

# School Profile 2020-2021

# The American School of Kuwait

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*Due to COVID-19 and mandates from the Government of Kuwait, all courses for Spring Semester were conducted online and we are continuing with online school this Fall Semester 2020. We have maintained our school calendar, and conduct synchronous and asynchronous classes throughout the school day. There have been reductions in elective offerings with priority placement in electives going to seniors to meet graduation requirements. There have been no reductions in core courses or AP courses. Students not needing electives to meet graduation requirements were enrolled in Work Habits and Learning Skills, electives created for online schooling to support our Mission and give students the resources needed to be successful in the online environment.*

*Our grading scale remains unchanged. The only addition is the "NC" or No Credit designation which was introduced last semester to reflect exceptional circumstances during which some of our students were unable to complete elective classes.*

*Activity and athletic offerings were suspended from March 2020 for the remainder of the Spring Semester. For the Fall Semester of 2020, those have been limited due to COVID-19 and restricted to online participation. We will continue to assess and adapt our offerings as the situation changes with the health and safety of our school community as our primary focus.*

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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

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

## Activities & Athletics

Students in grades Pre-K - 12 have the opportunity to participate in a well balanced program of activities & athletics, including leadership/service groups, fine arts, sports and club offerings. Leadership & service groups include student government, Model United Nations, National Honor Society among others. Cultural activities include theater productions, band & choir festivals, and more. Sports are offered beginning at the Under 10 division all the way to the Varsity division for both girls and boys including soccer, volleyball, basketball, badminton, track & field and swimming. There is a comprehensive list of club offerings for each of the ES, MS and HS divisions. The core curriculum is supplemented by this co-curricular program.

Through its membership in the Near East School Activities Conference (NESAC) and the Kuwait American School Activities Conference (KASAC), students in ES, MS and HS are offered opportunities to interact with students of other international schools in a variety of academic and athletic activities.

## Enrollment

Current enrollment (September, 2020) is 1966: (919, K-5); (440, 6-8); and (626, 9-12). Of the total, 333 are U.S. citizens, 1,100 are host country nationals and 533 are of 62 other nationalities. In the high school there are 154 seniors, 164 juniors, 157 sophomores, and 156 freshmen.

## Accreditation

ASK is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Its most recent accreditation was completed in the spring of 2020. 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 academic year is divided into two semesters. 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 PSAT, SAT, ACT, and MAP. ASK provides a diverse academic and Advanced Placement curriculum including the following:

- Honors Geometry, Honors Algebra 2, Honors English 9, Honors English 10
- Honors SLC 9: Honors Geometry, Honors Biology, Honors World History, Honors English 9
- Honors SLC 10: Honors Algebra 2, Honors Chemistry, Honors English 10, AP World History
- Advanced Placement Capstone Diploma

The Small Learning Community (SLC) is a two-year honors program designed to help students foster cross-curricular thinking while developing the skills necessary for success in AP courses. The language of instruction is English, while Arabic, French, and Spanish are taught as foreign languages. Religious instruction is offered for Muslim students.

Our entire school program, elementary, middle, and high school, 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. Guidance counselors are employed at each level.

## 2019 -2020 Mean SAT Results

Due to the global pandemic (COVID-19), The American School of Kuwait has not been able to administer any SAT/ACT tests during the year of 2020. The last administered SAT test date was on December 7, 2019. The last administered ACT test date was on December 14th, 2019. As of present, we do not have any means to provide students the opportunity to take the SAT/ACT test. As the year progresses, any amendments will be updated on our digital profile.

## 2019 -2020 Advanced Placement Courses

Course	Mean
2D Art and Design	2.50
Biology	3.40
Calculus A/B	3.20
Calculus B/C	3.50
Chemistry	3.33
Comparative Government & Politics	5.00
Computer Science A	3.40
(Macro) Economics	5.00
(Micro) Economics	4.67
English Language & Comp	3.27
English Literature & Comp	3.25
Environmental Science	3.50
French	4.00
Human Geography	2.90
Music Theory	2.80
Physics 1	2.75
Physics 2	3.00
Psychology	4.00
Research	3.67
Seminar	3.27
Spanish	4.83
Statistics	3.04
U.S. Government & Politics	4.00
U.S. History	3.33
World History	3.89

## Class 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	0.7	1.7
F	<60	0	0

Class ranking is reported in quintiles:

1. GPA and quintile rank will be calculated on the basis of all semesters of high school courses taken at ASK.
2. Quintile rankings 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	5.0
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	10.5

Ninety-six percent of ASK graduates enroll in colleges and universities.

