AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
OF ABU DHABI *SINCE 1972*

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MSA
Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools

NESA
Near East South Asia Council of Overseas Schools

AAIE
Association for the Advancement of International Education

NACAC
National Association for College Admissions Counseling

International ACAC
International Association for College Admissions Counseling

IBO
International Baccalaureate Organization

The American Community School of Abu Dhabi's mission is to empower all students to define and shape their futures for learning, service and global citizenship.

OUR SCHOOL

Established in 1972, the American Community School of Abu Dhabi (ACS) is a nonprofit, co-educational day school affiliated with the Office of Overseas Schools of the United States Department of State. An independent, U.S. accredited, college preparatory school, ACS offers a comprehensive education program for more than 1,200 students between the ages of 4-18 representing more than 63 nationalities. **The language of instruction at ACS is English.**

CORE VALUES

COURAGE | CURIOSITY | COMPASSION | INTEGRITY

403 STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12

105 STUDENTS IN THE CLASS OF 2024

49 NATIONALITIES REPRESENTED IN GRADES 9-12

72% OF FACULTY HAVE ADVANCED DEGREES

CLASSES MEET FOR **75 MINUTES** EVERY OTHER DAY

1:9 FACULTY/STUDENT RATIO

PASSPORT HOLDERS OF THE CLASS OF 2024

- 53.7% US
- 9.26% Canada
- 4.63% UAE
- 2.78% Lebanon
- 2.78% India
- 2.78% Australia
- 1.85% Syria
- 1.85% South Africa
- 1.85% Italy
- 1.85% Belgium
- 16.67% Other

COVID-19 AND ACS

2022-23
- Students attended classes on campus
- Activities, athletics and clubs have resumed

2021-22
- Students attended classes on campus
- Activities, athletics and clubs resumed in January

2020-21
- August 25-October 1: Students attended classes remotely
- October 1: Slowly introduced on-campus learning by grade level
- Classes alternated between on-campus and remote all year
- No activities, athletics or clubs

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

ACS offers a challenging standards-based American curriculum Pre-K - Grade 12. All students work toward earning a High School Diploma. In Grades 11 and 12, students can choose to enroll in the IB Diploma Programme (IB DP), Advanced Placement (AP) courses and/or ACS High School courses. Beginning in 2018, an annual experiential learning program was built into the academic program to enhance and extend our curricular and co-curricular offerings.

COURSE OFFERINGS 2023-2024

CREATIVE ARTS
Foundations Art & Design
Sculpture & Ceramics
Drawing & Painting
Dance I
Ensemble/Directed Studies
Stagecraft/Tech Theatre I & II
Theatre I & II
IB Music SL/HL
IB Visual Arts SL/HL
Chamber Orchestra
Chamber Choir
Concert Band
Mixed Choir

DESIGN INNOVATION
Intro to Computer Science
AP Computer Science A
AP Computer Science Principles
AP 2D/3D Art & Design
Design Tech I & II
Film Studies I & II
IB Film SL/HL
Graphic Design I & II
Intro to Film & Media Production
Advanced Film & Media Production

ENGLISH
English 9, 10
Global Literature & Sociology
AP English Language & Composition
AP English Literature & Composition
IB English A: Language & Literature SL/HL
IB English A: Literature SL/HL

ISLAMIC STUDIES
Islamic Studies in Arabic
Islamic Studies in English

LEARNING SUPPORT
Learning Lab

MATHEMATICS
Integrated Math I, II, III
Applied Mathematics
Pre-Calculus
AP Calculus AB
AP Statistics
IB Mathematics: Analysis & Approaches SL/HL
IB Mathematics: Applications & Interpretations SL/HL

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
PE & Health 9
PE & Heatlh 10
Fitness & Theory 101
Fitness & Theory 102
Group Fitness

SCIENCE
Science 9
Science 10
IB Sports Exercise & Health Science SL
AP Physics I
IB Environmental Systems & Societies SL
IB Biology SL/HL
IB Chemistry SL/HL
IB Physics HL

SOCIAL STUDIES
World History 9
US History in a Global Context
AP US History
Activism & Entrepreneurism
AP Comparative Government & Politics
AP Psychology
AP US Government & Politics
IB Economics SL/HL
IB Geography SL/HL
IB Environmental Systems & Societies SL
IB History SL/HL

