

# The American School of Kuwait

## School Profile 2016 - 2017

### **CEEB CODE: 683-080**

Mrs. Rebecca Ness, Superintendent  
Mr. Fawzi Hassan, Executive Advisor & Administrative Manager  
Dr. Scott Dennison, Superintendent of Curriculum  
Mr. Michael Murphy, High School Principal  
Mrs. Jacqueline Thomas, High School Assistant Principal  
Ms. Nancy Abdul Ghafoor, Middle School Principal  
Mr. Tim Allen, Middle School Assistant Principal  
Mr. Steven Caley, Elementary School Principal  
Mrs. Ana Allen, Elementary Assistant Principal  
Mrs. Pauline Roberts, Elementary Assistant Principal  
Mr. Durand Hunter, Elementary Intern Assistant Principal

### 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

At the American School of Kuwait we inspire life-long learners empowered to excel in American Higher Education and the global community as productive, compassionate citizens.

### 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, 2016) is 2037: (1000, Pre-K-5); (446, 6-8); and (591, 9-12). Of the total, 396 are U.S. citizens, 1109 are host country nationals and 532 are of 65 other nationalities. In the high school there are 137 seniors, 146 juniors, 156 sophomores, and 152 freshmen.

**ASK is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools**

The American School of Kuwait  
P.O. Box 6735, 32042 Hawalli, Kuwait  
(Tel.) 965.2266.4341 (Fax) 965.2265.0438  
Website: [www.ask.edu.kw](http://www.ask.edu.kw)  
College Counselor: Ms. Lena Hakim  
E-mail: [hakiml@ask.edu.kw](mailto:hakiml@ask.edu.kw)



## 2015 -2016 Mean SAT Results

| SAT              | ASK      |
|------------------|----------|
| Critical Reading | 496      |
| Math             | 512      |
| Writing          | 495      |
| SAT              | National |
| Critical Reading | 494      |
| Math             | 508      |
| Writing          | 482      |

Subject test score averages for students in 2015/2016

| Test         | Mean | Students |
|--------------|------|----------|
| Math Level 1 | 609  | 13       |
| Math Level 2 | 666  | 17       |
| Chemistry    | 599  | 9        |
| Physics      | 665  | 12       |
| U.S. History | 654  | 7        |
| Biology      | 576  | 5        |

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

## 2015 -2016 Advanced Placement Courses

| Course                  | Mean |
|-------------------------|------|
| Art (Drawing)           | 3.67 |
| Biology                 | 3.72 |
| Calculus A/B            | 3.75 |
| Chemistry               | 4.25 |
| Computer Science        | 3.33 |
| Economics - Macro       | 4.13 |
| Economics - Micro       | 4.13 |
| English Language/Comp   | 3.91 |
| English Literature/Comp | 2.73 |
| French                  | 4.25 |
| Human Geography         | 3.25 |
| Music Theory            | 3.50 |
| Physics 1               | 3.67 |
| Physics 2               | 3.63 |
| Psychology              | 4.67 |
| Research                | 3.79 |
| Seminar                 | 4.42 |
| Spanish                 | 4.68 |
| Statistics              | 3.00 |
| U.S. History            | 3.73 |
| World History           | 3.50 |

## Class Rank and Grade Point Average

The cumulative grade point average of a student is based on a differential scale. The following point system is used:

| Letter Grade | Percentage | GPA Regular Courses | GPA AP Courses |
|--------------|------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 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+           | 77-79      | 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            | <60        | 0                   | 0              |

In calculating class rank, the following is used:

- 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 at the end of each semester.

## Graduation Requirements

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

| Course             | Carnegie Units |
|--------------------|----------------|
| English            | 6.0            |
| Math               | 3.0            |
| Science            | 3.0            |
| Social Studies     | 3.0            |
| World Languages    | 2.0            |
| Physical Education | 1.5            |
| Fine Arts          | 1.0            |
| Computer Science   | 1.0            |
| Electives          | 9.5            |

Ninety-eight percent of ASK graduates enroll in colleges and universities

# The American School of Kuwait

## Acceptances for Class of 2016

### United States

American University  
Arizona State University  
The University of Arizona  
Auburn University Montgomery  
Azusa Pacific University  
Babson College  
Bard College  
Beloit College  
Bennington College  
Berkeley City College  
Binghamton University  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Brigham Young University  
Brown University  
California Baptist University  
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona  
California State University, Chico  
California State University, East Bay  
California State University, Los Angeles  
California State University, Northridge  
California State University, Sacramento  
California State University, Stanislaus  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, Davis  
University of California, Irvine  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of California, Riverside  
University of California, San Diego  
Case Western Reserve University  
The Catholic University of America  
University of Chicago  
University of Cincinnati  
Clarkson University  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
Colorado School of Mines  
Colorado State University  
University of Connecticut  
University of Dallas  
University of Dayton  
University of Delaware  
DePaul University  
DePauw University  
Drexel University  
Duke University  
Eastern Florida State College  
Eckerd College  
Flagler College  
Florida Atlantic University  
Florida Gulf Coast University  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Florida International University  
Florida State University  
Fordham University  
George Mason University  
The George Washington University  
Georgetown University  
Guilford College  
Hawaii Pacific University  
University of Houston  
Humboldt State University  
University of Illinois at Chicago  
Institute of Technology at Bandung  
Iowa State University  
Ithaca College  
Johns Hopkins University  
Kenyon College  
Kettering University  
Knox College  
Lake Forest College  
Lehigh University  
Lewis & Clark College  
Louisiana State University  
University of Louisiana  
Loyola Marymount University  
Loyola University Chicago  
Lynn University  
University of Maryland, College Park