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## Acceptances for Class of 2020

### United States

American University  
Arizona State University  
Babson College  
Barnard College  
Baylor University  
Bentley University  
Blinn College  
Boston Architectural College  
Boston University  
Brandeis University  
Brigham Young University  
California Baptist University  
California College of the Arts, San Francisco  
California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo  
California State University, Fullerton  
California State University, Long Beach  
California State University, Stanislaus  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Case Western Reserve University  
Christopher Newport University  
City University of New York John Jay  
College of Criminal Justice  
Clark University  
Colgate University  
Colorado State University  
Columbia University  
Dartmouth University  
DePauw University  
Drexel University  
Duke University  
Eastern Connecticut State University  
Eckerd College  
Elizabethtown College  
Emory University  
Fordham University  
George Mason University  
George Washington University  
Grossmont College  
Hofstra University  
Indiana University at Bloomington  
Irvine Valley College  
James Madison University  
Kean University  
Layette College  
Loyola Marymount University  
Loyola University Chicago  
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Services  
Merrimack College  
Michigan State University  
Minneapolis Community Technical College  
New Jersey Institute of Technology  
New York University  
North Hennepin Community College  
Northeastern University  
Ohio State University  
Old Dominion University  
Pace University  
Parsons, The New School  
Pennsylvania State University  
Pepperdine University  
Pratt Institute  
Purdue University  
Rice University  
Riverland Community College  
Rochester Community and Technical College  
Rollins College  
Rutgers University, Newark  
Rutgers University, New Brunswick

San Diego State University  
Santa Barbara City College  
Seton Hall University  
Simmons University  
Southeast Missouri State University  
Southern California Institute of Architecture  
St. John's University  
Suffolk University  
SUNY at Buffalo  
Syracuse University  
Temple University  
Texas A & M University  
Trinity University  
Tufts University  
University of Arizona  
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  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
University of California, San Francisco  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
University of Connecticut  
University of Dallas  
University of Denver  
University of Hartford  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
University of Maine  
University of Mary Washington  
University of Maryland, College Park  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
University of Massachusetts, Boston  
University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth  
University of Massachusetts, Lowell  
University of Miami  
University of Michigan  
University of Missouri  
University of Missouri, Kansas City  
University of Missouri, St. Louis  
University of New Hampshire  
University of North Carolina, Greensboro  
University of Rhode Island  
University of Richmond  
University of Rochester University of Texas, Arlington  
University of San Diego  
University of San Francisco  
University of South Florida  
University of Southern California  
University of Tampa  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
University of Texas, Arlington  
University of Texas, Austin  
University of Texas, Dallas  
University of Utah  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute  
Washington State University  
University of Washington  
University of Wisconsin, Madison  
West Virginia University  
Yale University

### Kuwait

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

### Canada

Acadia University  
Brock University  
Carleton University  
Concordia University  
Dalhousie University  
Lakehead University  
McGill University  
McMaster University  
Queen's University  
Ryerson University  
Trent University  
University of British Columbia  
University of Calgary  
University of Guelph  
University of Ontario Institute of Technology  
University of Ottawa  
University of Saskatchewan  
University of Toronto  
University of Waterloo  
University of Western Ontario  
University of Windsor  
Western University  
Wilfrid Laurier University  
York University

### Europe

Brunel University London  
City University London  
Franklin University Switzerland  
Goldsmiths, University of London  
IE Spain  
INTO City University of London  
King's College London  
London College of Fashion Design  
London School of Economics and Political Science  
Loughborough University  
Queen Mary University of London  
Queen's University, Belfast  
Royal Holloway, University of London  
School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London  
University College London  
University of Bath  
University of Brighton  
University of Bristol  
University of East Anglia  
University of Edinburgh  
University of Leeds  
University of Manchester  
University of Reading  
University of Surrey  
University of Warwick  
University of Westminster

### Other

American University of Beirut  
American University of Cairo  
American University of Dubai  
American University of Sharjah  
Istanbul Bilgi University  
Chinese University of Hong Kong  
City University of Hong Kong  
New York University, Abu Dhabi  
Notre Dame University-Louaize, Lebanon  
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland  
Medical University of Bahrain