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# HIGH SCHOOL

## 2022/23

# PROFILE

## • MISSION

We're determined to be a community that changes the world for the better.

Here it's all about what you can do rather than what you can't; where every student, at any level of ability, from any culture, is happy and excited because they can choose how they want to learn, not just what they want to learn. It's a school where asking the right questions is more important than memorizing the right answers; where you make friendships that last a lifetime; and develop life skills that send you out into the world with enough self-belief to change it for the better.

The American School of Warsaw sees the future reflected in our students' independent thinking, humane values, and ethical actions in the realization of their dreams. We envision our students as active and responsible world citizens who are principled, compassionate, and innovative life-long learners and leaders.

The American School of Warsaw is a college-preparatory, Pre-K through grade 12, independent, not-for-profit international community school. ASW offers an American High School Diploma that is further enriched by the International Baccalaureate Diploma. Founded in 1953, ASW has been a leader in international education for more than 60 years, providing a rigorous, supportive, and welcoming environment to all of our students.

## • CORE VALUES



Put the same into life as you put into school.



Work together. Because without us all, we're nothing.



Step forward and make things happen. Don't wait.



Make the whole world your classroom.



Bounce back when things don't go your way.

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# ASW

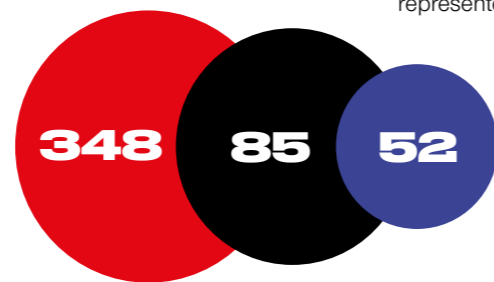


ASW is located in Warsaw, the historic and modern capital of Poland. Poland provides a rich backdrop for education. A center for science, technology, and business, Poland has one of the strongest economies in Europe. With a strong national appreciation for the arts, Warsaw supports a professional Opera, Ballet, and National Symphony as well as a National Gallery of Art and a Modern Art Museum, all of which enrich our community and our classrooms.

ASW is located on a pre-K to Grade 12 10-hectare campus just south of the Warsaw city limits. There are 101 classrooms, 7 science labs, a Design and Technology Center, 5 music rooms, 5 art rooms, a library, 3 gymnasiums, a full-service cafeteria, a professional theater, and a swimming pool. There are also multiple playgrounds, a fully lighted track, soccer fields, 2 softball fields, outdoor tennis courts, and a multipurpose sports court. Our Annex Building, which houses arts and athletics is LEED-certified, and along with active gardens, a student-run plastic recycling center, and other projects, is part of our ongoing goals surrounding sustainability and carbon neutral practices.

**8:1** STUDENT TO TEACHER RATIO (HS)

Number of HS Students: 348  
 Number of Seniors (Class of 2023): 85  
 Number of Nationalities represented in HS: 52



## STUDENT NATIONALITIES IN THE HIGH SCHOOL 2022/2023



The remaining 37%: Swedish, Dutch, Portugese, Israeli, Spanish, German, Indian, Russian, Turkish, Vietnamese, British, Irish, Italian, Hungarian, Romanian, Austrian, Czech, Lithuanian, Finnish, Bulgarian, Croatian, Australian, Belgian, French, Greek, Slovenian, Belarussian, Danish, Filipino, Pakistani, Slovak, South African, Bosnian, Japanese, Latvian, Mexican, Iraqi, Egyptian, Kuwaiti and Sudanese.

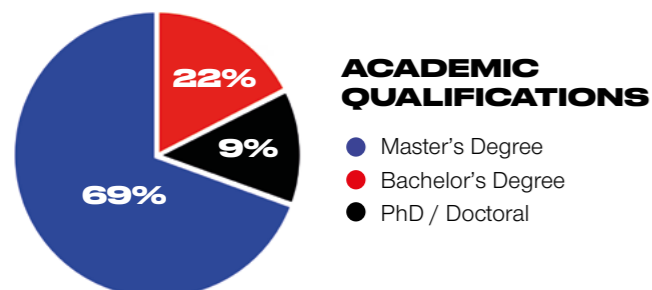
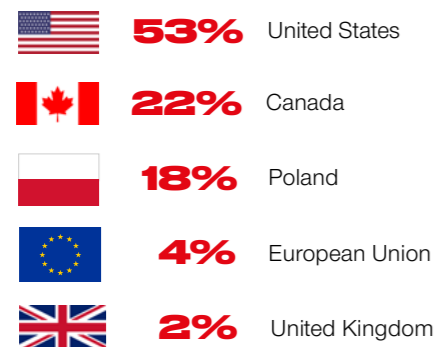
## ACADEMIC PROGRAM

