

## AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL IN EGYPT

# LEARNERS TODAY LEADERS TOMORROW

As part of the Esol Education family of schools, American International School in Egypt (AIS) has been serving Cairo as a fully-accredited, private co-educational school for over 30 years, with our West Campus opening in 2009. As one of Cairo's leading international schools, AIS fosters collaboration, creativity, leadership and global citizenship. Our programs are designed to give every student the opportunity to explore their unique passions and make a difference every day. We take great pride in our rich history in Cairo, our strong sense of community, and a warm, welcoming environment that embraces all learners.

At AIS West, our goal is to deliver an exemplary program that is characterized by its rigor, holistic approach and inspirational nature. We are committed to building a learning community where care and respect for one another is of paramount importance.

~ John Jalsevac, Director, AIS West

Established in 2009, aiming to bring AIS closer to the residents of West Cairo, AIS West is located in the heart of Sheikh Zayed City, in the 6th of October area, near the Giza district. Continuing the distinguished AIS educational legacy, AIS West provides local and expatriate residents of Cairo with a high-quality American education, based on American standards and an international curriculum - serving the needs of a diverse student body representing over 25 nationalities. A prestigious neighborhood school, AIS West offers a world-class K-12 education, combining a holistic, future-focused, American program with the IB Diploma Programme<sup>®</sup> in Grades 11 and 12.

At AIS West you will find a vibrant learning community that nurtures and empowers well-balanced global learners who understand and respect multicultural diversity. As a university preparatory school, AIS - West's professional team of experienced American and International educators deliver a holistic and challenging American education, with graduates attending top universities in USA, Canada, UK and beyond.

#### Our Mission

AIS West provides a comprehensive and challenging American and international education that fosters informed and engaged local, regional and global citizenship. We inspire students to be lifelong learners who contribute positively within a diverse and changing world.

#### Accreditation

AIS West is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA), and is authorized by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) to offer the IB Diploma Programme<sup>®</sup> for students in Grades 11 and 12.

In addition, AIS West's American High School Diploma is also recognized by the Egyptian Ministry of Education and is equivalent to the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate.

#### **Our Teachers**

Our caring and experienced international teaching faculty make our students their first priority. The teachers embody, and inculcate by example, the best traditions of dedicated educators and are committed to ensuring that the highest possible standards are upheld in their work and conduct.

The majority of our teachers hold Master's degrees and/ or advanced certifications and endorsements from American and Canadian universities.

