American School of Warsaw

High School Profile 2026-2027

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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.

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. ASW has recently completed a major renovation, including a new design center, new science labs and upgraded classrooms.

ACADEMIC CURRICULUM & DIPLOMA PATHWAYS

The American School of Warsaw (ASW) awards an American High School Diploma, complemented by the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme, with most graduates earning both diplomas. ASW maintains an inclusive open-enrollment policy for the IB Diploma Programme, allowing students to pursue the full diploma regardless of past academic performance. IB Diploma candidates enroll in three Higher Level (HL) courses, with the option to take a fourth HL course available by application and committee approval. In addition to standard IB offerings, students may take non-IBDP courses (e.g., Biology 11). These courses follow the Standard Level (SL) syllabus and are embedded directly into IBDP classes, but IB-specific requirements are removed from assessment criteria. Dedicated English as an Additional Language (EAL) support is provided through Grade 10, after which upperclassmen can opt to take Language B within the IB framework.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE & ACADEMIC POLICIES

The Upper School operates on an 8-day rotating cycle within a school calendar running from mid-August to mid-June, supported by a 1-to-1 laptop learning environment. In Grades 9 and 10, students navigate nine rotating blocks (four or five 80-minute blocks daily), with Grade 9 students taking nine classes and Grade 10 students enrolling in a minimum of eight. Grades 11 and 12 feature eight rotating blocks (four daily), with classes lasting 90 minutes for HL and 75 minutes for SL; upperclassmen must carry at least six courses. **ASW does not rank students nor calculate cumulative GPA.**

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
English B SL/HL
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

Theory of Knowledge

*All students are required to enroll in Group 1 language. Students may choose to enroll in an additional Group 1 language in lieu of a Group 2 language to earn the IB Bilingual Diploma.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

ASW Academic Diploma		ASW General Diploma	
English	4	English	4
Social Studies	3	Social Studies	2
Math	3	Math	2
Science	3	Science	2
Foreign Language	3	Foreign Language	1
Physical Education and Health	2	Physical Education and Health	2
Visual & Performing Arts	1	Visual & Performing Arts	1
Design	1	Design	1
Electives	3	Electives	9
Total	23	**Total**	23

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

STUDENT BODY

Class of 2027: 85	18% American	17% Polish	10% Korean	40% other countries
Grades 9-12: 330	6% Ukrainian	5% Chinese	4% German	

IB DIPLOMA RESULTS

Year	IB Diploma Candidates	Pass Rate	Highest Score	Average Score	40+ Points
2026	87%	96%	44	34	6.6%
2025	96%	93%	45	35	15%
2024	91%	94%	44	33	9.9%
2023	83%	94%	43	32	7%

Class of 2026 Grade Distribution by Group	7	6	5	4	3	<3
Group 1: Studies in Language and Literature	5	20	46	19	1	0
Group 2: B Languages	15	31	19	3	0	0
Group 3: Individuals & Societies	7	64	43	9	1	0
Group 4: Sciences	9	21	34	25	8	2
Group 5: Mathematics	4	14	31	27	6	0
Group 6: Arts	1	3	8	10	0	0

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
2026	477	6	263	27	256
2025	509	6	276	25	277
2024	424	5	291	23	243
2023	593	7	313	19	234

Matriculations	United States	United Kingdom	Netherlands	Elsewhere	Gap Year
2026	18%	15%	17%	50%	4 students
2025	20%	12%	14%	47%	6 students
2024	27%	25%	14%	34%	7 students
2023	31%	15%	11%	43%	1 student