





AT ASHK WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING A BALANCED AND HOLISTIC PROGRAM WITH EQUAL EMPHASIS ON THE INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL, CREATIVE, AND PHYSICAL DOMAINS.



A Warm Welcome From Our School Director

Welcome to American School Hong Kong (ASHK). We appreciate your interest and are delighted to share the diverse educational experiences available to our students.

With guidance from Esol Education and their 45-years of establishing top international schools around the world, ASHK offers outstanding academic and extra-curricular programmes to children from KG to Grade 12.



Our students are inspired by an outstanding group of committed international educators who set high standards, but also provide the care and support needed for all students to reach their full potential. With parents working as supportive partners, we have developed a warm, welcoming and inspirational environment that encourages students to achieve excellence in all aspects of school life.

Along with producing successful students, it's an equally important part of our mission to develop outstanding people, who are caring, empathetic, and principled members of our community. It is an honor to work in such an exciting and energetic environment with so many wonderful and talented young people, but with that comes great responsibility and joy. We welcome this challenge and we welcome you to our community at American School Hong Kong.

Go Lightning!

Mr. Christopher Coates

School Director

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Message from our Elementary Principal

Welcome to American School Hong Kong and thank you for considering our beautiful campus, fruitful program, and warm community for your family's educational journey.

As Elementary School Principal, I have the great pleasure and honor of welcoming our students as they enter our school gate to start another day full of exploration, self-discovery, challenge and camaraderie. The work our teachers do with each individual student, combined with the teamwork mentality of our parents, is what enables our students to enter independently with a sense of purpose, confidence, a skip in their step and a smile on their face.

At American School Hong Kong, we place utmost importance on developing our students' social emotional skills because we firmly believe in inspiring our students to be kind, contributing members of society. In addition, developing our students' growth mindset, collaboration skills and respect for their education helps to create a firm foundation for tackling our standards-based curriculum and for developing as lifelong learners.

Our program at ASHK is designed to instill a love of learning through hands-on, inquiry-based lessons that incorporate student interests while setting high expectations in all areas of our holistic curriculum. The size of our school is small enough to support a more personalized approach and large enough to provide students with an opportunity to form various friendships and learn from multiple perspectives.

Choosing a school for your child is a difficult process. We are eager to answer any questions you may have and welcome you to come visit our beautiful oasis in Tai Po. Come see for yourself all that American School Hong Kong has to offer.

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Mrs. Amy Jackman

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Message from our Secondary Principal

I am proud to serve as a member of the leadership team for American School Hong Kong. We are a warm and welcoming community of learners dedicated to ensuring that students receive exceptional educational experiences in a safe and nurturing environment.

We believe that all students have great potential and our role as educators is to work with the students to help them achieve the very best that they can.

In the secondary division we are privileged to have a brand new learning environment with state-of-the-art facilities for music, a beautiful new library and bright, modern classrooms.

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As an IB World School that offers the IB Diploma Programme® in Grades 11 and 12, we offer a broad range of subjects that will meet the needs of students looking to continue their journey in education from here in Hong Kong to all other countries including the US and the UK. The program that we have prepared for students in Grades 6 to 10 ensures that they are well prepared for the IB Diploma Programme®, which is the best university preparatory program currently available.

All members of our school community are on a continual journey of learning, ensuring up-to-date best practices and resources are embraced. In addition, we have programs to support students towards a healthy and well-balanced life with good habits for an active lifestyle. We encourage all students to be open-minded towards, and caring for, others and the planet and to be creative thinkers who inquire into issues critically and become active problem-solvers.

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Ms. Amanda Shepherd

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ASHK Mission

To provide a challenging American and international education program that empowers students to be independent critical thinkers and responsible global citizens who excel in their future studies and careers.

ASHK Vision

To be widely recognized as a welcoming global community where creativity and innovation equip

students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to achieve their fullest potential.

IB Learner Profiles

The attributes that form the IB Learner Profile are visibly displayed throughout the school and embedded into our entire program. When all members of our school community strive to live by the spirit of the IB Learner Profile, chances are good that every experience will be a positive and fulfilling one. Therefore, all ASHK students are encouraged to become:



Accreditation

American School Hong Kong (ASHK) is designed as a co-educational through-train day school for students from KG (age 5) to Grade 12. English is the language of instruction and communication at the school.

