

The American School of Kuwait

School Profile 2019 - 2020

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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.

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, 2019) is 2101: (1028, Pre-K-5); (459, 6-8); and (621, 9-12). Of the total, 402 are U.S. citizens, 1,190 are host country nationals and 516 are of 68 other nationalities. In the high school there are 149 seniors, 153 juniors, 164 sophomores, and 156 freshmen.

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2018 -2019 Mean SAT Results

SAT	ASK
Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	563
Math	576
TOTAL	1139
SAT	National
Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	531
Math	528
TOTAL	1059

Subject test score averages for students in 2018/2019

Test	Mean	Students
Math Level 1		
Math Level 2		
Chemistry	TBA	
Physics		
U.S. History		
Biology		

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	0.7	1.7
F	<60	0	0

In calculating class rank, the following is used:

1. GPA and class rank will be calculated on the basis of all semesters of high school work taken at ASK.
2. Class rank will be calculated at the end of each semester.

2018 -2019 Advanced Placement Courses

Course	Mean
Art (Drawing)	4.00
Biology	3.00
Calculus A/B	3.83
Chemistry	3.40
Computer Science	2.75
Macroeconomics	4.40
Microeconomics	4.60
English Language & Comp	3.56
English Literature & Comp	2.45
French	4.00
Human Geography	3.36
Physics 1	2.41
Physics 2	3.57
Psychology	3.80
Research	4.40
Seminar	4.25
Spanish	4.75
Statistics	3.52
U.S. History	3.35
World History	3.94

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-seven percent of ASK graduates enroll in colleges and universities

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Acceptances for Class of 2019

United States

Adelphi University
Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Services
American University
Arizona State University
University of Arizona
Babson College
Bates College
Baylor University
Bentley University
Boston Architectural College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Bryant University
California College of the Arts, San Francisco
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo
California State University, East Bay
California State University, Fresno
California State University, Northridge
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
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
University of Chicago
Clark University
Colby College
University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
University of Connecticut
The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science & Art
Cornell University
University of Delaware
DePaul University
Drexel University
Eckerd College
Elon University
Emerson College
Emmanuel College
Florida International University
Florida State University
Fordham University
Front Range Community College
George Mason University
The George Washington University
Grinnell College
Hofstra University
College of the Holy Cross
Houston Community College
University of Idaho
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Indiana University at Bloomington
Iowa State University
University of Iowa
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University
Kennesaw State University
Lamar University
Lehigh University
Lone Star College
Lone Star College, CyFair
Loyola Marymount University
University of Maine
Manhattan College
Massachusetts Bay Community College
Massachusetts College of Art & Design
University of Massachusetts, Boston
University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
Mesa Community College
University of Miami

Michigan State University
University of Michigan
New College of Florida
New York University
North Carolina A & T State University
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina, Greensboro
Northeastern University
Orange Coast College
Pace University
University of the Pacific
Pennsylvania State University
University of Pennsylvania
Pepperdine University
Pratt Institute
Purdue University
Radford University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
University of Rhode Island
University of Rochester
Rollins College
Rutgers University
Ryerson University
Sam Houston State University
San Diego State University
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
San Jacinto College
Savannah College of Art and Design
Southern California Institute of Architecture
University of Southern California
Southern Methodist University
Stetson University
Suffolk University
Syracuse University
University of Tampa
Texas A & M University
Texas Southern University
University of Texas, San Antonio
The Ohio State University
University of Toledo
Tulane University
Utah State University
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Wayne State University
Wellesley College
Wentworth Institute of Technology
West Virginia University

Other

American University of Beirut
American University of Sharjah
Lebanese American University
Seoul National University
Texas A & M University

Kuwait

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

Canada

University of Alberta
University of British Columbia
University of Calgary
Carleton University
Concordia University
Dalhousie University
University of Guelph
McGill University
McMaster University
Memorial University of Newfoundland
Ontario College of Art & Design
Queen's University
Ryerson University
Universite de Montreal
University of Toronto
University of Waterloo
Western University
University of Windsor
York University

Europe

Cardiff University
City University London
Goldsmiths, University of London
IE University, Segovia
Istituto Marangoni, Milano
King's College London
Kingston University
Lancaster University
Leeds Beckett University
London South Bank University
Queen Mary University of London
School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London
Technische Universiteit Eindhoven
University College London
University of Birmingham
University of Brighton
University of Bristol
University of East London
University of Edinburgh
University of Essex
University of Exeter
University of Glasgow
University of Groningen
University of Kent
University of Leeds
University of Liverpool
University of Manchester
University of Nottingham
University of Reading
University of Salford
University of Sheffield
University of St. Andrews
University of Strathclyde
University of Surrey
University of the Arts London
University of Warwick
University of Westminster
University of York
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
Webster Vienna Private University
Western University
York University

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-one AP courses. Guidance counselors are employed at each level.

Calendar

The academic year is divided into two semesters: the first semester begins on September 3 and ends on January 23. The second semester begins on January 26 and ends on June 11. Graduation for seniors is on June 4. 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 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:55 p.m., at which time co-curricular activities begin.

Faculty

There are 187 full-time faculty members in the 2019-2020 school year, including 94 American citizens, 32 Canadian citizens, and 61 teachers of fourteen other nationalities.

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.

Facilities

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

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