SCHOOL PROFILE 2026-2027

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About Our School

Founded in 1962, ASB is an international, independent, non-profit, co-educational, university preparatory day school which serves the international and Spanish communities in Barcelona from preschool to grade 12. The school has a purpose-built facility located just south of Barcelona.

Enrollment by Division

87	267	234	364	952	60+
Early Childhood	Elementary	Middle	High	Total	Nationalities Represented

Student Nationalities Breakdown

Mission

Our mission is to empower preschool through 12th grade students to become global citizens with the critical thinking skills and the self-confidence to maximize their potential.

Faculty

The ASB staff includes 150 faculty members (teachers and support staff). The approximate composition of faculty by nationality is 61% from English speaking countries, 26% Spanish and 13% from other countries.

Instructional Program

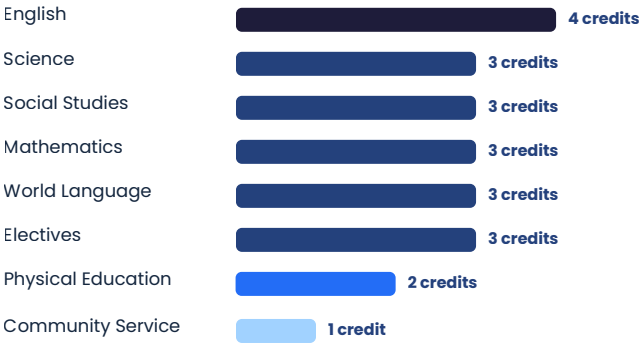
ASB offers a rigorous university preparatory program, taught in English, that prepares students for admission to top universities throughout the world. Graduates earn a US High School Diploma and, in grades 11-12, can additionally pursue the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP) or Career-related Program (IBCP).

Accreditations

Middle States Association
Generalitat de Catalunya Departament d'Ensenyament
Ministerio de Educación

Graduation Requirements

A minimum of 22 credits earned in Grades 9 through 12 are required to obtain the US High School Diploma, including:



The Class of 2027

89	75%	80	6	55%	26
Students	Students have attended all 4 years of ASB HS	IBDP Candidates	IBCP Candidates	Earning the IB Bilingual Diploma	Students enrolled in 3rd language course: Catalan

*All students receive US High School Diploma (MSA accredited)

Grade 9 & 10 Overview

Students in grades 9 and 10 access a curriculum which follows Common Core (World Literature and Mathematics), C3 standards for World Studies, and NGSS science standards where all students take Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Earth & Environmental Science. There are differentiated levels for mathematics and language learning (Spanish and Catalan) in each grade.

Participation in electives is limited given other academic requirements, but some opportunities include: Visual Arts, Music, Information Technology, Model United Nations, Speech and Debate, and Entrepreneurship. A select number of students have also been able to participate in online courses through Global Online Academy (GOA).

Spanish & Catalan Curriculum

More than half of our grade 9 and 10 students also complete local requirements in Spanish and Catalan Language and Literature, and Spanish History and Geography. In grades 11 and 12, approximately one third of students take a Catalan language and literature course, in addition to the seven required courses for the full IB Diploma program. Many students graduate with the proficiency needed for university study in English, Spanish, and Catalan.

Grading System

ASB uses a Standards Based Reporting System. In grades 9-12, student progress is reported using a **1-7 point scale** aligned with the International Baccalaureate Program, reflecting a standards-based assessment approach.

Due to the high mobility of the student population, **ASB does not rank students, calculate GPA, or convert ASB grades to any other grading scale.** ASB transcripts only report grades earned at ASB. Students who have transferred into ASB after the beginning of high school will have separate transcripts to reflect their previous education.

Grade 9 and 10 Courses

The High School program is based on an 8-day rotation, with most classes meeting four times (for 75 minutes) in each 8-day cycle.

Subject	Classes per 8-day rotation	Grade 9	Grade 10
English	4/8	World Literature I	World Literature II
History	4/8	World Studies 9	World Studies 10
Math	4/8	Integrated Math I or Integrated Math II or Integrated Math III	Integrated Math II or Integrated Math III or Pre-Calculus
Science	4/8	Biology and Earth & Environmental Science (1 semester each)	Chemistry and Physics (1 semester each)
Spanish	4/8	Castellano + Geografia de España or Spanish Language & Culture (1-4)	Castellano + Historia de España or Spanish Language & Culture (1-4)
Catalan or Elective	4/8	Catalan / Catalan Language & Culture or Elective	
Physical Education	4/8	Physical Education	
Electives	4/8	Model United Nations, Debate, Art, Music, Theater, etc.	
Lynx Enrichment/Clubs	2/8	Service learning activities, Yearbook, Debate, Rotary, EcoClub, etc.	
Lynx Wellness & Advisory	3/8	Organization and Time Management, Identity, Community Building, Well-being	
Guided Study	3/8	Homework and Study Time	

Service Learning and Enrichment Opportunities

ASB prides itself not only on our high academic achievement, but also on the ability of our students to make a positive impact on our community through ongoing engagement. Service learning is incorporated into the High School curriculum, as well as offered throughout the year as after-school programs, overnight and extended trips. Students are encouraged to develop their own service learning and CAS projects, or participate in one or more of the following established programs:

RefugArt - Student-initiated activity to raise awareness and support for refugees around the world through art production and exhibitions. Annual events have collaborated with the UNHCR and other international aid organizations.