ASHK has been granted accreditation status by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA), a leading American body that accredits seven

other Esol Education schools, and by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

In addition, ASHK has successfully undergone an accreditation process with the International Baccalaureate (IB) and offers the Diploma Programme (IBDP) to eligible students entering Grades 11 and 12.









Esol Education

American School Hong Kong is owned and operated by Esol Education, one of the world's largest operators of international American schools.

Esol Education currently operates 10 high-quality international schools across three continents serving over 10,000 students. Graduates from Esol schools attend leading universities worldwide.

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World's Leading Universities

American School Hong Kong is a proud Esol Education school, with a long history of student achievement worldwide. Esol Education graduates are accepted into universities in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Europe, and beyond, with several placements in the world's top 50 schools including Harvard, Stanford, Oxford, Yale, MIT and Columbia University. The colleges and universities that have offered admission to Esol Education graduates include:







































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Curriculum Overview

ASHK provides a rigorous American and international education program. Our inquiry and concept-based approach to teaching and learning promotes the development of critical thinking. Through this approach, students are empowered to become independent, self-actualized, critical thinkers and problem-solvers.

In Elementary School (KG - Grade 5), and Secondary School (Grades 6 - 10), the US Common Core (Math and English), Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), and American Education Reaches Out (AERO) Social Studies Standards, along with other best-practice international frameworks, provide the foundations for learning. The standards are the learning goals for what students should know, be able to do, and communicate at each grade level. They are designed to help students acquire the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to reach their full potential.

An understanding of adolescent development during this critical phase underpins the program in place for Secondary School students. In response, the school has introduced a Teacher Advisor Program (TAP) along with a personal, social, and emotional curriculum framework. The school is committed to the development of strong

character and life skills in our students. We have also introduced leadership development programs and activities such as Model United Nations, Week Without Walls, and National History Day, which are all designed to promote responsible global citizenship.

Enrollment in the International Baccalaureate (IB)
Diploma Programme® is the preferred option for Grades
11 and 12 students. The IB programme is a university
preparatory program characterized by its intellectual
rigor, liberal arts tradition, and international flavor. The
curriculum promotes critical and analytical thinking.
The IB Diploma is recognized as an excellent credential
or "gold standard passport" for admission into top-tier
colleges or universities worldwide.





English as an Additional Language Program (EAL) at ASHK

At ASHK, students who are learning English as an additional language (EAL) are supported by EAL specialist teachers who carry out the mission of the school while helping students to belong, flourish, achieve and excel at their learning goals.

As part of our individualized learning approach, ASHK's English support program is comprised of two English Language Learning programs for families looking for a high-quality international education for children who are still developing their English language skills: Foundational English Program (FEP), and Mainstream EAL Program.

In both programs, students benefit from an academically rigorous standards-based curriculum and inquiry-based learning approach while being supported to acquire the English language skills they need to succeed. We ensure a low student-teacher ratio for optimal learning, with lessons tailored to individual language needs. Our experienced specialist language teachers nurture students to success by providing targeted instruction that is tailored to each child's individual needs for English language development, whilst enabling full access to the curriculum.

Foundational English Program (FEP)

Designed for students in Grades 2 to 5 who have limited proficiency in the English language.

- Aim to develop the students' basic English skills
- Engaging and Motivating Lessons
- Inquiry-Based Learning
- Personalized Growth Plan

Mainstream EAL Program

Enables English language learners to develop their language skills in an immersive English environment. Students receive English support based on the curriculum's objective and their individual language needs



Digital Technology

The use of technology provides many opportunities for students to delve deeper into their learning. With teachers guiding and extending the educational process, students begin to engage in collaborative work and establish their own digital footprint as part of a 1:1 technology program at ASHK.

MacBooks, iPads, mobile devices, and classroom management software are connected through an intelligent infrastructure that provides seamless, wireless connectivity throughout the school. The school recognizes that when digital environments are used



effectively, they can build character, enrich discovery, guide learning, and encourage positive behavior.

STEAM Focus

STEAM is an integrated approach to learning that leverages inquiry and design to guide development of 21st century skills. At ASHK, our STEAM curriculum provides activities that foster true innovation that comes with combining the mind of a scientist with that of an artist or designer while also integrating Math concepts and technology. Our STEAM program requires students to be active and engaged.