WORLD LANGUAGES
Arabic: Novice, Intermediate, Modern Standard 9/10
IB Arabic ab initio SL
IB Arabic B SL/HL
French: Intermediate, Intermediate High, Advanced
French Language & Literature 9/10
IB French ab initio SL
IB French B SL/HL
IB French A: Language and Literature SL/HL
Spanish: Intermediate, Intermediate High, Advanced
IB Spanish ab initio SL
IB Spanish B SL/HL
IB School Supported Self-Taught Language A: SL

In addition, students have the opportunity to enroll in courses through Global Online Academy (GOA), Pamoja and VHS Learning

CO-CURRICULAR OFFERINGS

The High School has an extensive co-curricular program, based around student clubs, athletics, service and the arts. We have 22 Junior Varsity and Varsity athletic teams and more than 15 service clubs that are linked to the Sustainable Development Goals outlined by the United Nations. In addition, we have more than 20 student-led High School clubs, which range from Model United Nations to Computer Programming. ACS currently competes in the Middle East South Asia Conference (MESAC) and the Emirates Athletics Conference (EAC).

GRADING SCALE

	Standard	IB SL	IB HL/AP
A	4.00	4.25	4.50
A-	3.67	3.91	4.17
B+	3.33	3.58	3.83
B	3.00	3.25	3.50
B-	2.67	2.91	3.17
C+	2.33	2.58	2.83
C	2.00	2.25	2.50
C-	1.66	1.91	2.17
D+	1.33	1.58	1.83
D	1.00	1.25	1.50
D-	0.67	0.91	1.17
F	0.00	0.00	0.00

P	Pass	WF	Withdraw Fail
AU	Audit	WP	Withdraw Pass
I	Incomplete	NC	No Credit

- Grades of WF or WP are not calculated in the GPA.
- Courses and credits earned from other High Schools are not calculated in the cumulative GPA but are reported (and credits awarded) on the ACS transcript.

GRADUATION CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

		Minimum
CORE	English	4.0
	Math	3.0
	Science	3.0
	Social Studies	3.0
	World Languages	2.0
	Arts	1.0
	PE & Health	2.0
	Electives	7.0
	TOTAL	25.0

All students are required to enroll in a minimum of 7.0 credits per year.

GRADUATION SERVICE REQUIREMENT

The Service Learning requirement serves to instill all ACS students with a sense of community and an understanding of our responsibilities as global citizens. Service experiences should be meaningful, authentic and provide opportunities for learning. Students document their ongoing commitment to service with reflections posted in the online portfolio, ManageBac, throughout each school year.

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

- Students are limited to ten applications globally, which leads to thoughtful choices and high yield.
- All recommendations are confidential.
- Early Decision applicants agree the college/university is their first choice for all universities worldwide.
- Disciplinary infractions resulting in out-of-school suspension are disclosed to colleges and universities, if requested.

CLASS OF 2024 SAT SUMMARY

SECTION	ACS MID 50%	ACS MEAN
EBRW	550-680	608
MATH	540-680	606
COMBINED	1100-1350	1214

NUMBER OF TEST TAKERS: **85 STUDENTS**

AP/IB ACCESS

- All students are encouraged to participate in the IB Diploma Programme and AP courses.
- IB Diploma students are not permitted to take AP courses.
- We encourage students to enroll in no more than three HL/AP courses per school year.

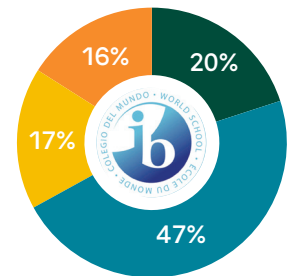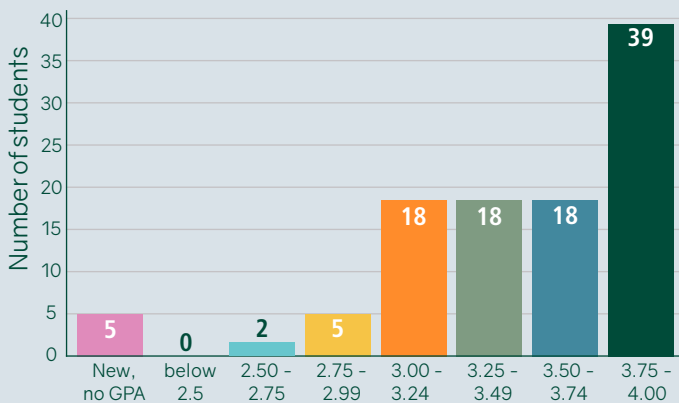## 2023 INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DP RESULTS