English Language Assistants - Students partner with local schools on a weekly basis to support English language learning in the classroom.

International Service Learning Trips - Student groups in recent years have traveled to Botswana to support refugee education and sustainable development, as well as to Peru to support medical service delivery in the Amazon communities.

In addition, some of the clubs and extracurricular activities offered at ASB include:

Student Council
Yearbook Club
Eco Club
FemSTEM
Model United Nations
Musical theater and performances
Oracy Club
Varsity sport teams (basketball, soccer, volleyball, cross country, flag football, and tennis)

IB Diploma Program (IBDP)

The IBDP is a demanding, two-year course of study leading to external examinations. At ASB, the IBDP is an open enrollment program, with placement tests for certain math courses.

Group 1
Language and Literature

English A: Literature (SL/HL)
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Spanish A: Literature (SL/HL)
Spanish A: Language and Literature (SL/HL)
School Supported Self-taught Language A: Literature (SL)

Group 2
Language Acquisition

Spanish ab initio (SL)
Spanish B (SL/HL)
French ab initio (SL)
French B (SL/HL)

Group 3
Individuals and Societies

History (SL/HL)
Business Management (SL/HL)
Economics (SL/HL)
Psychology (SL/HL)
Global Politics (SL/HL)
Environmental Systems and Societies (SL/HL)

Group 4
Experimental Sciences

Chemistry (SL/HL)
Biology (SL/HL)
Physics (SL/HL)
Computer Science (SL/HL)
Environmental Systems and Societies (SL/HL)

Group 5
Mathematics

Applications and Interpretation (SL/HL)
Analysis and Approaches (SL/HL)

Group 6
The Arts

Visual Arts (SL/HL)
Music (SL/HL)
Film (SL/HL)

International Baccalaureate Diploma Scores

	No. of ASB IB diploma students	Avg. ASB IB Score	World Average	% of ASB students that passed	ASB high score (out of 45)	% that scored above 40
2024	85	35	30	97%	45	16%
2025	91	35	30	97%	45	18%
2026	89	37	31	99%	45	33%

IB Score Distribution for the Class of 2026

33% of students	35%	22%	10%
40 - 45 Score Range	35 - 39 Score Range	30 - 34 Score Range	24 - 29 Score Range

IB Career-related Program (IBCP)

The IBCP is a two-year course of study that focuses on practical skills and allows students to learn through project-based activities. As part of the IBCP, students study a career-related study (CRS), minimum of 2 Diploma Program courses (one of which must be Group 1 English A), in addition to completing the IBCP Core (Personal and Professional Skills, Community Engagement, Language and Cultural Studies, and Reflective Project).

IBCP students choose one of the following options for their CRS, which makes up 50% of a student's schedule:

- Pearson Business and Technology Education Council (BTEC) Level 3 International Curriculum in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship.
- General foundation university courses offered by Arizona State University (ASU)
- Art and Design courses offered by Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD)

Please refer to the second page of each IBCP student's transcript for more information about their unique curriculum.

SAT Results

The SAT is an optional exam taken by ASB students who plan to apply to U.S. universities.

Average SAT scores by class	Number of test takers/Class size	Evidence Based Reading & Writing	Mathematics	Total	% of Class that Matriculated to the United States
Class of 2024	22/90	633	646	**1279**	12%
Class of 2025	34/97	652	668	**1320**	22%
Class of 2026	47/96	677	698	**1375**	19%

University Matriculation Class of 2026

University Acceptances

Graduates from the Classes of 2024-2026 were accepted to the following universities. (Universities in blue indicate matriculation.)

