

# AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF JOHANNESBURG

PRETORIA CAMPUS SCHOOL PROFILE

# 2021-2022

## OVERVIEW

A STUDENT POPULATION FROM  
**30 COUNTRIES**



TOTAL POPULATION

**882**

4 Divisions

2 School Campuses

**37 PRETORIA  
TEACHERS FROM  
ACROSS THE  
GLOBE**



## PURPOSE

INSPIRE LEARNING AND BUILD OUR BETTER WORLD

The purpose of AISJ is to provide exceptional educational experiences in a diverse and nurturing environment in order to inspire learning and build our better world. We cultivate an inclusive community of learners so that we empower global citizens to fulfill their future purpose.

## COMMUNITY PRINCIPLES

We are better when we act together.  
Our differences make us stronger.

Every voice counts.  
Every voice matters.

Every team needs individuals.  
Every individual needs a team.

## STUDENTS

**222 Students enrolled in Pretoria**



## TEACHERS

- There are **37** educators, **14** of whom hold **Masters Degrees**
- Our teachers come from Belgium, Colombia, Ireland, Netherlands, Peru, Philippines, South Africa, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Zimbabwe

## CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

**ACTIVITIES** - Students in grades 1 to 8 have numerous opportunities to enroll in co-curricular activities that take place after school. These include: Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Tennis, Swimming, Math, Drama, Martial Arts, Arts, and Crafts, Chess, Dance, Dodgeball, Music, Cooking, Yoga, Acrobatics, Track & Field, Model United Nations, Crochet, Photography, Archery, and Makerspace.

**ARTS** - Arts learning is embedded in our curriculum and, in addition to co-curricular activities, students have the opportunity to participate in school theater productions, local field trips, and international festivals, including ISSEA, AMIS and ISTA.

**SERVICE** - Service Learning opportunities are embedded in a unit of study at each grade level. Students can also engage in service learning projects as part of our co-curricular activities. Students are also encouraged to independently take action to solve problems that have been identified within our community.

**SPORTS** - AISJ is a member of the International Schools of Southern and Eastern Africa (ISSEA) conference. Sports offered include: Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Tennis, Swimming, Track & Field, Cross Country, Golf, Equestrian, Rugby.

## PORTRAIT OF AN AISJ LEARNER



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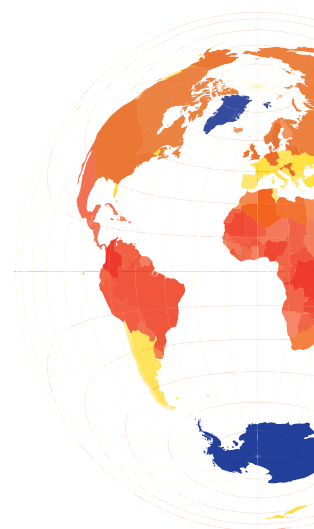
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# GRADING SYSTEM

Elementary School and Middle School descriptive grading criteria for learning outcomes

EXCEEDING	The learner independently demonstrates proficiency of the standard and creatively transfers and extends this knowledge and understanding to other contexts.
PROFICIENT	The learner independently and consistently demonstrates their understanding of the key concepts, processes, and skills involved with the standard.
APPROACHING	The learner is inconsistent when demonstrating their understanding of the concepts, processes, and skills involved in the standard and often needs additional support to achieve success.
DEVELOPING	Even with support, the learner experiences ongoing difficulty understanding the concepts, processes, and skills associated with the standard.

## ES CURRICULUM – PRETORIA CAMPUS

The elementary years of school develop important skills and dispositions toward learning. Our teachers foster students' natural wonder about the world while ensuring that they develop a growth mindset toward learning. Our conceptually based curriculum is aimed to meet the varying needs of students from diverse backgrounds. We focus on the social, emotional, physical, artistic, and academic development of the child.

The elementary school uses a balanced literacy approach to teaching reading and writing. Readers and Writers Workshops are at the core of our literacy program. We dedicate large blocks of time to teaching literacy throughout our school day to develop students who are passionate readers and writers.

Our math program is designed to promote conceptual understanding, problem-solving and mathematical reasoning. Emphasis is placed on developing strong number sense in students while ensuring that students have a wide repertoire of strategies for solving problems and explaining their thinking and reasoning to others.

Our students visit specialist teachers in art, music, physical education, library, and Spanish. Classroom teachers focus on language arts, science, social studies, and mathematics. We have a strong learning support program where learning support teachers, along with our counselor, work collaboratively with classroom teachers to meet the needs of students who require academic, social, and/or English language support.

We recognize the essential role that parents play in the education of their children. Our caring and experienced teachers partner with parents to meet the needs of each child.

## MS COURSES – PRETORIA CAMPUS

REQUIRED COURSES	GRADES
Physical Education	6 – 8
Language Arts	6 – 8
Mathematics	6 – 8
Social Studies	6 – 8
Science	6 – 8
World Languages – French and Spanish	6 – 8



ELECTIVE GROUPS		DURATION
Technology	Design, Code, Create, and Play	Trimester
	Makerspace	Trimester
	Humans vs Robots	Trimester
	Making Your Voice Heart	Trimester
	Introduction to Media Arts	Trimester
	Animation	Trimester
	Film Storytelling	Trimester
	Photography	Trimester
Other		
Lifetime Sports and Coaching		Trimester

ELECTIVE GROUPS		DURATION
Performing Arts	Band	Year long Course
	Choir	Year long Course
	Drama	Trimester
Visual Arts	Graphic Design	Trimester
	Drawing and Painting	Trimester
	Global Arts Awareness	Trimester
	Sculpture	Trimester
	Printmaking	Trimester
	Art and Service	Trimester
	Expressive Painting	Trimester
	Foundation in Visual Arts	Trimester