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Accreditation and Memberships

Council of International Schools
(CIS)

New England Association of
Schools and Colleges (NEASC)

International Baccalaureate
Organization (IBO)

Central Eastern European
Schools Association (CEESA)

European Council of International
Schools (ECIS).

The School

The Anglo-American School of Sofia is the primary international school in Bulgaria's capital city. Founded in 1967 as an elementary and middle school, AAS moved into a purpose-built, LEED-certified campus in 2006 and inaugurated the high school in the same year. AAS provides a high-quality education to the children of the international diplomatic and business communities residing in Sofia, along with local students seeking an international school education. With the support of the American and British embassies, AAS has continuously pursued the ongoing improvement of its programs. This includes increasing support for students with diverse learning needs and styles. With 600 students from 62 countries, AAS emphasizes building global citizenship and inclusion in the community.

The Students & Faculty

In the high school there are 215 students. Bulgarians make up approximately 30% of the student body, including in the senior class. The 48 members of the class of 2023 hail from 17 countries. After Bulgarians, Americans and Russians make up the highest concentrations of students, with four students from each of those two countries.

The high school teaching staff is composed of 50 teachers. Americans are the most represented (40%), followed by Bulgarians (34%) and British (16%). 95% of the teachers hold advanced degrees.

The Curriculum

The AAS curriculum is based on a traditional U.S. high school model with the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program introduced in the last two years of high school. Students have pathways to earn both an accredited American high school diploma and the IB Diploma. Forty of the 48 seniors are seeking the full IB Diploma.

Non-IB Diploma Students

Students not pursuing the full IB Diploma will earn the American-accredited high school diploma. Non-IB Diploma students are enrolled in IB-based courses. (The exception may be two non-IB courses on offer: English 12 and Math 12.) If any components of an IB course are modified, that course will appear as a 12th-grade course on the transcript (e.g. "IB Geometry SL" becomes "Geometry 12").

Non-IB Diploma students are eligible to sit exams in individual IB courses. Students not seeking the IB Diploma complete a modified version of the IB "Core": students take at least two trimesters of TOK, and complete versions of the Extended Essay and CAS. The core of the IBDP is referred to on the transcript as the "Senior Project."



The IB Program

AAS offers second-year IB students 18 HL & SL courses:

English Literature	Business Management	Chemistry
English. Language & Literature	History (HL)	Physics
Bulgarian	Psychology (HL)	Spanish
Geography	Math Analysis & Approaches	French
Environmental Systems & Societies (SL)	Math Applications & Interpretations (SL)	German (ab initio)
	Biology	Visual Arts
		Theater

Students are permitted to take Self-Study IB "A" Languages. For IB courses not offered at AAS, students can enroll in online IB courses through Pamoja. The grades for such online classes are included on an addendum to the transcript.

Grading System

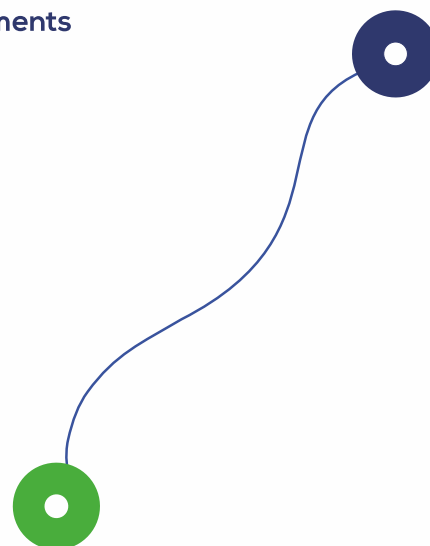
As of August 2020, AAS switched to a 7-6-5-4-3-2-1 grading scale to more closely align with the International Baccalaureate assessment and grading model. (7 is the highest; scores of 1-2 receive no credit.) We discontinued the calculation of GPA with the adoption of the new system. Due to our small size and mobile international community, we do not rank.

Grading System

Mark	Descriptor
7	Excellent
6	Very good
5	Good
4	Satisfactory
3	Below expectations
2	Poor - No credit
1	Very poor - No credit

AAS Graduation Requirements

24 Total Credits Required
English - 4
Math - 3
Science - 3
Social Studies - 3
World Languages - 3
Fine Arts - 1
PE - 2
Electives - 4
Senior Project - 1



Grade distribution

Grades earned in first-year IB courses for the Class of 2024 in the 2022-2023 academic year:
7 = 15%, 6 = 35%, 5 = 26%, 4 = 19%, 3 = 5%, 2 = 0.4%, 1 = 0%

AAS IB Results Summary 2021 – 2023:

Year	Total # of students in the cohort	Diploma Awarded	Diploma not Awarded	Pass rate		Average Results	
				AAS	World	AAS	World
2020-2021	33	28	0	100%	89%	38	33
2021-2022	38	35	2	95%	86%	35	32
2022-2023	30	29	0	100%	80%	35	30.2

SAT scores

14 of 48 students from the Class of 2024 took the exam

Mean EBRW: 665

Mean Math: 637

University Matriculation - Classes of 2021-2023

Universities that our students attend

USA

Carnegie Mellon University
Columbia University
Drake University
Lawrence University
Occidental College

Rochester Institute of Technology
San Diego State University
Union College
University of California Berkeley
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

University of Michigan
University of Texas Austin
Virginia Commonwealth University
Wake Forest University

UK

City College London
ESCP (2)
Hartpury College
Heriot-Watt University
Hult International Business School

Istituto Marangoni (London campus)
King's College London (2)
Lancaster University
London School of Economics
Queen Mary, University of London

Regent's University London
University College London
University of Edinburgh (3)
University of Greenwich
University of Manchester
University of West England

Canada

St. Francis Xavier University

University of British Columbia

University of Toronto

Italy

Bocconi University
IULM

Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti
Politecnico di Milano

Politecnico di Torino
Universita San Raffaele

Germany

Constructor University

KIT Karlsruhe (2)
Kühne Logistics University

Technical University Munich

Spain

ESADE (2)
EU Business School (6)

IE University (3)
LUISS

Universidad Catolica San Antonio de Murcia

Netherlands

Leiden University College The Hague
Technical University of Eindhoven

Tilburg University (2)
University College Utrecht

University of Utrecht
Vrije University Amsterdam

Rest of Europe

American College of Greece (2)
American University of Paris
Czech University of Life Sciences
École Ducasse

École Hôtelière de Lausanne (3)
Glion
Kajaani University of Applied Sciences

National College of Ireland
New Bulgarian University (2)
University of Rothskilde
Webster University (Vienna)

Rest of the World

American University in Cairo

City University of Hong Kong