United Kingdom

Aston University
BIMM University
Birkbeck, University of London
Bristol, University of the West of England
British Academy of Jewellery
Brunel University London
Cardiff University
City St. George's, University of London
Coventry University
Durham University
Edge Hill University
Glasgow School of Art
Goldsmiths, University of London
Imperial College London
Istituto Marangoni London
King's College London
Kingston University
Lancaster University
Leeds Arts University
London School of Economics and Political Science
London South Bank University
Loughborough University
Manchester Metropolitan University
MetFilm
Middlesex University
Mountview
Newcastle University
Northumbria University
Queen Mary University of London
Queen's University Belfast
Regent's University London
Royal Holloway, University of London
SOAS University of London
St George's, University of London
St Mary's University, Twickenham
The University of Edinburgh
Trinity Laban
University College London
University for the Creative Arts
University of Bath
University of Birmingham
University of Bristol
University of Chichester
University of East London
University of Essex
University of Exeter
University of Glasgow
University of Huddersfield
University of Kent
University of Leeds
University of Leicester
University of Liverpool
University of Manchester
University of Nottingham
University of Oxford
University of Plymouth
University of Portsmouth
University of Reading
University of Salford
University of Sheffield
University of Southampton
University of St Andrews
University of Surrey
University of the Arts London
University of Wales Trinity Saint David
University of Warwick
University of West London
University of Westminster
University of York

United States

AMDA College and Conservatory of the Performing Arts
American University
Babson College
Barnard College
Bates College
Bentley University
Boston College
Boston University
Brown University
California College of the Arts
Case Western Reserve University
Chatham University
Clark University
Clarkson University
Colby College
College of the Holy Cross
Colorado College
Columbia University
Cornell University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Duke University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Florida State University
Foothill-De Anza Community College
Fordham University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia Southern University
Georgia State University
Hofstra University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Indiana University-Bloomington
Iowa State University
Ithaca College
Kent State University
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Lynn University
Macalester College
Miami University-Oxford
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Misericordia University
New York Institute of Technology
New York University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Ohio State University
Pennsylvania State University
Pratt Institute
Providence College
Purdue University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rice University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Rutgers University
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Southern Methodist University
Southern Oregon University
St. John's University
Stanford University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Susquehanna University
Syracuse University
Temple University
The New School
The University of Tampa
The University of Texas at Austin
Trinity University
Tufts University
Tulane University of Louisiana
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 Chicago
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Florida
University of Illinois Chicago
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
University of Kansas
University of La Verne
University of Louisville
University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts-Amherst
University of Miami
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of San Francisco
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
University of Utah
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Villanova University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Wake Forest University
Washington University in St Louis
Wesleyan College
Western Washington University
Williams College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University

Spain

Abat Oliba CEU University
CETT - Barcelona
CEU San Pablo University
CUNEF Universidad
EADA Business School
ESADE Business School
EU Business School - Barcelona
IE University
Institute of Arts, Barcelona
Instituto Europea di Design Barcelona
Instituto Quimico de Sarria (IQS)
La Salle - Ramon Llull University
Public University of Navarra
Ramon Llull University
Saint Louis University - Madrid
TAI University Center of Arts
Universidad Europea de Canarias
Universidad Europea de Madrid
Universitat Autonoma de Barcelona
Universitat Internacional de Catalunya
Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya
Universitat Pompeu Fabra
Universitat de Barcelona
Universidad de Navarra

Netherlands

Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences
Eindhoven University of Technology
Erasmus University College
Erasmus University Rotterdam
Hanze University of Applied Sciences
Leiden University
Leiden University College The Hague
Maastricht University
NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences
Saxion University of Applied Sciences
Technical University of Delft
The Hague University of Applied Sciences
Tilburg University
University College Maastricht
University College Twente
University College Utrecht
University of Amsterdam
University of Groningen
University of Twente
Utrecht University
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
Wageningen University

Rest of Europe

Brussels School of Governance, Belgium
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium
Prague Film Institute, Czechia
University of New York in Prague, Czechia
Copenhagen Business School, Denmark
Aalto University, Finland
ESCP Business School, France
ESMOD France
ESSEC Business School, France
Panthéon Sorbonne, France
Parsons Paris - The New School, France
Sciences Po, France
Frankfurt School of Finance and Management, Germany
Semmelweis University of Medical Sciences, Hungary
Dublin City University, Ireland
Trinity College Dublin, Ireland
Bocconi University, Italy
Istituto Marangoni, Italy
LUISS Guido Carli, Italy
Politecnico di Milano, Italy
Lithuanian University of Health Sciences, Lithuania
BI Norwegian Business School, Norway
Norwegian School of Economics, Norway
EHL Hospitality Business School, Switzerland

Rest of World

Carleton University, Canada
City University of Hong Kong
Concordia University, Canada
Emirates Aviation University UAE
ESSEC Asia Pacific, Singapore
International Christian University, Japan
Keio University Shonan Fujisawa Campus, Japan
McGill University, Canada
McMaster University, Canada
Osaka University of Human Sciences, Japan
Queen's University, Canada
Sophia University, Japan
Temple University, Japan Campus
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
The University of British Columbia, Canada
The University of Hong Kong
The University of Tokyo, Japan
University of Ottawa, Canada
University of Toronto, Canada
Waseda University, Japan
Western University, Canada