

# The American School of Kuwait

## School Profile 2008-2009

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### Introduction

The American School of Kuwait, founded in 1964, is an independent co-educational college-preparatory school whose curriculum is essentially American and prepares its student body for the higher educational experience found in U.S. colleges and universities.

### Mission Statement

The American School of Kuwait educates the whole child to become a productive, life-long learner who thinks critically, acts with integrity and is equipped to excel in American higher education.

### Organization

The American School of Kuwait is privately owned, operates with the approval of the State of Kuwait and is associated with the U.S. State Department through the Office of Overseas Schools.

### Enrollment

ASK is the designated American school in Kuwait, enrolling students from the U.S. Embassy, U.S. military, and U.S. oil companies. Admissions criteria include satisfactory standing in previously attended schools and grade level scores on the admissions entrance examination and writing sample.

Current enrollment (September, 2008) is 1641: (758, Pre-K-5); (351, 6-8); and (532, 9-12). Of the total, 438 are U.S. citizens, 663 are host country nationals and 540 are of 44 other nationalities. In the high school there are 119 seniors, 115 juniors, 136 sophomores, and 157 freshmen.



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## **Accreditation**

ASK is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Its most recent accreditation was completed in the fall of 2005. The school is also formally recognized by the Kuwait Ministry of Private Education, which has equalized the school's diploma with Kuwait's general secondary certificate.

## **Curriculum**

The curriculum is similar to that of U.S. general academic, college preparatory schools. Most graduates attend colleges and universities throughout the world, primarily in the U.S. The school's testing programs include the SAT, PSAT, Plan, Explore, ACT and the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. The language of instruction is English. Arabic, French, and Spanish are taught as foreign languages. Religious instruction is offered for Muslims. The elementary program, in which teachers are organized into grade-level teams, features specialists in science, art, computer studies, music, drama, physical education, Arabic, and Islamic Studies. The middle school, which includes sixth through eighth grades, utilizes interdisciplinary teams and a curriculum based on a block schedule. The high school, which currently offers fifteen AP courses, is constantly re-evaluating its programs to better serve the needs and interests of students. Guidance counselors are employed at each level.

## **Faculty**

There are 150 full-time faculty members in the 2008-2009 school year, including 70 U.S. citizens, 47 Canadian citizens, and 33 teachers of fifteen other nationalities.

## **Activities**

Students in grades Pre-K-12 may participate in a well-balanced program of activities ranging from ecology to the performing arts. Most sports are offered for both girls and boys on varsity and junior varsity levels. Cultural activities include forensics, theater, and jazz band. The school also offers opportunities to participate in student government, academic games, Model United Nations, and National Honor Society. The core curriculum is supplemented by a co-curricular program of cultural, social, service and athletic activities in all three schools.

Through its membership in the Eastern Mediterranean Activities Conference (EMAC) and the Kuwait School Activities Association (KSAA), students in high school and middle school are offered opportunities to interact with students of other international schools in a variety of athletic and academic activities

## **Calendar**

The academic year is divided into two semesters: the first semester begins on September 7 and ends on January 22. The second semester begins on January 25 and ends on June 11. Graduation for seniors is on June 10. Grades are sent home on a quarterly basis. The school week starts on Sunday and ends on Thursday with Friday and Saturday being the weekend. The school day begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. Co-curricular activities begin thereafter.

## **Facilities**

In August 1994, the school moved to a larger campus in suburban Kuwait. This now houses 118 classrooms including: 7 computer labs; 4 music rooms; 4 art rooms, 10 science labs; two large library/media centers; 2 gymnasiums; a fitness center and weight room; an indoor 25 meter pool; a large multi-purpose auditorium, and 3 large outdoor play areas.

### 2007-2008 Mean SAT Results

SAT I ASK Mean Score

Verbal: 486  
Math: 510  
Writing: 498

SAT I National Mean

Verbal: 502  
Math: 515  
Writing: 494

SAT II (subject tests) score averages and range for students taking the test in 2007/2008.

Test	Mean	No. of Students
Literature	632	13
Math Level I C	552	17
Math Level 2C	635	14
Biology	562	7
Chemistry	587	6
Physics		2
World History		3
US History	584	8

ASK does not eliminate non-native speakers from its statistical representation.

### 2007-2008 Advanced Placement Courses

	Mean
U.S. History	3.40
World History	4.46
Biology	2.91
Chemistry	4.17
Economics—Micro	3.47
Economics—Macro	3.33
English Literature/Composition	3.56
Calculus A/B	4.50
Calculus BC	5.00
Physics B/C	4.25
Statistics	4.20
English Language/Comp	3.54
Art Drawing	5.00
Art 2D Design	4.00
French	4.50
German	5.00
Spanish	4.50
Psychology	4.00
Italian	5.00

Students must have a B in prerequisite courses.