ASW offers a college-preparatory American curriculum in addition to the International Baccalaureate Program. Elective offerings include Fine Arts, Theater, Technology, and Music as well as a wide array of Native and Foreign Language offerings. In addition, support is provided through Grade 10 for English as an Additional Language.

The Upper School is a one-to-one laptop learning environment, and students study on a 4-day cycle. The school calendar runs from August to June. Grades 9 and 10 have 9 blocks/day at 80 minutes each. Grade 9 students enroll in 9 classes while Grade 10 students enroll in a minimum of 8 classes. Grades 11 and 12 have 8 blocks/day at 90 and 75 minutes each for HL and SL respectively. Students must enroll in a minimum of 6 classes.

## FACULTY

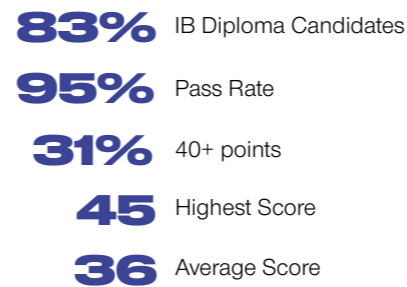
**45** FULL-TIME HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY MEMBERS



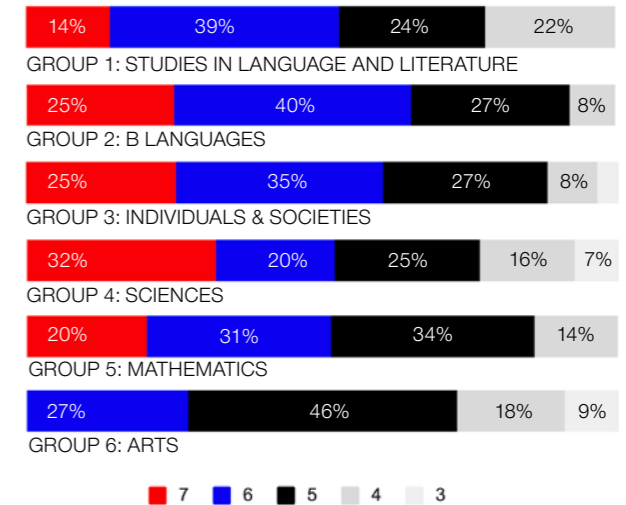
## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMME

The IB Diploma requires successful completion of 6 two-year-long academic subjects from prescribed areas, a course in Theory of Knowledge, an independently researched Extended Essay of 4000 words, as well as documented experiences in the areas of Creativity, Activity, and Service.

### IB DATA (CLASS OF 2022)



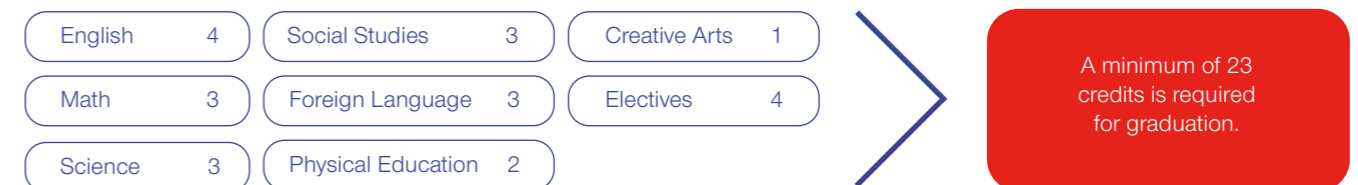
### IB GRADE DISTRIBUTION (CLASS OF 2022)



## EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAM

ASW students are able to participate in a wide variety of athletic, cultural, and service-oriented activities. ASW is a full member of regional sport and cultural associations including the Central Eastern European Schools Association (CEESA) as well as the Sports Council of International Schools (SCIS). The three seasons of sports include varsity and junior varsity soccer, volleyball, basketball, swimming, softball, tennis, track & field, and cross country. Students may also participate in many other activities, including jazz band, speech & debate, outdoor clubs, environmental clubs, Model United Nations, math team, student government, and community service.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



All Grade 11-12 students complete Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS), regardless of their IB DP candidate status. Additional graduation possibilities are available to students.

