



# THE AMERICAN BACCALAUREATE SCHOOL

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## School Profile 2018-2019

### American Baccalaureate School-Kuwait

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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 seventh year of operation. Our first senior class graduated in May of 2009. Our high school enrollment is rapidly growing and we presently have 520 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 109 individuals from over 20 different countries.

**Current Enrollment:** 1272

### 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, 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 offers 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 intramural. Other high school activities include tennis, swimming, Student Council, school yearbook, MUN, Honor Society, Literary and Author clubs, school newspaper and the Annual Charity Carnival.



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## 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.

## 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 2014)

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  
 AP English (Literature & Language)  
 Algebra I and II  
 Geometry  
 Integrated Math  
 Pre-Calculus  
 Calculus  
 Biology  
 Chemistry  
 Advanced Chemistry  
 Environmental Science  
 Physics  
 Oceanography  
 World History I and II  
 World Geography  
 Economics  
 Global Issues  
 Art  
 College Seminar 11, 12  
 Computer Coding I and II  
 Culinary Science I and II  
 Design Technology  
 Design Thinking  
 Drama  
 French I and II  
 Graphic Design I and II  
 Introduction to Business  
 Office Applications  
 Physical Education  
 Psychology  
 Spanish I and II  
 Yearbook  
 Arabic 9, 10, 11, 12  
 Islamic Studies/Quran 9, 10, 11, 12



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Arabic Foreign Language 1-9 levels

## **Student University Acceptances**

### **United States of America**

Arizona State University  
Boston University  
Bunker University  
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 Range Community College  
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  
San Diego Mesa College  
San Diego 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 Colorado, Boulder  
University of Evansville  
University of Kentucky  
University of Massachusetts, Boston  
University of Miami  
University of Oregon  
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  
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  
St. George's University  
University of Brighton  
University College London  
University of Liverpool  
University of Manchester  
University of Portsmouth  
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 University of Kuwait  
American University of the Middle East  
American College of the Middle East  
Boxhill College  
Gulf University of Science & Technology  
Kuwait University