### Class Rank and Grade Point Average

The cumulative grade point average of a student is based on a differentiated scale, the following point system is used:

Letter Grade	Percentage	GPA Regular Course	GPA AP Course
A	93-100	4.0	5.0
A-	90-92	3.7	4.7
B+	87-89	3.3	4.3
B	83-86	3.0	4.0
B-	80-82	2.7	3.7
C+	77-89	2.3	3.3
C	73-76	2.0	3.0
C-	70-72	1.7	2.7
D+	67-69	1.3	2.3
D	63-66	1.0	2.0
D-	60-62	.7	1.7
F	59- and Below	.0	.0

In calculating class rank, the following will be considered:

- GPA and class rank will be calculated on the basis of all semesters of high school work. Grades from transfer students are accepted at our percentage value.
- Class rank will be calculated two times:
  - at the end of the junior year
  - at the end of first semester of the senior year

### Graduation Requirements

Twenty-nine Carnegie units are required for graduation and must be earned over a period of eight semesters in the following distribution:

English	4.0
Physical Education	1.5
Math	3.0
Fine Arts	1.0
Social Studies	3.0
Computer Science	1.0
Science	3.0
Electives	10.5
World Languages	2.0

**Ninety-Eight percent of ASK graduates enroll in Colleges and Universities**

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## Acceptances for Class of 2007-2008

### United States

Amherst College  
Agnes Scott College  
Ave Maria University  
Arizona State University  
Babson College  
Baylor University  
Bentley College  
Binghamton University  
Biola University  
Black Hawk College  
Bowling Green State University  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Brigham Young University  
Bryant University  
California Polytechnic State University,  
San Luis Obispo  
California State University, Chico  
California State University, Los Angeles  
California State University, Northridge  
City College New York  
Cleveland State University  
Colorado School of Mines  
Colorado State University  
Cornell University  
Dallas Baptist University  
De Paul University  
Drexel University  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Florida  
Emerson College  
Florida Atlantic University  
Florida International University  
Full Sail Real World Education  
George Mason University  
George Washington University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Grinnell College  
Hofstra University  
Indiana University at Bloomington  
Ithaca College  
Jacksonville University  
James Madison University  
Juniata College  
Kent State University  
Louisiana State University  
Loyola Marymount University  
Loyola University, New Orleans  
Macalister College  
Marymount University  
Marshall University  
Michigan State University  
Millersville University of Pennsylvania  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern University  
Oberlin College  
Pennsylvania State University  
Pepperdine University  
Pratt Institute  
Purdue University  
Reed College  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Saint Mary's University  
San Diego State University  
San Francisco State University  
Santa Monica College  
Scripps College  
Scott Community College  
Seton Hill University  
St. Edward's University  
Suffolk University  
Syracuse University  
Temple University  
Texas A & M University  
Texas Christian University  
Texas State University-San Marcos  
The Evergreen State College  
The George Washington University  
The University of Arizona  
The University of Tampa  
The University of Texas, Austin  
Trinity University

University of Arizona  
University of California at Berkeley  
University of Cincinnati  
University of Colorado Boulder  
University of Commonwealth Virginia  
University of Dallas  
University of Florida  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
University of Maryland, College Park  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
University of Michigan  
University of Miami  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Oklahoma  
University of Rochester  
University of San Diego  
University of South Florida  
University of Texas-Austin  
University of Toledo  
University of Tulsa  
University of Virginia  
University of Washington  
University of Washington, Seattle  
University of Westminster  
University of Wisconsin, Madison  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Western Michigan University

### Canada

Carleton University  
Concordia University  
McGill University  
McMaster University  
Prince Edward Island University  
Queens University  
Ryerson University  
Saint Mary's University  
Universite de Montreal  
University of Saskatchewan  
University of British Columbia  
University of Guelph  
University of Manitoba  
University of Ontario Institute of Technology  
University of Ottawa  
University of Toronto  
University of Waterloo  
University of Western Ontario  
York University

### Europe

American Intercontinental University, London  
American University of Paris  
American University of Rome  
British American College London  
Huron University USA in London  
Regent's College  
The American International University in London  
(Richmond)

### Kuwait

American University of Kuwait  
American University of the Middle East  
Kuwait University

### Lebanon

American University of Beirut  
Lebanese American University

### Other

American University in Cairo  
American University Giame Cyprus  
American University of Sharjah  
International University of Monaco  
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland Medical  
University of Bahrain  
School of Oriental and African Studies  
Temple University-Tokyo, Japan  
Utrecht University  
Waseda University Tokyo-Japan