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## Our Mission, Vision and Values

The mission of ABA - an IB World Continuum School - is to provide an international education of the highest quality to enable students to be confident, responsible, caring, life-long learners. Our vision is that ABA students achieve their maximum potential in an environment of intercultural understanding and respect to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing world. ABA values communication, diversity, inquiry, integrity, knowledge, open-mindedness, reflection, thinking, and the willingness to take risks.



## Our School

The first K-12 authorized IB World Continuum School in the Arabian Gulf, ABA is a private, non-profit, English language co-educational day school that offers an academically rigorous IB curriculum to expatriate as well as a percentage of local students in Muscat, the capital of the Sultanate of Oman. With over 70 different countries represented in a community of 920 students (300 in Grades 9-12), ABA promotes academic excellence within a context of intercultural understanding and respect. In addition to the academics, we offer a varied extra-curricular programme which includes sports, visual and performing arts as well as service opportunities.



## Accreditation



ABA is accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS) as well as the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA). As an International Baccalaureate World School, ABA is authorized to offer the IB Primary Years Program (Grades K-5), the IB Middle Years Program (Grades 6-10) and the IB Diploma Program (Grades 11-12).



## Faculty and Staff

ABA recruits highly qualified teachers who provide a supportive international learning environment for students. The 106 academic staff members at ABA represent 20 nations. All teachers at ABA hold at least a Bachelors degree; 51% have Masters degrees, and 5% hold Doctoral degrees.



## High School Curriculum

Throughout the four years of high school (Grades 9-12), all students at ABA work towards the ABA Diploma, a US high school diploma that certifies successful completion of at least 25 credits of university-preparatory coursework. Students in Grade 10 sit the IB e-Assessment to mark the completion of their studies at the MYP level. In Grades 11 and 12, students take courses that follow the syllabi of the IB Diploma Program with the option of pursuing the IB Diploma. See below an overview of our results in recent years.



## Our Grading System

At ABA, grades are not weighted and students are not ranked. ABA uses the IB 1-7 scale on official transcripts. The cumulative GPA figure only includes courses taken at ABA in Grades 9-12. We suggest correlating the IB scale to an A-F American grading system in the following manner:





## GPA Conversion

As ABA uses a 7-point GPA system, institutions which use a 4-point system may use the following as a conversion guide:

<b>4-Point GPA</b>	<b>7-Point GPA</b>	<b>4-Point GPA</b>	<b>7-Point GPA</b>	<b>4-Point GPA</b>	<b>7-Point GPA</b>	<b>4-Point GPA</b>	<b>7-Point GPA</b>	<b>4-Point GPA</b>	<b>7-Point GPA</b>	<b>4-Point GPA</b>	<b>7-Point GPA</b>		
<b>4.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>6.13</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>5.25</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>4.38</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.63</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.75</b>



## Graduation Requirements

A minimum of 25 credits of coursework distributed as follows is required for graduation (one credit is equivalent to one year of coursework). Students must earn a 3 or higher to earn credit. In addition, students must complete 150 hours of Creativity-Action-Service (CAS) throughout Grades 11-12.

Subject	Credits	Subject	Credits
<b>English</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Foreign Language (same language)</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Science</b>	<b>3 or 4*</b>	<b>Creative and Performing Arts</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Mathematic</b>	<b>3 or 4*</b>	<b>Physical Education</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Research Project</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Electives</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Creativity-Action-Service</b>	<b>150 hours</b>

\*Students must complete 4 credits in either Mathematics or Science.



## Our Most Recent Graduates: The Class of 2020

The 73 students who graduated this summer represented 24 countries. Of the 66 who pursued the full IB Diploma, 64 were awarded.

**University Destinations:** Here is a sample of the student acceptances from the past five years.

