

The American School of Kuwait

School Profile 2015 - 2016

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Introduction

The American School of Kuwait, founded in 1964, is an independent co-educational college-preparatory school whose curriculum is essentially American and prepares its student body for the higher educational experience found in U.S. colleges and universities.

Mission Statement

At the American School of Kuwait we inspire life-long learners empowered to excel in American Higher Education and the global community as productive, compassionate citizens.

Organization

The American School of Kuwait is privately owned, operates with the approval of the State of Kuwait and is associated with the U.S. State Department through the Office of Overseas Schools.

Enrollment

ASK is the designated American school in Kuwait, enrolling students from the U.S. Embassy, U.S. military, and U.S. oil companies. Admissions criteria include satisfactory standing in previously attended schools and grade level scores on the admissions entrance examination and writing sample.

Current enrollment (September, 2015) is 2046: (1013, Pre-K-5); (410, 6-8); and (623, 9-12). Of the total, 427 are U.S. citizens, 1089 are host country nationals and 530 are of 60 other nationalities. In the high school there are 163 seniors, 154 juniors, 143 sophomores, and 163 freshmen.

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2014 -2015 Mean SAT Results

SAT	ASK
Critical Reading	500
Math	515
Writing	514
SAT	National
Critical Reading	495
Math	511
Writing	484

Subject test score averages for students in 2014/2015

Test	Mean	Students
Math Level 1	552	11
Math Level 2	592	13
Chemistry	561	8
Physics	553	6
World History	652	5
Biology	588	8

ASK does not eliminate non-native speakers from its statistical representation

2014 -2015 Advanced Placement Courses

Course	Mean
Art (Drawing)	4.00
Biology	3.50
Calculus A/B	3.60
Chemistry	3.71
Computer Science	3.00
Economics - Macro	3.00
Economics - Micro	3.00
English Language/Comp	3.33
English Literature/Comp	2.77
French	4.25
Human Geography	2.91
Physics 1	2.59
Physics 2	2.20
Psychology	5.00
Seminar	3.17
Spanish	4.75
Statistics	2.27
U.S. History	3.53
World History	3.29

Class Rank and Grade Point Average

The cumulative grade point average of a student is based on a differential scale. The following point system is used:

Letter Grade	Percentage	GPA Regular Courses	GPA AP Courses
A	93-100	4.0	5.0
A-	90-92	3.7	4.7
B+	87-89	3.3	4.3
B	83-86	3.0	4.0
B-	80-82	2.7	3.7
C+	77-79	2.3	3.3
C	73-76	2.0	3.0
C-	70-72	1.7	2.7
D+	67-69	1.3	2.3
D	63-66	1.0	2.0
D-	60-62	.7	1.7
F	<60	0	0

In calculating class rank, the following is used:

1. GPA and class rank will be calculated on the basis of all semesters of high school work. Grades from transfer students are accepted at our percentage value.
2. Class rank will be calculated at the end of each semester.

Graduation Requirements

Thirty Carnegie units are required for graduation and must be earned over a period of eight semesters in the following distribution:

Course	Carnegie Units
English	6.0
Math	3.0
Science	3.0
Social Studies	3.0
World Languages	2.0
Physical Education	1.5
Fine Arts	1.0
Computer Science	1.0
Electives	9.5

Ninety-eight percent of ASK graduates enroll in colleges and universities

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Acceptances for Class of 2015

United States

Alfred University
American University
Arizona State University
Babson College
Baylor University
Bellevue College
Bentley University
Berkeley College NYC
Boston Architectural College
Boston College
Boston University
Brown University
Bryant University
Butler University
Buffalo State College
California State University,
Northridge California State University, Pomona
Claremont McKenna
Clark University
College of William and Mary
Colorado State University
Cornell University
DePaul University
Drexel University
Eastern Michigan University
Elizabethtown College
Emerson College
Emmanuel College
Fordham University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Hofstra University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Indiana University
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University
Kansas State University
Kent State University
Lehigh University
Lewis University
Loyola Marymount University
Marietta College
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Milwaukee School of Engineering
Montana State University
Mount Ida College
Mt. San Antonio College
Muhlenburg College
New School of Architecture & Design
New York University
Newbury College
Northeastern University
Norwich University
Ohio State University
Oklahoma City University
Oregon State University
Pace University
Parsons New School for Design
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Philadelphia University
Pine Manor College
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Purdue University
Randolph-Macon College
San Diego State University
Savannah College of Art & Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
School of Visual Arts
Simmons College
South Dakota School of Mines & Technology
Southern Methodist University
St. Edward's University
St. Norbert College
Stony Brook University
Suffolk University
Syracuse University

