

# American School of Warsaw

High School Profile 2024-2025

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## OVERVIEW

We're determined to be a community that changes the world for the better. It's 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. ASW is a college-preparatory, Pre-K through Grade 12, independent, not-for-profit international community school. Information regarding instruction and expectations during the time of COVID-19 (mid-March 2020 to June 2023) is found at <https://tinyurl.com/ymab35ye>.

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 most recent construction, the 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. As of June 2023, the campus is undergoing major renovations. Construction is expected to be completed in the spring of 2025.

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM

ASW offers an American High School Diploma that is further enriched by the International Baccalaureate Diploma, and most graduates earn dual diplomas. The Upper School is a one-to-one laptop learning environment, and students study on an 8-day cycle. The school calendar runs from August to June. Grades 9 and 10 have 9 rotating blocks with 4 or 5 blocks per 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 rotating blocks with 4 blocks per day at 90 and 75 minutes each for HL and SL respectively. Students must enroll in a minimum of 6 classes. In addition to the offerings listed below, ASW has partnered with Pamoja to allow students access to a wider range of course options. ASW does not rank students nor calculate GPA. In addition to the course offerings below, students with documented learning challenges/diagnoses are able to take non-IBDP courses, which are embedded into the IBDP courses, but IB-specific requirements have been removed from assessment criteria.

### IB MYP COURSE OFFERINGS

#### Required

English Lang. & Lit. 9 & 10  
Individuals & 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 Lang. & Lit.\*

English Lang. & Lit. SL/HL  
German SL/HL  
Polish SL/HL  
Self Taught Languages SL

#### Group 2: Language Acquisition

French B SL/HL  
Spanish B Ab Initio/SL/HL

#### Group 3: Individuals & Societies

Economics SL/HL  
Environmental Systems & 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 & Societies SL  
Physics SL/HL

#### Group 5: Mathematics

Analysis & Approaches SL/HL  
Applications & Interpretations SL

#### Group 6: Arts

Visual Arts SL/HL  
Theater Arts SL/HL  
Music 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.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

### ASW Academic Diploma

English	4
Social Studies	3
Math	3
Science	3
Foreign Language	3
Physical Education and Health	2
Visual & Performing Arts	1
Design	1
Electives	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>

### ASW General Diploma

English	4
Social Studies	2
Math	2
Science	2
Foreign Language	1
Physical Education and Health	2
Visual & Performing Arts	1
Design	1
Electives	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>

All Grade 11/12 students complete Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS), regardless of their IB DP candidate status.

## STUDENT BODY

Class of 2024: 82	21% American	19% Polish	11% Korean	33% other countries
Grades 9-12: 347	8% Ukrainian	5% Chinese	3% Portuguese	

## FACULTY: 50 full time

54% American	12% Polish	<1% Other	8% PhD / Doctoral	68% Master's	7:1 Student:Staff Ratio
30% Canadian	4% EU/UK			24% Bachelor's	

## IB DIPLOMA RESULTS

Year	IB Diploma Candidates	Pass Rate	Highest Score	Average Score	40+ Points
2024	91%	94%	44	33	9.9%
2023	83%	94%	43	32	7%
2022	83%	95%	45	36	31%

Class of 2024 Grade Distribution by Group	7	6	5	4	3	<3
Group 1: Studies in Language and Literature	1	14	46	25	2	0
Group 2: B Languages	10	17	25	5	0	0
Group 3: Individuals & Societies	13	37	36	22	2	1
Group 4: Sciences	7	28	26	18	13	3
Group 5: Mathematics	5	22	18	21	7	0
Group 6: Arts	1	4	5	5	0	0

## Standardized Testing for University Applications

ASW is an SAT test center. Because of the diverse landscape of standardized testing requirements, students work with counselors to determine if standardized testing is necessary or beneficial for their university application. Representative SAT and ACT data is not available due to the low number of current Grade 12 students who have taken the SAT and/or ACT.

## EXTRACURRICULAR OFFERINGS

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.

## POST-ASW DESTINATIONS Full list of university acceptances: <https://www.aswarsaw.org/learning/high-school/university-admittance>

Year	# of applications submitted	Average # of applications per student	# of universities applied to	# of countries applied to	# of offers
2024	424	5	291	23	243
2023	593	7	313	19	234
2022	522	7	258	23	235

  

Matriculations	United States	United Kingdom	Netherlands	Elsewhere	Gap Year
2024	27%	25%	14%	34%	7%
2023	31%	15%	11%	43%	1 student
2022	33%	12%	33%	22%	9%