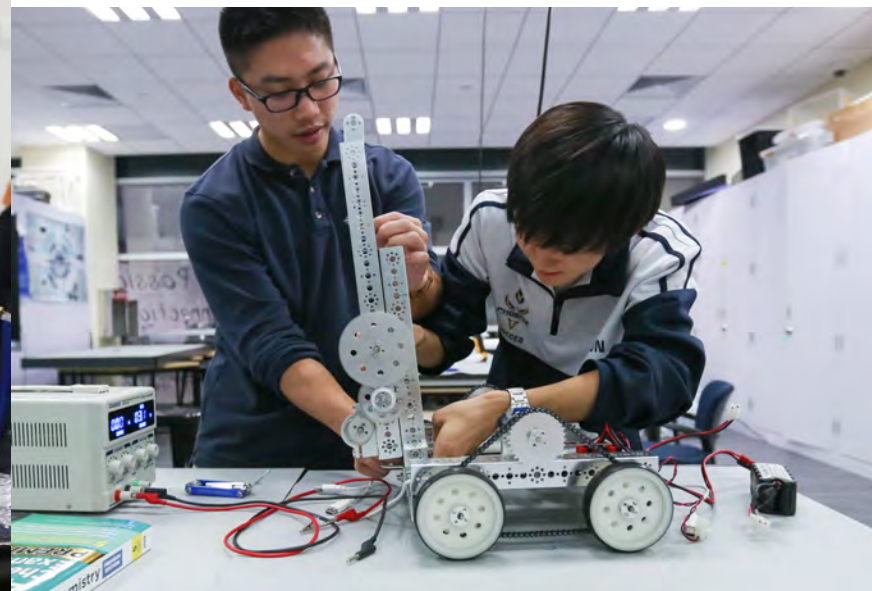
Co-curricular Opportunities



Concordia's co-curricular opportunities consist of student clubs and activities that run parallel to the curriculum and provide additional exposure to experiential learning within a safe and nurturing environment. Taught or advised primarily by experienced Concordia teachers, co-curricular activities often reinforce curricular areas and provide a place where students can fully explore the topics that interest them the most. The co-curricular program offers age-appropriate activities, which align across the grades.



Learning fair play and building interpersonal skills are key components of our co-curricular offerings. There is truly something for everyone.



where it all happens

The Concordia campus facilitates intellectual exchange, student learning and community. The spaces, equipment and green infrastructure in our world-class facilities enable an unsurpassed experience for all in our community.





it starts
with you



Applying to Concordia

Concordia attracts families seeking rigorous academics, a whole-child philosophy and a nurturing environment for their children. To ensure a student's successful integration into academic life at Concordia, our review team may request an in-person assessment to check for curriculum match. During the application process, assessments vary depending on the age and previous school of the applicant. Assessments may include English language proficiency, social/emotional readiness for a specific grade level, and/or math and Mandarin placement. The purpose of this process is to set students up for their best possible academic success within our community.

Language Requirements

Students applying for Kindergarten through Grade 12 must possess proficient English language skills. Preschool and Pre-kindergarten students may be admitted with beginning English.

Passport Eligibility

Concordia complies with the regulations as set by the Shanghai Municipal Education Commission for passport and required documents in order to qualify for admissions.

Cut-off Date

Concordia's cut-off date for enrollment is September 1 for Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten. A student must be 3 to enter our Preschool program.



Life success starts
with Concordia.



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