Temple University
The Catholic University of America
The College of Wooster
Texas Christian University
Texas State University
Texas Tech University
Trinity University
University of Akron
University of Alabama
University of Arizona
University at Buffalo
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Houston
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Kent
University of Kentucky
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Massachusetts, Boston
University of Miami
University of Mississippi
University of Nevada
University of North Texas
University of Pittsburgh
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
University of Southern Mississippi
University of Tampa
University of Texas
University of Utah
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin
Vassar College
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Tech
Washington College
Wentworth Institute of Technology
West Virginia University
Western State Colorado University
Xavier University

Canada

Acadia University
Algonquin College
Brock University
Carleton University
Dalhousie University
University of Alberta
University of British Columbia
University of Calgary
University of Guelph
Lakehead University
McGill University
Queen's University
Ryerson University
Simon Fraser University
Trent University
University of Ontario Institute of Technology
University of Ottawa
University of Toronto
University of Western Ontario
University of Windsor
York University

Europe

University of Aberdeen
Binghamton University
Birmingham City University
University of Birmingham
Brunel University
Buckinghamshire New University
Cardiff Metropolitan University
Charles University
City University
Coventry University
Durham University
Hult International Business School
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
King's College London
Kingston University
Leeds Beckett University
Leeds Trinity University
London Metropolitan University
Manchester Metropolitan University
Newcastle University
Queen Mary, University of London
Richmond The American International
College, London
Royal Holloway, University of London
Swansea University
University of the Arts London
University of Central Lancashire
University of East Anglia
University of Leeds
University of Sheffield
University of Southampton
University of St. Andrews
University of Sunderland
University of Surrey
University of Sussex
University of Warwick

Kuwait

American University of Kuwait
American University of the Middle East
Australian College of Kuwait
Gulf University for Science & Technology
Kuwait University

Other

American University in Dubai
American University of Beirut
American University in Cairo
American University of Sharjah
Georgetown University – School of Foreign
Service (Qatar)
Gulf Medical University
Hogeschool Zuyd
Lebanese American University
Ras AlKhaimah Medical & Health Sciences
University
Royal College of Surgeons – Medical
University of Bahrain

Accreditation

ASK is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Its most recent accreditation was completed in the fall of 2012. The school is also formally recognized by the Kuwait Ministry of Private Education, which has equalized the school's diploma with Kuwait's general secondary certificate.

Curriculum

The curriculum is similar to that of college preparatory schools in the United States. Most graduates attend colleges and universities primarily in North America. The school's testing programs include the PSAT, SAT, ACT, and MAP. The language of instruction is English, and Arabic, French, and Spanish are taught as foreign languages. Religious instruction is offered for Muslims. The elementary program features specialists in science, art, language, computer studies, music, drama, and physical education. The middle school, which includes sixth through eighth grades, uses a comprehensive curriculum following a rotation schedule. The high school currently offers twenty AP courses. Guidance counselors are employed at each level.

Calendar

The academic year is divided into two semesters: the first semester begins on September 2 and ends on January 26. The second semester begins on January 27 and ends on June 8. Graduation for seniors is on June 1. Grades are sent home on a quarterly basis. The school week starts on Sunday and ends on Thursday with Friday and Saturday being the weekend. The school day begins at 7:15 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m., at which time co-curricular activities begin.

Faculty

There are 190 full-time faculty members in the 2015-2016 school year, including 100 American citizens, 33 Canadian citizens, and 57 teachers of fifteen other nationalities.

Activities

Students in grades Pre-K-12 may participate in a well-balanced program of activities ranging from ecology to the performing arts. Most sports are offered for both girls and boys on varsity and junior varsity levels. Cultural activities include forensics, theater, and jazz band. The school also offers opportunities to participate in student government, academic games, Model United Nations, and National Honor Society. The core curriculum is supplemented by a co-curricular program of cultural, social, service and athletic activities in all three schools.

Through its membership in the International School Activities Conference (ISAC) and the Kuwait School Activities Association (KSAA), students in high school and middle school are offered opportunities to interact with students of other international schools in a variety of athletic and academic activities.

Facilities

In August 1994, the school moved to Hawalli. This larger campus now houses 145 classrooms including: eight computer labs, four music rooms, four art rooms, ten science labs, two large library/media centers, two gymnasiums; a fitness center and weight room; an indoor 25-meter pool, a large multi-purpose auditorium, and three large outdoor play areas.

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