

Access International Academy Ningbo

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School Profile 2020 – 2021

Overview

Access International Academy Ningbo (AIAN) is an independent, nonsectarian coeducational day school founded in 2003. AIAN provides an American-based educational program from Early Years through Grade 12 in service to students of all nationalities. The school is governed by a Board of Directors with input from the school Administrative Team. The school community includes parents employed by foreign and local businesses, and the school maintains a direct relationship with the Ningbo Economic Technical Development Zone.

Mission

AIAN is an accredited college preparatory institution committed to providing research-based educational practices to the multicultural community it serves. The AIAN Mission Statement is: “Think, Learn, Care, Grow.” Students are encouraged to think with creativity and curiosity, learn with enthusiasm for the future, care about others and the environment, and grown stronger in mind, body, and character. Teachers at AIAN exemplify global citizenship, lifelong learning, collaborative skills, and effective communication to students, enabling them to contribute to the betterment of the world.

Accreditation and Membership

AIAN is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), is a member of the Association of China and Mongolia International Schools (ACAMIS), and the East Asia Regional Council of Schools (EARCOS).

Calendar

AIAN provides students with 180 days of classroom instruction over two semesters, with Semester 1 beginning in August and Semester 2 beginning in January. The school day begins at 8:30am and ends at 3:40pm. Students attend After School Activities (ASAs) from 3:40pm – 4:30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and various clubs and committees meet after school hours and at other times.

Enrollment

Current enrollment at AIAN allows for small class sizes and a diverse learning environment. Our students represent over 10 countries including Japan, South Korea, Germany, Venezuela, the United States, South Africa, and Canada.

Faculty

There are 25 instructional faculty members and administrators employed with AIAN. Our expatriate teachers are certified in their fields from countries such as the United States, UK, and South Africa.

College Counseling

AIAN’s College Counseling Program is based on the Career Development and College Preparatory Standards and Benchmarks of American School Counselors’ Association. The college counselors facilitate student career decision-making and college-bound planning and application processes. All graduates of AIAN pursue higher education.

Curriculum

AIAN is a college preparatory school aligned with the AERO Standards. English is the language of instruction at all academic levels. The four core areas of instruction are Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. All students at AIAN are provided with the opportunity to learn Mandarin, the official language of the host country. AIAN also provides its high school students with the opportunity to take Advanced Placement (AP) courses in the areas of: English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Computer Science, Foreign Languages, and Art. Through the AP program, students can earn college credit and/or placement in higher level courses at universities. AIAN is a Testing Center for the SAT, SAT II, PSAT/NMSQT, and AP standardized examinations.

Grading System

AIAN uses both letter (A, D, C, D, and F) and percentage grades (see P.4). The minimum passing grade is a D (60%). Weighting is applied to AP and advanced college level courses)

Graduation Requirements

Language Arts	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Science	3 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Foreign Languages	2 credits
Fine Arts	1 credit
Technology	1 credit
Physical Education	1 credit
Electives	9 credits

*In addition to AIAN’s credit requirements, all students must maintain a satisfactory attendance record of at least 80% during a given semester. Students are also required to complete a community service project.

Standardized Testing

A systematic annual program of standardized testing is implemented to assess students' abilities and achievements in core subject areas. Students in grades 1-11 take the NWEA MAP Test in the fall and spring of each school year. AIAN is a College Board Testing Center and offers the SAT, SAT II, PAST, and AP standardized examinations.

Student Activities and Athletics

A wide range of activities are available to students of all ages and ability levels at AIAN. These include: After School Activities, student-led sport camps, student council, community service projects, Connect 5 passion projects, and yearly school events.

- After School Activities (ASAs)
Enriching After School Activities are offered and scheduled by AIAN teachers throughout the year and occur on Tuesdays and Thursdays (and occasionally on Wednesdays). These allow students to explore special interests and expand holistic abilities. Among the ASAs offered are: music, Mandarin and other languages, art, critical reading and writing, SAT and TOEFL preparatory classes, sports clubs, and cooking.
- Athletics
Students may choose to participate in a variety of sports. The sports program adapts to the wants of the students, so AIAN may offer a variety of sports opportunities. AIAN athletes attend local competitions and regional events with other international schools through ACAMIS.

Student Support

Student support is addressed through the Early Childhood, Primary, Secondary, ELL, and Mandarin Departments. A portion of each department meeting is dedicated to identifying students in need of academic and/or personal support.



Grading Legend

Letter Grade	Cutoff Percent
A+	97.0
A	93.0
A-	90.0
B+	87.0
B	83.0
B-	80.0
C+	77.0
C	73.0
C-	70.0
D+	67.0
D	63.0
D-	60.0
F	Below 60.0