38 HIGHEST SCORE EARNED	**32** AVERAGE TOTAL POINTS EARNED	**30 of 94** SENIORS WERE IB DIPLOMA CANDIDATES	**5.1** AVERAGE SCORE ON ALL IB EXAMS BY DIPLOMA CANDIDATES

2023 AVERAGE IB SCORES BY SUBJECT

ACS   World   Highest possible score: 7

Subject	World	ACS
Group 1: Studies in Language and Literature in English	4.79	4.89
Group 2: Language Acquisition	5.06	4.74
Group 3: Individuals and Societies	4.80	4.81
Group 4: Sciences	4.30	4.21
Group 5: Mathematics	4.45	4.45
Group 6: The Arts	4.37	5.69
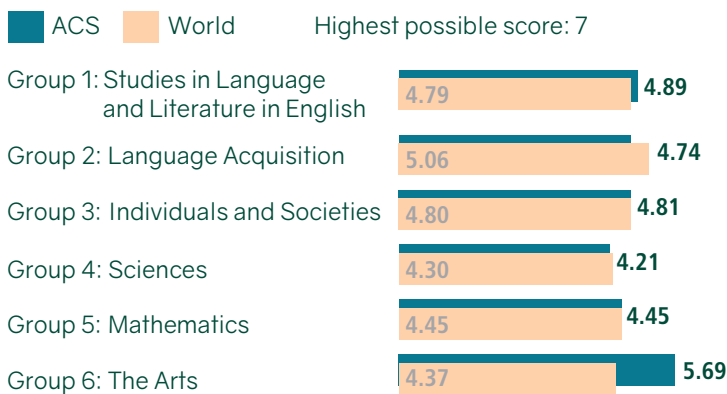
TOTAL POINTS EARNED BY CANDIDATES

- 35–39 points — 20%
- 30–34 points — 47%
- 25–29 points — 17%
- 19–24 points — 16%

CLASS OF 2024 GPA STATISTICS

Number of students

Category	Number
New, no GPA	5
below 2.5	0
2.50 - 2.75	2
2.75 - 2.99	5
3.00 - 3.24	18
3.25 - 3.49	18
3.50 - 3.74	18
3.75 - 4.00	39

These statistics are cumulative through the end of Grade 11, and only ACS grades are included. ACS does not rank students.

2023 ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) SCORES

	ACS	WORLD
Computer Science Principles [47]	3.8	2.9
Language & Composition [42]	3.1	2.8
Physics 1 [40]	2.2	2.5
US Government & Politics [40]	3.5	2.5
US History [31]	3.9	2.5
Literature & Composition [22]	3.6	3.2
Calculus AB [22]	3.0	2.9
Computer Science A [21]	3.1	3.2
Comparative Government & Politics [12]	4.0	3.1

- Number in brackets indicates the number of ACS students who sat the exam.
- AP scores with fewer than [10] students are not reported.

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UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATION FOR THE CLASSES OF 2020-2023

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🇺🇸 UNITED STATES

Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Allegheny College
American University
Appalachian State University
Architectural Association School of Architecture
Arizona State University (2)
Auburn University
Augustana College
Bard College (2)
Barnard College
Baruch College of the CUNY
Bates College
Baylor University (2)
Belmont University
Bennett College
Bennington College
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Birmingham-Southern College
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brigham Young University (2)
Brigham Young University, Idaho
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
California College of the Arts
California Lutheran University
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
California State University, Long Beach
California State University, Monterey Bay
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Carroll College
Case Western Reserve University
Chaminade University of Honolulu
Champlain College
Chapman University
Cleveland State University
Coastal Carolina University
College of New Jersey
College of William & Mary
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Columbia College Chicago
Columbia University (3)
Cooper Union
Cornell University
Cuesta College
Dartmouth College
DePaul University (2)
DigiPen Institute of Technology
Drexel University
Duke University
East Carolina University
Eckerd College
Elmhurst College
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott
Emerson College
Emory University (2)
Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts
Everett Community College
Florida Atlantic University
Florida International University
Florida State University
Fordham University
Franklin and Marshall College
George Mason University
George Washington University (6)
Georgia Institute of Technology
Glendale Community College
Grand Canyon University
Hamilton College
Hampshire College
Harvey Mudd College
Haverford College
Hawaii Pacific University
High Point University
Hofstra University
Hollins University
Hope College
Howard University
Hunter College of the CUNY
Illinois Institute of Technology (2)
Illinois State University
Indiana Institute of Technology
Indiana University at Bloomington
Institute of Culinary Education