Marymount University  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
University of Massachusetts, Boston  
University of Massachusetts, Lowell  
Master's College and Seminary  
University of Miami  
Middlebury College  
Mississippi State University  
University of Missouri Kansas City  
Mount Holyoke College  
Muhlenberg College  
New College of Florida  
The College of New Jersey  
New York Institute of Technology  
New York University  
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
North Carolina State University  
Northeastern University  
Nova Southeastern University  
Ohio Wesleyan University  
Oklahoma Wesleyan University  
Old Dominion University  
Oregon State University  
Pace University  
University of the Pacific  
Pennsylvania State University  
University of Pittsburgh  
Portland State University  
University of Portland  
Purdue University  
Randolph-Macon College  
University of Redlands  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Rice University  
University of Rochester  
Roger Williams University  
Rutgers University-New Brunswick  
Saint Leo University  
San Diego State University  
University of San Diego  
San Francisco State University  
Scripps College  
Smith College  
University of South Carolina  
University of South Florida, Tampa  
University of Southern California  
Southern Methodist University  
St. Edward's University  
St. John's University - Queens Campus  
State University of New York at Albany  
Stony Brook University  
Suffolk University  
The University of Tampa  
Texas A&M University  
The University of Texas, Austin  
The University of Texas, San Antonio  
The New School  
The Ohio State University  
University of Toledo  
Trinity University  
Tulane University  
United States Coast Guard Academy  
University at Buffalo  
The State University of New York  
Utah State University  
Valparaiso University  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Virginia State University  
University of Virginia  
Washington and Lee University  
Washington University in St. Louis  
University of Washington  
West Virginia University  
Whitman College  
Whittier College  
College of William and Mary  
Wittenberg University  
Xavier University  
Youngstown State University

### Canada

University of Alberta  
University of British Columbia  
Brock University  
University of Calgary  
Carleton University  
Concordia University  
Dalhousie University  
University of Guelph  
University of King's College  
Lakehead University  
McMaster University  
University of New Brunswick  
University of Ontario Institute of Technology  
University of Ottawa  
Queen's University  
Saint Mary's University  
St. Thomas University  
University of Toronto  
University of Victoria  
University of Waterloo  
Western University  
Wilfrid Laurier University  
University of Windsor  
York University

### Europe

City University  
De Montfort University  
University of Exeter  
King's College  
London South Bank University  
Ravensbourne  
Royal Holloway  
School of Oriental and African Studies  
The University of Northampton  
Universiteit Maastricht  
University for the Creative Arts  
University of Kent  
University of Portsmouth  
University of Surrey  
University of Sussex  
University of the Arts London

### Kuwait

American University of Kuwait  
American University of the Middle East  
Gulf University for Science & Technology  
Kuwait University

### Other

American University of Beirut  
American University in Cairo  
American University in Dubai  
American University of Sharjah  
University of Cape Town  
The Hong Kong University of Science & Technology  
Lebanese American University  
Northwestern University in Qatar  
Royal College of Surgeons - Bahrain

## Accreditation

ASK is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Its most recent accreditation was completed in the fall of 2012. 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 college preparatory schools in the United States. Most graduates attend colleges and universities primarily in North America. The school's testing programs include the PSAT, SAT, ACT, and MAP. The language of instruction is English, and Arabic, French, and Spanish are taught as foreign languages. Religious instruction is offered for Muslims. The elementary program features specialists in science, art, language, computer studies, music, drama, and physical education. The middle school, which includes sixth through eighth grades, uses a comprehensive curriculum following a rotation schedule. The high school currently offers twenty AP courses. Guidance counselors are employed at each level.

## Calendar

The academic year is divided into two semesters: the first semester begins on August 28 and ends on January 24. The second semester begins on January 25 and ends on June 8. Graduation for seniors is on May 31. 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 7:15 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m., at which time co-curricular activities begin.

## Faculty

There are 183 full-time faculty members in the 2016-2017 school year, including 95 American citizens, 31 Canadian citizens, and 57 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 International School Activities Conference (ISAC) 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.

## Facilities

In August 1994, the school moved to Hawalli. This larger campus now houses 145 classrooms including: eight computer labs, four music rooms, four art rooms, ten science labs, two large library/media centers, two gymnasiums; a fitness center and weight room; an indoor 25-meter pool, a large multi-purpose auditorium, and three large outdoor play areas.

The American School of Kuwait

P.O. Box 6735, 32042 Hawalli, Kuwait

(Tel.) 965.2266.4341 (Fax) 965.2265.0438

Website: [www.ask.edu.kw](http://www.ask.edu.kw)

College Counselor: Ms. Lena Hakim

E-mail: [hakiml@ask.edu.kw](mailto:hakiml@ask.edu.kw)