## Welcome to AIS West





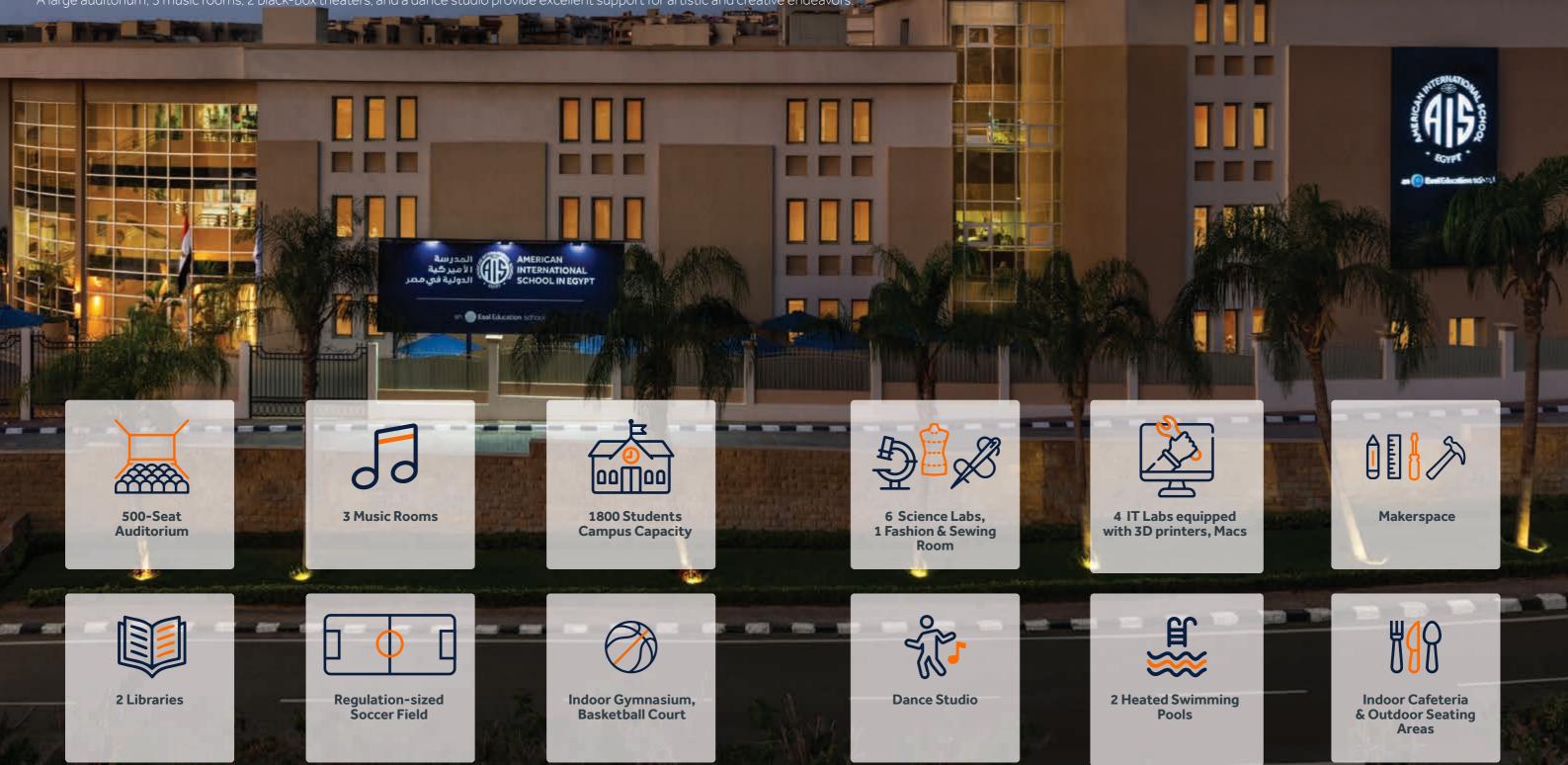
## Our Campus

With a vast footprint of over 31,000 sq.m., AIS West is a large school with a capacity of 1800 students, providing students with modern, comfortable, and naturally-lit classrooms and open spaces that support collaboration, project-based learning and interactive teamwork.

All of the learning spaces, libraries, laboratories, studios and specialty rooms are technologically-connected in order to maximize 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. 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.

High-quality athletic facilities including a double-size indoor gymnasium, outdoor (covered) regulation-sized basketball court, regulation-sized football field, professionally laid running track, fully equipped fitness facility and 2 shaded swimming pools offer ample opportunities for students to develop their physical skills and capacity to engage in a lifetime of sports pursuits.

A large auditorium, 3 music rooms, 2 black-box theaters, and a dance studio provide excellent support for artistic and creative endeavors.





## Learning at AIS West

AlS provides a rigorous American and international education program. From Kindergarten through Grade 12, we provide meaningful and challenging opportunities for both individual and collective achievement. Our inquiry and concept-based approach to teaching and learning promotes the development of critical thinking.

Concepts are a way to organize and make sense of learning with big transferable ideas that transcend time, place, and situations. Content focuses primarily on facts while concepts focus on making sense of those facts and the world around us. Through this approach, students are empowered to become independent, self-actualized, critical thinkers and problem-solvers.

#### Early Years (KG 1 & 2)

At AIS West, our specialist Early Years educators are dedicated to ensuring that our students are always engaged in their learning, loved and cared for, happy and well-adjusted, keeping parents involved every step of the way. We aim to provide the right educational start and lay a foundation for lifelong learning, social-emotional learning, good health and nutrition, and even future career success. Our learning program focuses on building strong Literacy & Math skills, following the Language Arts and Mathematics Common Core State Standards. We also follow the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) for Science; American Education Reaches Out (AERO) Standards in Social Studies, Music and Fine Arts; ISTE in Computer Science; as well as SHAPE America in Physical Education.

#### Elementary, Middle & High School

In the Elementary School (KG2 - Grade 5), Middle School (Grades 6 - 9) and High School (Grades 9 - 12), 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 foundation for learning. The standards provide benchmarks and success criteria for each grade level and are designed to build the most advanced skills students will need for success in college and future careers. 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.

Middle School provides a transitional bridge between the more child-centered, self-contained classroom of the Elementary School and the curriculum-based departmental focus which begins in the High School in Grade 9. Healthy relationships are of paramount importance when working with 11-14 year olds where the widest range of differences in terms of physical, social, and intellectual growth is typically found. An understanding of adolescent development during this critical phase underpins the program in place for Middle School students.

Enrolment in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme<sup>®</sup> or the American Diploma Program are the options available for High School students. Both are regarded as excellent university preparatory programs characterized by their intellectual rigor, liberal arts tradition, and international flavor. The curriculum in both promotes critical and analytical thinking.

Live your life to the fullest, be not afraid to jump and take the risks necessary to become all that you can be. Achieving your own greatness is not about being lucky, it is about finding your own greatness within you!

~Dr. Craig Ross, High School Principal, AIS West

#### The International Baccalaureate®

#### A Pathway to Academic Success

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programd (IBDP) is an internationally recognized, challenging academic program. The gold standard for university entry, the IBDP is highly regarded by leading global universities for its academic depth, breadth, and rigor, developing students to be caring, courageous risk takers and critical thinkers.

