



THE AMERICAN BACCALAUREATE SCHOOL

School Profile 2021-2022

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Introduction

The American Baccalaureate School is a private, non-profit college preparatory school. ABS opened its doors in September of 2006, and we are in our fifteenth year of operation. Our first senior class graduated in May of 2009. Our high school enrollment is rapidly growing, and we presently have 356 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 89 individuals from over 20 different countries.

Current Enrollment: 1349

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 full cafeterias serving hot meals

Specialist rooms for technology-based classes, 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, now Cognia, 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 currently offers five AP courses across the subjects of English, Science, Math, and Technology. Additional AP courses will be offered in subsequent years.

Activities

Students in high school participate in character education, swimming, football, basketball, and volleyball games both inter- and intramural. Other high school activities



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include, Student Council, school yearbook, MUN, National Honor Society, Green Ambassadors, community volunteering, 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 15-minute homeroom advisory period, followed by seven 45-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.

Grading System

Letter Grade	%	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

GPA DISTRIBUTION (CLASS OF 2019)

All courses are included in calculating GPA

* GPA Range - 1.55 – 4.04

4.00-4.20 = 4 3.00-3.09 = 1 2.00-2.09 = 4 3.90-3.99 = 1
2.90-2.99 = 1 1.90-1.99 = 1 3.80-3.89 = 0
2.80-2.89 = 2 1.80-1.89 = 1 3.70-3.79 = 3
2.70-2.79 = 3 1.70-1.79 = 0 3.60-3.69 = 2 2.60-2.69 = 3
1.60-1.69 = 1 3.50-3.59 = 2 2.50-2.59 = 2
1.50-1.59 = 1 3.40-3.49 = 4 2.40-2.49 = 2
1.40-1.49 = 0
3.30-3.39 = 4 2.30-2.39 = 1 1.30-1.39 = 0
3.20-3.29 = 2 2.20-2.29 = 2
3.10-3.19 = 3 2.10-2.19 = 1

SAT Average Scores

Critical Reading: 505

Mathematics: 470 Writing: 490

Required Number of Subject Credits

English	4 units
Social Studies	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
Honors World Literature
AP English (Language)
Algebra I and II
Geometry
Integrated Math
Pre-Calculus
AP Calculus
Biology & AP Biology
Chemistry & AP Chemistry
Environmental Science Physics
Oceanography
World Geography
World History I and II
Civics
College Seminar I & II
Computer Coding



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AP Computer Science Principles
Advanced Applied Engineering
Basic Networking
Computer Technology I - Arduino
Culinary Science
Drama
French I and II
Graphic & Digital Design
VFX & 3D Animation
Introduction to Business & Finance
Physical Education
Spanish I and II
Journalism
Yearbook
Arabic 9, 10, 11, 12
Islamic Studies/Quran 9, 10, 11, 12
Arabic Foreign Language 1-9 levels

San Diego Mesa College
San Diego State University
San Jose State University
San Francisco State University
Santa Monica College
Seattle University
St. John's University
University of Arizona
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Merced
University of California, Riverside
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of California, San Diego
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Kentucky
University of Massachusetts, Boston

Student University Acceptances

United States of America

Arizona State University
Boston University
Bunker Hill
California College of Arts
California State Polytechnic University,
Pomona
California State University, Northridge
Colorado State University
Drexel University
Florida Atlantic University Florida
International University Front
Grossmont College
Indiana University – Bloomington
Loyola Marymount University
Marquette University
Michigan State University
New York University
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
Ohio University
Oregon State University
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Purdue University

University of Miami
University of Oregon
University of the Pacific
University of Pennsylvania
University of San Diego
University of Southern California

University of Tampa
University of Utah
Temple University
Virginia Commonwealth University
West Los Angeles College
West Virginia University

Europe

American Intercontinental University
American University of Paris
Brunel University
Cardiff University
City University – London
De Monfort University – Leicester
Hertfordshire International College
King's College – London
Keele University
Liverpool John Moores University
Manchester Metropolitan University
Queen Mary University London
Regent's American College London
Swansea University



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St. George's University
University of Brighton
University College London
University of Liverpool
University of Manchester
University of Portsmouth
University of Salford
University of Sheffield
University of Stirling
University of Sunderland
University of Surrey University of
Wells

Middle East

American University in Dubai
American University of Sharjah International
Horizons College, Dubai

Kuwait

American International University
American University of Kuwait
American University of the Middle East
American College of the Middle East
Boxhill College
Gulf University of Science & Technology
Kuwait University