



School Profile 2011-2012

American Bilingual School-Kuwait

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Introduction

The American Bilingual School is a private, non-profit college preparatory school. ABS opened its doors in September of 2006 and we are in our fifth year of operation. Our first senior class graduated in May of 2009. Our high school enrollment is rapidly growing and we presently have 188 students in Grades 9-12. All of our students plan to apply for college or university, and over half of our students have expressed the desire to study outside of Kuwait. Many of our upcoming graduates have parents, older siblings or relatives who have studied abroad. Our high school student body is 99% Kuwaiti, the majority of whom come from affluent, well-educated families.

Faculty and Staff:

ABS has a teaching staff of 112 individuals from 15 different countries.

Current Enrollment: 865

Facilities:

- Over 100 classrooms
- Campus-wide internet connectivity
- Promethean ACTIV boards in all classrooms
- Networked library and media center
- Fully equipped science labs
- 4 State-of-the-art computer labs
- 2 fully functional cafeterias serving hot meals
- Specialist rooms for culinary arts, drama and art
- Gymnasium and an indoor semi-Olympic size swimming pool

Accreditation

The school is formally recognized by the Kuwait Ministry of Private Education. ABS is accredited by North Central Accreditation/AdvancED, an accreditation entity that recognizes schools dedicated to continuous improvement and transforming education on a global scale.

Diploma Program and Curriculum

ABS's high school program is designed to prepare students for college and university admission. The high school diploma is recognized by the Kuwait Ministry of Education and the Division of Private Education. Students carry an academic schedule of five core courses in the subjects of English, history, mathematics, science, and Arabic as well as participate in the fine arts, Islamic studies, personal development courses, computer, elective opportunities, and physical education. The entire academic program is enriched and challenging, designed to build strong foundations in English and Arabic reading, writing, speaking, critical thinking, problem-solving and study habits. ABS has offered AP English Language and Composition and will offer additional AP courses in subsequent years.

Activities

Students in high school participate in character education, swimming, tennis, football, basketball and volleyball games both inter- and intramurally. Other high school activities include tennis, swimming, student council, school yearbook, school newspaper, and the annual charity carnival.

Calendar

The academic year is divided into two semesters. Grades are issued to students quarterly and students sit for final exams at the end of each semester. Our school week begins on Sunday and ends on Thursday. The school day begins at 7:30 a.m. with a daily 20 minute homeroom advisory period, followed by seven 48-minute instructional periods. Extra-curricular activities occur after school hours.

Graduation Requirements

A total of twenty-five (25) credits are required for students to graduate from ABS. The distribution of credits is listed below.

SUBJECT	NUMBER OF CREDITS
English	4 units
S.S./Humanities	3 units
Arabic	4 units
Science	3 units
Mathematics	3 units
Technology	1 unit
Religion	2 units
PE/Health	1 unit
Electives	4 units

Current Available Courses

English 9, 10, 11, 12
Algebra I and II
Geometry
Integrated Math
Pre-Calculus
Biology
Chemistry
Environmental Science
Physics
Oceanography
World History I and II
World Geography
Art
Career Planning
Culinary Science I and II
Digital Media
Digital Photography
Digital Publishing
Interior Design
Intro to Business
Office Applications
Physical Education
Psychology
Yearbook I and II
Arabic 9, 10, 11, 12
Islamic Studies/Quran 9, 10, 11, 12

SAT Average Scores

Critical Reading: 505

Mathematics: 470

Writing: 490

Grading System

Letter Grade	Percentage	Grade Points
A+	98-100	4.00
A	94-97	4.00
A-	90-93	3.75
B+	88-89	3.25
B	84-87	3.00
B-	80-83	2.75
C+	78-79	2.25
C	74-77	2.00
C-	70-73	1.75
D+	68-69	1.25
D	64-67	1.00
D-	60-63	1.00
F	0-59	0.00

*AP courses are given an additional 1.00 weighting.

University Acceptances

United States

California State University San Francisco
Florida Atlantic University
Florida International University
Grossmont College
Michigan State University
New York University
Ohio University
Purdue University
San Diego Mesa College
Santa Monica College
University of California at San Diego
University of Colorado – Boulder
University of Evansville
University of Miami
University of Pennsylvania
University of Tampa

Europe

American Intercontinental University London
Regent's American College London
University College London

Middle East

American University of Sharjah

Kuwait

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