"Independent research confirms that the IB improves students' academic achievement, as well as their probability of secondary school graduation and university enrolment, and it is clear that our students are better prepared to succeed in post-secondary settings. And, perhaps more importantly, they're better prepared to contribute in helping to make the world a better place." ~ IB Organization

#### IB Diploma Programme at AIS West

The International Baccalaureate<sup>®</sup> (IB) Diploma Programme (DP) curriculum sets out the requirements for study of the IBDP. The curriculum is made up of the IBDP core and six subject groups.

Made up of the three additional required components, the IBDP core aims to broaden students' educational experience and challenge them to apply their knowledge and skills. At AIS West, we offer a broad range of IB courses from Mathematics, English and the Sciences to Business Management, Psychology, Film Studies and Visual Art.





#### Pathways to Exciting Futures

Along with the IB Diploma Programme<sup>®</sup>, our students can graduate with an American High School Diploma, which is recognized by the Egyptian Ministry of Education as equivalent to the Egyptian General Secondary Certificate. To graduate, a student must complete 26 credits, with courses covering Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Foreign Language, Physical Education and the Arts, as well as a range of electives.

Our experienced counseling team strives to provide students with an understanding of how each educational path can help them with the rigors of higher education, in preparation for life at university, as well as careers beyond. AIS West hosts several university fairs for students and parents throughout the academic school year, hosting upto 130 international universities on our campus.

With a wide range of interests, our graduating seniors major in diverse fields such as: International Business, Finance, Economics, Interior Design, Mechatronic and Robotic Engineering, Neuroscience, Psychology, Architectural Engineering, Computer Science, Medicine, Law, Mathematics, Banking and Digital Finance, and more. AIS West graduates head to universities in the US, UK, Canada, Europe and beyond!

#### Holistic Development

At AIS West, we are focused on developing well-rounded individuals. Intellectual development is of paramount importance but significant emphasis is placed on the social, emotional, physical, and creative domains. One of the ways the school supports students with holistic development is by offering a wide assortment of After School Activities (ASAs) that serve to meet their interests and needs.

#### Leadership and Clubs

AIS West promotes social responsibility from an early age by introducing community-based projects that develop students' sense of responsibility and concern for others. AIS West enables students to build a cohesive worldview, empowering them to make the right choices, developing their imagination and creativity, and supporting their development as internationally minded, global citizens.

Through participation in after school community based projects and clubs (i.e. Model United Nations, National Honors Society), students are provided with opportunities to develop and refine their leadership skills. Clubs have an executive membership responsible for developing the club's mission and related activities. Students are challenged to set agendas, identify goals, strengthen their organizational skills, establish strong communication skills, execute plans and learn more about the value of flexibility and adaptability. Through these experiences, they grow to appreciate the importance of teamwork.



#### Fine and Performing Arts

The Performing Arts have proven to build confidence, creativity, presentation and social skills. At AIS West, our Performing Arts Department provides opportunities for students to explore their potential for personal expression and growth through music, theater, and dance. We value the performing arts as an integral component of a wellrounded academic program that benefits a child's overall development, and our students perform on stage as early as KG1!

> AIS West offers a range of service activities that give purpose to my children and expose them to great opportunities to get more engaged and proactive in their community.

> > ~ AIS West Parent

#### Physical Education (PE) and Athletics

The PE curriculum helps students develop an understanding of what they need to do in order to make a commitment to healthy active living. Participation in our after-school competitive sports program forms an integral and enjoyable part of a child's development and can foster in children a sense of confidence and respect, an understanding of commitment, the significance of teamwork and the desire to dedicate energy toward the pursuit of excellence.





## Join Our Family

### An Esol Education School

When you join AIS - West, you join the Esol Education family of exceptional international schools, serving over 11,000 students across the Middle East, Mediterranean and East Asia. An organization with a heritage of over 45 years of excellence, Esol Education inaugurated AIS - West in 2009. Esol Education's mission is to provide an outstanding education to students and excellent professional opportunities for educators in international communities, instilling the knowledge, skills, and character necessary for success in the 21st century. Today Esol Education has earned an unparalleled reputation as a leading provider of high quality international K-12 education.



Focused on providing the highest standards of educational excellence, all Esol Education schools enjoy the benefits of experienced leadership, dedicated teachers and superlative facilities. Our teams of educators use research-based, progressive teaching methods tailored to children's individual needs, putting students at the forefront of their learning. Bright and articulate, Esol students take great pride in their education, going on to attend leading universities across the world.

#### Admissions at American International School in Egypt - West

We invite you to visit us, tour our campus, and discover how AIS - West can be the right fit for your family! Please do give us a call on **+202 3854 0600** or write to **admissionsteam@aiswest.com** to make an appointment to visit us. We hope to welcome you soon to our happy and warm learning community!

We hope to welcome you soon to the AIS - West family!