

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

1. Where are you located?

ASB is located off 16th December Highway in Wadi Al Buhair/Riffa area. It is on the same side of the highway as the National Stadium.



2. Are there spaces for the 2020-21 academic year?

Yes, please follow this [link and create](#) an account in our admissions system to enroll your child (by creating an account your information is saved in the system, allowing you to return to your application at any time). We are currently enrolling students from Pre-KG to Grade 8 for the academic year commencing September 2020, adding Grades 9-12 in subsequent years.

3. Do you offer transportation for students?

Yes, ASB will offer a school bus service. School bus fees and locations will be communicated closer to the start of the term.

4. What is ASB's curriculum?

Our Pre-KG to Grade 12 standards-based American curriculum follows the AERO (American Education Reaches Out) standards set by the Department of Overseas Schools, part of U.S. State Department of Education, also aligned with the Common Core, utilizing a cross curricular approach. In Pre-KG and KG1, we will be using the Creative Curriculum® which is also aligned to the US Common Core curriculum.

5. Will the boys and girls be taught together? Is ASB co-ed?

Yes, ASB is a co-educational school.

6. Will your school offer English and Arabic?

The medium of instruction at ASB is English, however there will be Arabic language classes for all students.

7. How many students are in each class?

A maximum of 18 students in Pre-KG, 20 in KG1 and KG2, 22 in Grade 1&2, 24 in Grades 3- 8. There will be two adults in all Pre-KG to Grade 1 classes.

8. What grades will ASB offer?

ASB will open for students in Pre-KG to Grade 8 in the academic year 2020-21. We will add a grade in each subsequent year starting in 2021.

9. What will the student-teacher ratio be?

9:1, which includes classroom teachers, specialist teachers and teacher assistants.

10. What kind of extra-curricular activities will be offered?

ASB will offer a wide variety of choices of extra-curricular activities after school and on weekends. We are also considering offering an onsite, high level football academy taught by professionals.

11. Will ASB have parent/guest parking?

Yes, the school location has ample parking. Approximately 75 spaces for parents on campus.

12. Will ASB have a community service program?

One of our six pillars is "community leadership." At ASB, we place a high priority on students being involved in a positive way in their community.

13. Where do ASB teachers come from?

With a primarily North American teaching staff, ASB will recruit specialized, trained and qualified international teachers. Our School Director, Mr. McMaster is directly involved in the recruiting process and has been recruiting internationally for the past 17 years.

14. Is there a parent committee?

Yes, a parent committee will be formed during the first year of operation as we see parents as a vital partner in establishing a welcoming learning community and fostering successful, happy students.

15. When should I apply?

Enrollment is open now. Contact us at 1721 1800 or visit our website at www.asb.bh.

16. What are the cut-off dates for my child's age/grade?

September 1 is the cutoff date for each grade level. Please see table below in Question 28.

17. What tests are conducted for admissions?

Applicants will attend one-on-one interviews for the Pre-KG, KG1 and KG2 classes with admissions staff, and MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) testing for Grades 1-12. Applicants need not study for the assessment test.

18. What documents will I need to apply?

A copy of the mother's and father's passport
One passport photograph of the child
A copy of the child's vaccination record
A copy of the child's CPR or Smart Card
A copy of the most recent two years school report and subsequent updates if part way through a school year
The report should include comments on conduct/ behavior (if not, then see next item)
If report does not include comments on conduct/behavior, the school has been asked to send a confidential reference directly to the Admissions Manager
The Parent's /Legal Guardian's statement has been signed
A copy of your child's passport, showing nationality and date of birth

19. How much does an admissions application cost?

50 BD, pending MOE fee approval.

20. What is the registration fee?

100 BD, pending MOE approval.

21. How many days are there in a school year?

Ministry guidelines mandate 180 school days.

22. Will ASB offer special needs programs for my child?

The school will employ learning support and English as an Additional Language (EAL) teachers. At the present time we do not have a special needs program, but it may be something we consider in the future. This requires separate licensing from the MOE.

23. Can I schedule a visit?

Yes, please contact us: 1721 1800.

24. Will there be a policy for sibling admission?

Yes, siblings who apply and pass the assessment will be given priority when there is space available.

25. What is the school start and finish time for each level?

This will be determined in early 2020. Pre-KG will be a half day program and KG1 to Grade 12 will be full day from approximately 8.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

26. Where can I find the school calendar?

The approved school calendar will be released in early 2020. Start date is expected to be September 8, 2020.

27. How many semesters in one year?

There will be two terms. The first from early September until late January and the second from early February to late June.

28. What is the Grade to Age Equivalency?

Please refer to the following Age Equivalency Guide

Grade	Age	Cut-off date	UK Equivalent
Pre-KG	3	1-Sep	FS1
KG 1	4	1-Sep	FS2
KG 2	5	1-Sep	Year 1
Grade 1	6	1-Sep	Year 2
Grade 2	7	1-Sep	Year 3
Grade 3	8	1-Sep	Year 4
Grade 4	9	1-Sep	Year 5

Grade 5	10	1-Sep	Year 6
Grade 6	11	1-Sep	Year 7
Grade 7	12	1-Sep	Year 8
Grade 8	13	1-Sep	Year 9
Grade 9	14	1-Sep	Year 10
Grade 10	15	1-Sep	Year 11
Grade 11	16	1-Sep	Year 12
Grade 12	17	1-Sep	Year 13

29. What are the tuition fees at ASB?

Pending Ministry of Education (MOE) approval, we will be offering a Founding Families discount for 2020.

GRADE	ASB Tuition Founding Families 2020/21*
Pre-KG	3145
KG1	4500
KG2	4500
Grade 1	4500
Grade 2	4900
Grade 3	4900
Grade 4	5200
Grade 5	5200
Grade 6	6200
Grade 7	6200
Grade 8	6200

*subject to Ministry of Education approval

30. What are the payment options?

Tuition will be paid on a quarterly basis. In exceptional cases, parents can apply in writing to the school's Business Office to arrange for more flexible payment terms.