



THE AMERICAN BACCALAUREATE SCHOOL

School Profile 2023-2024

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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. Our first senior class graduated in May of 2009. Our high school enrollment is rapidly growing, and we presently have 335 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 80 individuals from over 20 different countries.

Current Enrollment: 1349

Facilities

- Over 100 classrooms
- Campus-wide internet connectivity Touch screen panels in all classrooms
- MAC lab

- 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 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



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include, Student Council, school yearbook, MUN, National Honor Society, Green Ambassadors, community volunteering, school newspaper and the annual Charity Carnival.

Calendar

The academic year is divided into two semesters. Grades are issued to students quarterly and students sit for final assessments 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 2023)

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	3.50-3.59 = 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

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

2D-3D Graphic Design
 Advanced Applied Engineering
 Algebra I and II
 AP Biology
 AP Calculus
 AP Chemistry
 AP Computer Science Principles
 AP English Language and Composition
 AP English Language Literature
 Arabic 9, 10, 11, 12
 Arabic Foreign Language 1-9 levels
 Basic Networking
 Biology
 Chemistry
 Civics



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College Seminar I & II
Computer Coding
Computer Technology I - Arduino
Culinary Arts
English 9, 10, 11, 12
Environmental Science
French I and II
Geometry
Honors World Literature
Integrated Math
Introduction to Business &
Finance
Introduction to Media Studies
Islamic Studies/Quran 9, 10, 11, 12
Journalism
Oceanography
Physical Education
Physics
Pre-Calculus
Spanish I and II
World Geography
World History I and II
Yearbook

Indiana University – Bloomington
International University Front
Loyola Marymount University
Marquette University
Michigan State University
New York University
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
Ohio University
Oregon State University
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Pomona
Purdue University
Rutgers University
San Diego Mesa College
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University
San Jose State University
Santa Monica College
Seattle University
St. John's University
University of Colorado: Bolder
University of Connecticut
University of Oregon
University of the Pacific
University of Pennsylvania
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
University of Tampa
University of Minnesota- Twin Cities
University of Utah
Texas A&M University
Temple University
Virginia Commonwealth University
West Los Angeles College
West Virginia University

Student University Acceptances

United States of America

Albany College of Pharmacy and Health
Sciences
Arizona State University
Baylor University
Bentley University
Boston University
Bunker Hill
California College of Arts
California State Polytechnic University,
California State University, Northridge
Colorado State University
Drexel University
Florida Atlantic University Florida
George Washington University
Grossmont College

Europe

Aston University
American Intercontinental University
American University of Paris
Birmingham City University
Brunel University



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Bournemouth University
Cardiff University
City University – London
De Monfort University – Leicester
Goldsmiths University of London
Hertfordshire International College
Keele University
King's College – London
Liverpool John Moores University
Manchester Metropolitan University
Newcastle University
Queen Mary University London
Regent's American College London
Royal Holloway University of London
Southampton University
St. George's University
Swansea University
University College London
University of Barcelona
University of Brighton
University of Bristol
University of Liverpool
University of Manchester
University of Nottingham
University of Portsmouth
University of Salford
University of Sheffield
University of Stirling
University of Sunderland
University of Surrey University of Wells
University of York
Trinity College Dublin

Kuwait University

Middle East

American University in Dubai
American University of Sharjah International
Horizons College, Dubai
RCSI Bahrain

Kuwait

American International University
American University of Kuwait
American University of the Middle East
American College of the Middle East
Box Hill College
Gulf University of Science & Technology