Iowa State University
James Madison University
Jefferson University
John Carroll University
Johnson C. Smith University
Keiser University - Ft. Lauderdale
Kent State University
Lake Forest College
Lamar University
Leeward Community College
Longwood University
Los Angeles Pierce College
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University (3)
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University New Orleans
Lynn University
Macalester College
Manhattan College
Marist College
Marquette University
Maryland Institute College of Art
Marymount Manhattan College
Marymount University
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Michigan State University
Michigan Technological Institute
Middle Georgia State University
Middle Tennessee State University
Milwaukee School of Engineering
Monmouth University
Montana State University
Montclair State University
Montgomery College
Mount Holyoke College
New Jersey Institute of Technology
New York University (14)
Nichols College
North Carolina Central University
North Carolina State University (2)
Northeastern University (11)
Northern Arizona University
Northern Michigan University
Northern Virginia Community College (2)
Northwestern University
Norwich University
Nova Southeastern University
Oakland University
Occidental College
Ohio State University
Ohio University
Oregon State University
Pace University
Pasadena City College
Pennsylvania State University (4)
Pepperdine University
Pomona College
Portland State University
Pratt Institute
Principia College
Purchase College, SUNY
Purdue University (3)
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rice University
Ringling College of Art & Design
Rochester Institute of Technology
Roger Williams University
Rollins College
Rutgers University, New Brunswick (2)
Saint Louis University
Salve Regina University
Sam Houston State University
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University
San Jose State University
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design (7)
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
School of Visual Arts
Scripps College
Seattle University
Seneca College
Seton Hall University
Shenandoah University
Skidmore College
Smith College
Southeast Missouri State University
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
Southern Methodist University
St. John's University
St. Mary's College of Maryland
St. Olaf College (2)
Stanford University (2)
Stevens Institute of Technology

Stonehill College
Stony Brook University
Suffolk University
SUNY, Brockport
SUNY, Buffalo State
SUNY, New Paltz
Susquehanna University
Sweet Briar College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas A&M University (4)
Texas Christian University
Texas State University
Texas Tech University (2)
Texas Woman's University
The New School – All Divisions
Towson University
Trinity College
Trinity University
Tufts University
Tulane University
Union College
United States Military Academy
United States Naval Academy
University of Arizona (4)
University at Buffalo, SUNY
University of California, Berkeley (7)
University of California, Davis (3)
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles (4)
University of California, Merced
University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego (3)
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz (2)
University of Central Florida
University of Chicago (2)
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado, Boulder (2)
University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
University of Connecticut
University of Dayton (2)
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Evansville
University of Florida
University of Hawaii
University of Houston
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (4)
University of Iowa
University of Kentucky
University of La Verne
University of Maine
University of Mary Washington
University of Maryland, College Park (2)
University of Maryland, Baltimore County
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Massachusetts, Boston
University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
University of Massachusetts, Lowell
University of Miami
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (4)
University of Michigan, Dearborn
University of Michigan, Flint
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of Minnesota, Duluth
University of Minnesota, Morris
University of Missouri, Columbia
University of New Hampshire at Durham
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina at Greensboro
University of North Carolina at Wilmington
University of North Dakota
University of North Florida
University of Northern Colorado
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Portland
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of South Florida (2)
University of Southern California (2)
University of Tampa (2)
University of Tennessee

University of Texas, Arlington
University of Texas, Austin (3)
University of Texas, Dallas
University of Texas, San Antonio
University of Tulsa
University of Utah
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin
Ursinus College
Utah Valley University
Valparaiso University
Vassar College
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Virginia Tech (2)
Virginia Western Community College
Wake Forest University (2)
Wake Technical Community College
Washington State University
Washington University, St. Louis
Wayne State University
Webster University
Wellesley College (3)
Wesley College
Wesleyan University
West Texas A&M University
West Virginia University
Western Illinois University
Western Washington University
Wheaton College IL
Woodbury University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University
Xavier University

🇨🇦 CANADA

Alberta College of Art and Design
Bishop's University
Brock University
Capilano University
Carleton University
Concordia University (7)
Dalhousie University
Emily Carr University of Art and Design
Grande Prairie Regional College
HEC Montreal
Huron University College at Western
Lakehead University
Laurentian University
McGill University (2)
McMaster University (2)
Mount Allison University
Nova Scotia College of Art and Design
Ontario Tech University
Queen's University
RUBIKA Montreal
Ryerson University
Saint Mary's University (2)
Sheridan College Institution of Technology
Simon Fraser University
St. Francis Xavier University
Thompson Rivers University
Toronto Metropolitan University
Trent University
University of Alberta
University of British Columbia (6)
University of Calgary (3)
University of Guelph (3)
University of New Brunswick
University of Ottawa
University of Toronto (18)
University of Victoria
University of Waterloo
University of Western Ontario
University of Windsor
Vancouver Film School
Vancouver Island University
Western University (5)
Wilfrid Laurier University
York University