Students become very effective at teamwork, flexible-thinking, creative problem-solving, and understand the importance of collaboration. At American School Hong Kong, we are dedicated to maximizing the creative and innovative capacity of our students to help them become what our mission statement speaks to: "independent critical thinkers, and responsible global citizens who excel in their future studies and careers."





Holistic Development

At ASHK, we are focused on developing well-rounded individuals. Intellectual development is of paramount importance but significant emphasis is placed on the social, physical, emotional, and creative domains.

One of the ways the school supports students with holistic development is by offering a wide assortment of Extra-Curricular Activities (ECAs), outside of the classroom, that serve to meet their interests and needs.

Leadership and Clubs

At ASHK, we are committed to providing opportunities for students to develop and refine leadership skills while catering to various interests and needs. All clubs will have an executive team of students responsible for developing the club's mission and related activities. As part of the team, students will strengthen their organizational skills and learn more about the value of flexibility and adaptability. Students will practice communication skills, setting appropriate goals and priorities for the club. Learning to respect the rights and contributions of others and they will grow to appreciate the importance of teamwork.

Service Activities

Service activities at ASHK aim to allow students to develop the necessary skills to become responsible global citizens, which is a goal embedded in our mission statement. We provide the opportunity for students to make a positive contribution to the school community and the wider community as well. Service contributions allow students to learn social responsibility while aligning with the ethos of an international school and requirements for students enrolled in an IB Diploma Programme.



Music and Fine Arts

Students across all grade levels at ASHK will be exposed to Music and Fine Arts. Involvement in the Arts is associated with gains in mathematics, verbal skills, cognitive ability, and critical thinking. In addition, Arts education not only inspires intrinsic pleasure and stimulation but can also improve motivation, confidence and teamwork. It can help young children begin to find meaning in life and open their minds to multiple perspectives.

Students at every level will have opportunities to join after-school ensembles and perform on stage. Choirs and bands are at the heart of the school's musical life and theater and dance productions will become part of an expected tradition at ASHK. Our mission is to encourage maximum participation and to provide quality experiences for students that are rich, varied and enjoyable.

We are committed to offering a well-balanced program that complements our core academic offering, and is challenging and engaging for students.



Physical Education (PE) and Athletics

The PE curriculum at ASHK helps students develop an understanding of what they need in order to make a commitment to healthy active living. Participation in our after school "learn-to-play" and competitive athletics program is an extension of the PE program and is seen as an integral and enjoyable part of a child's development and of the overall ASHK curriculum plan. Through participation in sports, students learn to appreciate the close relationship that exists between a healthy body and healthy mind.

Our goal with athletics is to motivate and involve large

numbers of students to participate in sports and to foster in them a sense of respect and confidence, an understanding of commitment, the significance of teamwork, and the desire to dedicate energy toward the pursuit of established goals. We are committed to offering a dynamic and exciting program in line with the many varied interests that exist.

We are full members of the International Schools Sports Federation of Hong Kong (ISSFHK) and, beginning with students as young as 10, have entered teams in competitions offered by the league such as crosscountry, soccer, track and field, badminton, basketball, volleyball, tennis, swimming, and rugby.









Ability-based Learning Streams

We believe that meaningful and early exposure to more than one language provides our students with advanced cognitive development. The Chinese program at ASHK is a comprehensive acquisition and development program. We offer daily Chinese (Mandarin) lessons for all students. Our aim is to provide opportunities for students to develop their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills to an optimal level based on their linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

ASHK has established separate levels (foundation, standard, higher and advanced) to accommodate the varied experiences students have had with the language. The levels are different in the nature of the expected outcomes for the children and the structure enables children to learn at an appropriate pace. Movement between levels is carefully considered and handled sensitively by the teaching staff in the interests of all children. Movement between levels, if appropriate, is arranged at the end of each term.

There are five lessons a week for all grade levels, and our Chinese program offers different streams for students with different learning needs:

- CAL Chinese Advanced Level (Chinese for proficient/native communicators)
- CHL Chinese Higher Level (Chinese for near native communicators)
- CSL Chinese Standard Level (Chinese for capable communicators)
- **CFL** Chinese Foundation Level (Chinese for beginning/emergent communicators)

CAL

Local materials are used along with school based materials. Language level of CAL students attain the requirements of the Education Bureau.

