



THE AMERICAN BACCALAUREATE SCHOOL

School Profile 2019-2020

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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 fourteenth 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 include, Student Council, school yearbook, MUN, National Honor Society, Green Ambassadors, community volunteering, school newspaper and the annual Charity Carnival.

*Updated 27 January, 2020 D.M. and S.L.



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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 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
 AP English (Literature & Language)
 Algebra I and II
 Geometry
 Integrated Math
 Pre-Calculus
 AP Calculus
 Biology
 Chemistry
 AP Chemistry
 Environmental Science
 Physics
 Oceanography
 World Geography
 World History I and II
 Economics
 Global Issues
 College Seminar 11, 12
 Computer Coding I and II
 AP Computer Science Principles
 Advanced Applied Engineering
 Basic Networking
 Computer Technology I - Arduino
 Culinary Science I
 Drama
 French I and II
 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



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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 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
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