### IB MYP COURSE OFFERINGS

- Required**
  - English Lang. and Lit. 9 & 10
  - Individuals and Societies 9 & 10
  - Science 9 & 10
  - Math 9 Standard/Extended
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  - Physical & Health Ed. 9 & 10
  - Language Acquisition
- Language Acquisition Offerings**
  - French Phase 1-4
  - German Phase 1-3
  - Polish Phase 1-4
  - Spanish Phase 1-4
- Native Language Offerings**
  - Native German 1 & 2
  - Native Polish Lang. & Lit. 9 & 10
- Art, Design, and Electives**
  - Art Foundations 1 & 2
  - Classic & Digital Photography 1 & 2
  - Choir
  - Guitar
  - Wind Ensemble
  - Theater: Intro & Advanced
  - Theater Stagecraft
  - Programming: Intro & Advanced
  - Design Technology
  - Robotics
- Non-Departmental Courses**
  - English for Academic Purposes
  - Independent Study
  - Learning Support
  - Math Skills
  - Study Skills
  - Yearbook

### IB DP COURSE OFFERINGS

- Group 1: Studies in Language & Literature \***
  - English Lang. and Lit. SL/HL
  - German SL/HL
  - Polish SL/HL
  - Swedish SL/HL
  - Self Taught Languages SL
- Group 2: Language Acquisition**
  - French B SL/HL
  - German B Ab Initio/SL/HL
  - Spanish B Ab Initio/SL/HL
- Group 3: Individuals & Societies**
  - Economics SL/HL
  - Environmental Systems and Societies SL
  - History SL/HL
  - Psychology SL/HL
  - Business Management SL/HL
- Group 4: Science**
  - Biology SL/HL
  - Chemistry SL/HL
  - Computer Science SL/HL
  - Environmental Systems and Societies SL
  - Physics SL/HL
- Group 5: Mathematics**
  - Analysis and Approaches SL/HL
  - Applications and Interpretations SL
- Group 6: Arts**
  - Visual Arts SL/HL
  - Theater Arts SL/HL
  - Theory of Knowledge

\* All students are required to enroll in Group 1 English. Students may choose to enroll in an additional Group 1 language in lieu of a Group 2 language and earn the IB Bilingual Diploma.

## UNIVERSITY ADMITTANCES

### Canada

Carleton University  
Langara College  
Ontario College of Art & Design  
Queen's University  
McGill University  
Ryerson University  
Sheridan College Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning  
Trent University  
University of British Columbia  
University of Toronto  
University of Waterloo  
York University

### Cyprus

University of Nicosia

### Denmark

Copenhagen School of Design & Technology

### France

Ecole Polytechnique  
Ecole Supérieure d'art et de design  
Marseille Méditerranée  
ESSEC Business School  
Fountainbleu School of Acting  
Parsons Paris  
Sciences Po  
Toulouse Business School

### Germany

Berlin University of Applied Sciences  
Jacobs University

### Hong Kong

Chinese University of Hong Kong  
City University of Hong Kong  
Hong Kong Polytechnic University

### Hungary

Szeged Medical University

### Italy

Florence Design Academy  
Bocconi University  
Marist College - Lorenzo de Medici Institute

### Lithuania

Baltic Aviation Academy

### Netherlands

Erasmus University Rotterdam  
Fontys University of Applied Sciences  
Leiden University  
University of Groningen  
Eindhoven University of Technology  
Tilburg University  
Maastricht University  
Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences  
Royal Academy of Art, The Hague  
The Hague University of Applied Sciences  
University of Twente  
University of Amsterdam  
University of Groningen  
Utrecht University  
Wageningen University  
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

