

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROFILE



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As an international student pursuing an American high school diploma, I wanted a school that offered flexibility and allowed me to balance my studies with my personal goals. CMASAS has been the perfect fit for me!

One of the things that stood out immediately was the personalized learning experience. When I first enrolled as an eighth grader, I took initial assessments, and my math scores were higher than average. As a result, I was placed in a high school-level math class, which allowed me to advance early and better prepare for my high school journey.

The flexibility CMASAS offers is unmatched. In a traditional offline school, your day is dictated by a rigid schedule, but at CMASAS, I can complete my assignments whenever it works best for me—even at 9 PM! This has been a game-changer for me. The freedom to choose when and how I learn has allowed me to dedicate time to my passion for coding.

With this flexibility, I was able to compete in the 2024 Nexon Youth Programming Challenge, one of the largest coding competitions in Korea. I was honored to receive a Bronze Award—something I wouldn't have had time to prepare for in a traditional school setting. CMASAS gave me the space to develop my skills, challenge myself, and grow beyond the classroom.

CMASAS's course structure also helped me thrive. After learning something in a lesson, I could jump right into assignments that reinforced the material. This efficient approach saved me time and let me focus on my personal growth outside of school. It's a system that truly adapts to your needs and interests.

One of the unique challenges I faced as an international student was navigating the time zone difference. Initially, I was concerned about how this might impact my ability to connect with teachers and attend meetings. But thanks to my Personalized Education Coach (PEC), who was flexible and understanding, I was able to make it work. Since I'm naturally a night owl, I actually found it exciting to stay up late and have one-on-one meetings tailored to my schedule.

While I couldn't always join the CMASAS clubs due to time zones, the support I received from my PEC made a big difference in keeping me engaged and motivated.

I discovered CMASAS through an online search, and after comparing several options, my parents and I agreed this was the best fit for my goals. It's been the right choice for me in every way. My advice to other international students is to embrace the flexibility and focus on what you want to achieve. Whether it's developing a new skill, exploring a passion, or preparing for your future, CMASAS gives you the freedom to shape your education around your life.

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