🇬🇧 UNITED KINGDOM

Abertay University
Aberystwyth University
Anglia Ruskin University
Arts University Bournemouth
Bournemouth University
Birkbeck, University of London
Brunel University London
Cardiff University
City University of London
Coventry University
Durham University
Edinburgh Napier University
Goldsmiths, University of London
Hult International Business School, London
King's College London

Kingston University
Lancaster University
London School of Economics and Political Science
Loughborough University
Manchester Metropolitan University
Manchester University
Met Film School
Newcastle University
Northumbria University
Nottingham College
Queen Mary University of London (2)
Ravensbourne University
Richmond, The American International University in London
Royal College of Surgeons
Royal Holloway, University of London
SOAS, University of London
Solent University
Ulster University
University College London (2)
University of Aberdeen
University of Bath
University of Birmingham
University of Bristol
University of Buckingham
University of Central Lancashire
University of Dundee
University of East Anglia
University of Edinburgh
University of Exeter
University of Glasgow
University of Huddersfield
University of Kent
University of Leeds
University of Leicester
University of Liverpool
University of Manchester (2)
University of Nottingham
University of Sheffield
University of St. Andrews
University of Surrey
University of Sussex
University of Warwick
University of West London
University of Westminster
University of York
University of the Arts London

🇪🇺 EUROPE

American College of Greece
American University of Paris
American University of Rome
Amsterdam University College
BI Norwegian Business School, Norway
CEU San Pablo, Spain
College Universitaire de Sciences Po, France
Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam, Netherlands (5)
Erasmus University College, Netherlands (2)
ESADE Business School
EU Business School, Barcelona
EU Business School, Geneva
Florence Institute of Design International, Italy
Fontys University of Applied Sciences
Franklin University, Switzerland
Hague University of Applied Sciences
Hanzehogeschool Groningen, Netherlands
IE University, Madrid Campus, Spain
Jyvaskyla University Applied Sciences, Finland
Les Roches Schools of Hotel Management
Luiss Guido Carli
LUNEX University

Maastricht University
Medical University of Gdansk
Mikkeli University Applied Sciences
National University of Ireland, Galway
NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences
NHTV Breda University of Applied Sciences
Nord University
Paracelsus Private Medical University
Paris College of Art, France
Ramon Llull University
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Ireland (2)
Saint Louis University, Madrid, Spain
Saxion University of Applied Sciences
SciencesPo/Columbia University, France
SRH University, Berlin
Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia
Tilburg University
Trinity College Dublin, Ireland
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
Universidad Europea de Madrid
Universita Bocconi, Italy
Universiteit Leiden, Netherlands
Universiteit Maastricht, Netherlands
Universiteit Utrecht, Netherlands
University College Utrecht, Netherlands
University of Amsterdam (3)
University of Groningen, Netherlands (2)
University of Liège
University of Limerick, Ireland
Universidad Navarra, Spain
University of Nicosia
University of Tartu, Estonia
University of Twente, Netherlands
University of Veterinary Medicine, Budapest
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (2)
Vrije Universiteit Brussels
Webster University, Geneva
Zuyd University Applied Sciences, Finland

MIDDLE EAST

American University in Dubai
American University of Beirut, Lebanon
American University of Sharjah, UAE (5)
Heriot-Watt University, Dubai
Gulf Medical University
Lebanese American University, Lebanon
Middlesex University Dubai
Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences
New York University Abu Dhabi, UAE (8)
RAK Medical and Health Sciences University
Royal College of Surgeons, Bahrain
Sorbonne University, Abu Dhabi
University of Balamand, Lebanon
Zayed University, UAE

🌐 OTHER

De La Salle University, Philippines
Hong Kong University of Science & Technology
Monash University
National Kaohsiung University of Hospitality & Tourism
NYU Shanghai
University of Hong Kong
University of Nottingham, Malaysia
Savannah College of Art and Design, Hong Kong
Yale-NUS College, Singapore

KEY

Listed = Acceptances
Bold Type = Matriculation
( ) = Number of Students Matriculated

2023 UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION

60%	USA
19%	Canada
12%	Europe
6%	UAE
3%	UK