CHL

Adjustments are made with CAL materials to suit the learning needs for CHL students.

CSL and CFL

Delivered with teaching style of 'Teaching Proficiency through Reading and Storytelling', along with providing customized school based materials, the goal is to develop the all-rounded language ability of students. The syllabus refers to the Chinese language standards of American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL), Youth Chinese Test (YCT) and Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi (HSK).

We recognize the crucial role that parents play as primary caregivers. Our faculty are committed to honoring parents as significant partners in the educational process. Teachers act "in loco parentis" or as a good person would in the absence of the parent. It is crucial, therefore, for school and family to work closely together, informing, supporting, and communicating.

A strong home-school partnership is essential for students to reach their full potential. ASHK promotes regular communication between parents and teachers and includes opportunities for parent volunteers to support the educational program. The American School Parents' Association (ASPA) has played an active role in the school since it was established.

American School Parents' Association (ASPA) Objectives

- To foster a sense of community within the school by coordinating and supporting various school and social activities that take place throughout the year
- To facilitate better communication between Parents, Teachers, Administration, and the Board of Governors
- To promote parental participation in the future direction and development of the school
- To engage with ASHK families to increase interest in and understanding of the school's Mission and the function of ASPA in support of the Mission
- To raise and distribute ASPA funds in a purposeful manner to support school programs and enhance the education of our children
- To promote the welfare of ASHK students and their families in school, community and home

ASHK is committed to honoring partners as significant partners in the educational process, while ASHK teachers act in loco parentis.



Join Us Today!

We are grateful that you are interested in learning more about our school, and welcome the opportunity to pave the way for your family to join a vibrant, joyful and supportive school community.

We accept applications two years in advance and all year long. It is always wise to apply early, as spaces can fill up quickly. Our aim is to make the application process as smooth as possible, and to reach an enrollment decision quickly. We look forward to supporting you at this beginning stage of ASHK's partnership with you in your child's academic success. Your child's success will be our school's greatest achievement.

The school will consider students identified as needing special educational support, if the respective services are available. EAL (English as an Additional Language) support will be provided, if needed, for those whose first language is not English.

Our rolling admissions scheme allows for new student applications any time throughout the academic year!

Scholarships are also available for students who meet the criteria for eligibility.

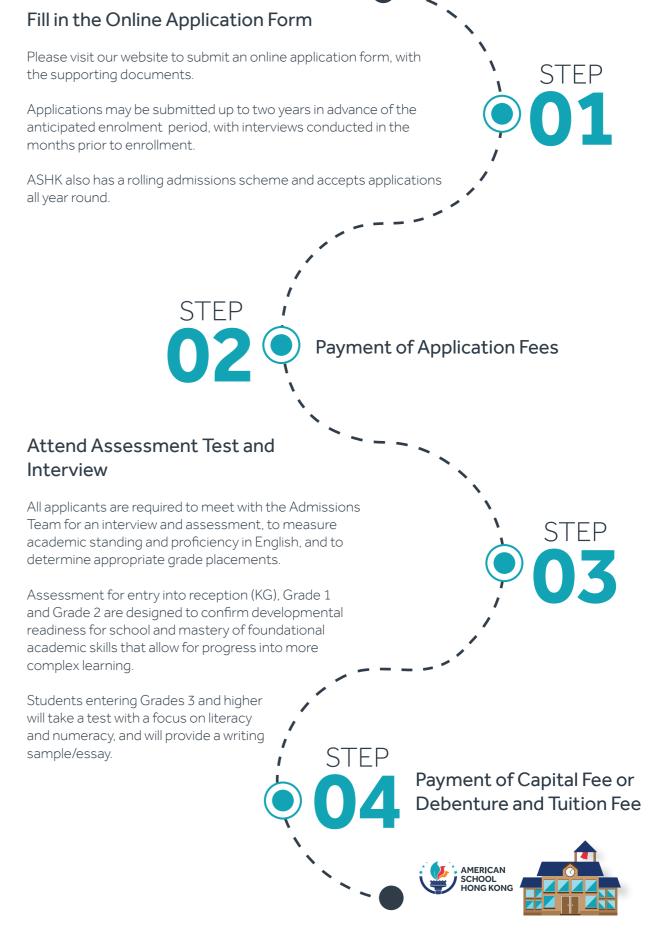
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