



# THE AMERICAN BACCALAUREATE SCHOOL

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## School Profile 2022-2023

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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 sixteenth year of operation. Our first senior class graduated in May of 2009. Our high school enrollment is rapidly growing, and we presently have 353 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:** 947

### **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.



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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 2022)

All courses are included in calculating GPA \* GPA Range – 2.13– 4.2

4.00-4.20 = 16	3.90-3.99 = 9	3.80-3.89 = 10
3.70-3.79 = 9	3.60-3.69 = 3	3.50-5.59 = 6
3.40-3.49 = 5	3.30-3.39 = 5	3.20-3.29 = 6
3.10-3.19 = 4	3.00-3.09 = 5	2.90-2.99 = 1
2.80-2.89 = 4	2.70-2.79 = 0	2.60-2.69 = 1
2.50-2.59 = 3	2.40-2.49 = 1	2.30-2.39 = 2
2.20-2.29 = 0	2.10-2.19 = 1	2.00-1.00 = 0

## SAT Average Scores

Critical Reading: 505  
Mathematics: 470  
Writing: 490

\*Updated 16 Jun. 2022 ANJ

## 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  
 Honors World Literature  
 AP English Language and Literature  
 Algebra I and II  
 Geometry  
 Integrated Math  
 Pre-Calculus  
 AP Calculus  
 Biology & AP Biology  
 Chemistry & AP Chemistry  
 Environmental Science  
 Physics  
 Oceanography  
 World Geography  
 World History I and II  
 Civics  
 College Seminar I & II  
 Computer Coding  
 AP Computer Science Principles  
 Advanced Applied Engineering  
 Basic Networking  
 Computer Technology I - Arduino  
 French I and II  
 2D-3D Graphic Design  
 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 Hill  
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  
George Mason University  
Grossmont College  
Indiana University – Bloomington  
Loyola Marymount University  
Marquette University  
Michigan State University  
New York University  
Northeastern University  
Northern Arizona University  
Ohio University  
Ohio State University  
Oregon State University  
Pace University  
Pennsylvania State University  
Pepperdine University  
Purdue University  
San Diego Mesa College  
San Diego State University  
San Jose State University  
San Francisco State University  
Santa Monica College  
Seattle University  
St. John's University  
St. Mary's University  
University of Arizona  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, Davis  
University of California, Merced  
University of California, Riverside  
Regent's American College London  
Royal Holloway University  
Swansea University  
St. George's University

University of California, Santa Cruz  
University of California, San Diego  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of Colorado, Boulder  
University of Kentucky  
University of Massachusetts, Boston  
University of Miami  
University of Michigan  
University of Oregon  
University of the Pacific  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of San Diego  
University of Southern California  
University of Tampa  
University of Texas at San Antonio  
University of Utah  
University of Wisconsin - Madison  
Temple University  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Washington State 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  
Glasgow University  
Hertfordshire International College  
King's College – London  
Kingston University  
Keele University  
London South Bank University  
Liverpool John Moores University  
Manchester Metropolitan University  
Newcastle University  
Queen Mary University London



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University of Aberdeen  
University of Birmingham  
University of Brighton  
University of Bristol  
University of Central Lancashire  
University College London  
University of Liverpool  
University of Leeds  
University of Manchester  
University of Nottingham  
University of Portsmouth  
University of Plymouth  
University of Salford  
University of Sheffield  
University of Southampton  
University of Strathclyde  
University of Stirling  
University of Sunderland  
University of Surrey  
University of Wells  
University of Westminster  
University of York

## **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