



THE AMERICAN BACCALAUREATE SCHOOL

School Profile 2025-2026

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Introduction

The American Baccalaureate School (ABS) is a private, non-profit institution dedicated to college preparation. Since opening in September 2006, ABS has steadily grown, with our first graduating class completing their studies in May 2009. Currently, our high school serves 335 students across grades 9 through 12, with enrollment continuing to rise. All our students intend to pursue higher education, and more than half express interest in studying abroad. Many have family members, such as parents, siblings, or relatives—who have already experienced international education. Our student body is predominantly Kuwaiti (99%), with most students coming from well-educated families.

Faculty and Staff

ABS has a teaching staff of 109 individuals from over 20 different countries.

Current Enrollment: 1081

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, soccer pitch, 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 accrediting body that acknowledges schools committed to ongoing improvement and advancing education worldwide.

Diploma Program and Curriculum

ABS's high school program is thoughtfully designed to prepare students for successful admission to colleges and universities, with a strong focus on STEM education and the integration of new technologies. The school is committed to developing future leaders who are prepared to make meaningful contributions to their communities and careers. As part of this mission, students are required to complete Service Learning both within the school and in the broader community.

The high school diploma is officially recognized by the Kuwait Ministry of Education and the Division of Private Education. Students engage in a challenging academic program that includes five core subjects—English, History, Mathematics, Science, and Arabic—along with a comprehensive technology curriculum. They also participate in courses such as Islamic studies, fine arts, personal development, physical education, and a wide range of electives.



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ABS's curriculum is both rigorous and enriching, designed to strengthen students' literacy in English and Arabic, as well as their critical thinking, problem-solving, and study skills. Currently, ABS offers six Advanced Placement (AP) courses in English, Science, Math, and Technology.

Additionally, ABS maintains a partnership with the American International University (AIU). Through this partnership, 12th grade students can take up to 4 college courses as dual enrollment students at AIU. They complete their core classes at ABS in the morning and spend their afternoons in dual enrollment classes on the AIU campus.

Activities

High school students at ABS engage in a variety of activities that support both personal growth and school spirit. They take part in character education and enjoy athletic opportunities such as swimming, bench ball, football, basketball, and volleyball, through both intramural and interscholastic competitions.

Beyond sports, students are actively involved in a wide range of extracurricular programs, including Student Council, the school yearbook, Model United Nations (MUN), National Honor Society, Green Ambassadors, and community service initiatives. Additional opportunities include contributing to the school newspaper, participating in the STEM Conference, competing in international technology competitions, and helping organize the annual Charity Carnival.

Calendar

The academic year at ABS is structured into two semesters, with grades issued on a quarterly basis. Students complete final assessments at the end of each semester. The school week runs from Sunday to Thursday, with the day starting at 7:30 a.m. A 15-minute homeroom advisory period begins each day, followed by seven instructional periods, each lasting 45 minutes. Extracurricular activities take place after regular school hours.

Graduation Requirements

To graduate from ABS, students must earn a total of 25 credits. The credit requirements are distributed as outlined below.

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

Grading System

<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Grade Points</u>
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



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GPA DISTRIBUTION (CLASS OF 2024)

All courses are included in calculating GPA * GPA Range – 1.94-4.16

4.00-4.20 = 15	3.90-3.99 = 8	3.80-3.89 = 7
3.70-3.79 = 5	3.60-3.69 = 1	3.50-5.59 = 4
3.40-3.49 = 4	3.30-3.39 = 5	3.20-3.29 = 7
3.10-3.19 = 3	3.00-3.09 = 3	2.90-2.99 = 1
2.80-2.89 = 2	2.70-2.79 = 1	2.60-2.69 = 2
2.50-2.59 = 1	2.40-2.49 = 1	2.30-2.39 = 0
2.20-2.29 = 2	2.10-2.19 = 1	2.00-1.00 = 2

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 Literature and Composition
Arabic 9, 10, 11, 12
Arabic Foreign Language 1-9 levels
Basic Networking
Biology
Chemistry
Civics
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

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
Indiana University – Bloomington
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
Portland State University
Purdue University
Rutgers University
San Diego Mesa College
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University



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San Jose State University
Santa Monica College
Seattle University
St. John's University
The Ohio State University
University at Buffalo
University of Arizona
University of California, Davis
University of California, Merced
University of Colorado: Bolder
University of Connecticut
University of Oregon
University of Massachusetts Boston
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburg
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
University of Tampa
University of the Pacific
University of Utah
Texas A&M University
Temple University
Virginia Commonwealth University
West Los Angeles College
West Virginia University
Yale University

Europe

American Intercontinental University
American University of Paris
Aston University
Belfast University
Birmingham City University
Bournemouth University
Brunel University
Cardiff University
City University – London
De Monfort University – Leicester
Goldsmiths University of London
Hertfordshire International College
Keele University
King's College – London
Lancaster University
Liverpool John Moores University
Loughborough University
Loughborough University
Manchester Metropolitan University

Newcastle University
Nottingham Trent University
Queen Mary University London
Queen's Belfast University
Regent's American College London
Robert Gordon University
Royal Holloway University of London
Rutgers University
Southampton University
St. George's University
Strathclyde University
Swansea University
Teesside University
Trinity College Dublin
University College of London
University of Aberdeen
University of Barcelona
University of Birmingham
University of Brighton
University of Bristol
University of Durham
University of East Anglia
University of Essex
University of Exeter
University of Glasgow
University of Hull
University of Huddersfield
University of Kent
University of Lancashire
University of Leeds
University of Liverpool
University of London
University of Manchester
University of Nottingham
University of Portsmouth
University of Reading
University of Salford
University of Sheffield
University of Southampton
University of Stirling
University of Strathclyde
University of Sunderland
University of Surrey
University of Sussex
University of Wells
University of Westminster
University of York

Middle East

Arabian Gulf University



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RCSI - Bahrain
Riyadh Elm University
AlMaarefa University
American University of Dubai
American University of Sharjah
International Horizons College, Dubai

Kuwait

Abdullah Al Salem University
American College of the Middle East
American International University
American University of Kuwait
American University of the Middle East
Australian College of Kuwait
Box Hill College
Gulf University for Science and Technology
Higher Institute of Arts
International University - Kuwait (IUK)
KILaw
Kuwait University