### Poland

Academy of Fine Arts, Poznan  
Jagiellonian University - Medicine Program

Kozminski University  
Medical University of Lodz  
Medical University of Warsaw  
University of Warsaw  
Warsaw Academy of Fine Arts  
Warsaw University of Technology

### Spain

Escuela Superior de Administración y Dirección de Empresas (ESADE)  
Toulouse Business School Barcelona

### Switzerland

Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne  
Glion Institute of Higher Education  
University of Zurich

### South Korea

Dankook University  
Seoul National University  
Soonchunhyang University – College of Medicine  
Sungkyunkwan University  
Yonsei University

### Turkey

Koc University  
Sabanci Universitesi

### United Arab Emirates

New York University (NYU Abu Dhabi)

### United Kingdom

Abertay University  
Aston University  
BIMM Music School, London  
BIMM Music School, Manchester Birkbeck, University of London  
Birmingham City University  
Bournemouth University  
Brunel University London  
Cardiff Metropolitan University  
Cass Business School, London  
City University of London  
Coventry University  
Durham University  
Glasgow Caledonian University  
Goldsmiths, University of London  
Heriot-Watt University  
Hult International Business School, London  
Imperial College London  
King's College London  
Kingston University  
Lancaster University  
Leeds Beckett University  
London South Bank University  
Loughborough University  
Newcastle University  
Oxford Brookes University  
Plymouth University  
Queen Mary University of London  
Richmond, The American International University in London  
Royal Holloway, University of London  
Royal Veterinary College  
School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London  
St George's, University of London  
Swansea University  
The London School of Economics and Political Science  
University College, London  
University of Aberdeen  
University of Bath  
University of Birmingham

University of Bristol  
University of Cambridge  
University of Dundee  
University of East Anglia  
University of Edinburgh  
University of Essex  
University of Exeter  
University of Glasgow  
University of Kent  
University of Law  
University of Leeds  
University of Manchester  
University of Nottingham  
University of Oxford  
University of Portsmouth  
University of Reading  
University of Sheffield  
University of South Wales  
University of St Andrews  
University of Stirling  
University of Strathclyde  
University of Southampton  
University of Surrey  
University of Sussex  
University of the Arts London  
University of Warwick  
University of West London  
University of Westminster  
York University

### United States of America

Adelphi University  
Albion College  
American University  
Babson College  
Barnard College  
Bentley University  
Berklee College of Music  
Biola University  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Brigham Young University, Provo  
Brigham Young University, Idaho  
Brown University  
Bryn Mawr College  
California College of the Arts, San Francisco  
California Institute of Technology  
Calvin College  
Case Western Reserve University  
Central College  
Champlain College  
Chapman University  
College of William & Mary  
Colorado State University  
Cornell University  
Creighton College  
Dartmouth College  
DePaul University  
DePauw University  
Drexel University  
Emerson University  
Emory University  
Fordham University  
Full Sail University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Goucher College  
Grinnell College  
Hofstra University  
Illinois Wesleyan University  
Lawrence University  
Lewis & Clark College  
Los Angeles City College  
Loyola Marymount University  
Loyola University, Chicago  
Marist College  
Massachusetts College of Art and Design  
Minnesota State University, Moorhead  
New York University  
North Carolina State University Northeastern University  
Ohio Wesleyan University  
Pacific Lutheran University  
Pennsylvania State University  
Pepperdine University  
Pratt Institute  
Purdue University  
Quinnipiac University  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
Saint Louis University  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
Suffolk University  
Syracuse University  
The Evergreen State College  
The New School  
The Ohio State University  
Trinity University  
Tufts University  
Union College  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, Davis  
University of California, Irvine  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of California, San Diego  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
University of California, Santa Cruz  
University of Cincinnati  
University of Chicago  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
University of Colorado, Colorado Springs  
University of Connecticut  
University of Delaware  
University of Iowa  
University of La Verne  
University of Maine  
University of Miami  
University of Minnesota  
University of Nevada  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Rochester  
University of San Diego  
University of San Francisco  
University of Southern California  
University of St. Thomas  
University of Utah  
University of Washington  
Villanova University  
Washington & Jefferson College  
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