

# School Profile 2015-2016

## THE AMERICAN SCHOOL OF TEGUCIGALPA



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### MISSION STATEMENT

The American School is a student-centered, college preparatory institution that fosters globally-responsible citizens and leaders by offering a rigorous, international education which promotes core values in a safe, innovative, and collaborative environment.

### SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

The American School of Tegucigalpa is celebrating 70 years of excellence serving students from 15 nations. English is the language of primary instruction. Students complete a Honduran Bachillerato, the High School Diploma and the International Baccalaureate; IB Diploma and Certificates are optional. Spanish as a second language is offered to international students. AST's facilities consist of 90 classrooms, including 4 Science and 4 computer laboratories with 30 terminals each, 348 chromebooks, 60 iPads and wireless internet access throughout campus. A separate computer technology center is available for teachers. Jefferson Valle Media Center provides facilities that serve Pre-School and Elementary as well as Middle and High School students. The center has 40 computers, 17 chromebooks, 15 laptops, and 6 kindles. Students can access 24/7 Destiny- school's online catalog and safe search tool. To support research the school subscribes to Noodle Tools. EBSCO host is also available to students as a subscription online database. The collection houses more than 85,000 printed volumes, 527 eBooks, and a curriculum-tied AV collection. The media center also subscribes to 58 printed magazines, some of them with online access.

### CALENDAR

The school year consists of 182 days divided into 2 semesters. The first semester begins in August and second semester in January. Grades are issued quarterly. The school day begins at 7:30 am and ends at 2:30 pm.

### ENROLLMENT

Total enrollment at AST for the 2015-2016 school year is 1129 students. The high school enrollment is 301 of which 75 are seniors. Approximately 4% of the students are US citizens, 94% are Honduran and 2% of other nationalities.

### FACULTY

There are 124 full time faculty members including 11 administrators. 30% are international and 70% Honduran. 93% are fully bilingual and 56% hold at least one masters Degree.

### ACCREDITATION

AST is accredited by Advanced ED and the International Baccalaureate Program. The Honduran Ministry of Education grants the national degree of Bachillerato to students who comply with additional credits and 160 hours of community service.

### EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The activities sponsored by staff after school include Operation Smile, Art Club, Bible Study, Knowledge Bowl, Student Council, Math Olympics, Environmental Club, Honduras Project, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Science Club, Band, Extiende tu Mano, Jóvenes en Acción, Casitas Kennedy, Bencaeth Orphanage. Our students also collaborate in fund-raising activities for children with cerebral palsy, homeless and senior citizens. Students attend leadership conferences such as HACIA Democracy, Model United Nations and Junior State of America.

### SPORTS

The AST offers the opportunity for athletic competition in three varsity sports: cross country, basketball, soccer and volleyball. AST teams compete nationally and internationally against schools affiliated with the Association of Bilingual Schools of Honduras (ABSH) and the Association of American Schools of Central America (AASCA). During the academic year 2014-2015, AST won 4 national tournaments 3 in basketball and 1 in soccer; also 2 Central American championships, 1 soccer and 1 in Basketball.

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

| Subject        | Credits for US Program (9th-12th) | Credits for Honduran Program (7th-12th) |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| English        | 4.0 credits                       | 5.0 credits                             |
| Social Studies | 4.0 credits                       | 8.0 credits                             |
| Math           | 3.0 credits                       | 5.0 credits                             |
| Science        | 3.0 credits                       | 9.0 credits                             |
| Spanish        | 2.0 credits                       | 5.0 credits                             |
| PE/Health      | 2.0 credits                       | 5.0 credits                             |
| Fine Arts      | 2.0 credits                       | 3.0 credits                             |
| Electives      | 4.0 credits                       | 11.0 credits                            |

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### INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

The IB curriculum was first adopted by AST in the year 2000. The following IB courses are currently in AST.

|                         |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| English A1              | HL          |
| Spanish A1              | HL          |
| Spanish B               | SL, HL      |
| French Ab Initio        | SL          |
| French B                | SL          |
| History of the Americas | HL          |
| Psychology              | SL          |
| Biology                 | SL          |
| Chemistry               | SL          |
| Math                    | SL, Studies |
| Visual Arts             | SL          |

Percentage scale is based on Honduran Ministry of Education's requirements.

Grade Point Average scale is based on the traditional U.S. grading system. GPA is calculated on a 4.0 scale based on the number of times per week each subject is offered. The GPA is weighted for students who are International Baccalaureate Diploma candidates and certificate seekers. All subjects are taken into consideration in order to calculate the G.P.A.

### POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANS, CLASS 2014-2015

| ATTENDING                        | PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 4 Year colleges in North America | 47%                 |
| 2 Year Colleges U.S.A            | 8%                  |
| Universities Worldwide           | 8%                  |
| Honduran Universities            | 33%                 |
| Gap Year                         | 4%                  |

### SAT MEAN SCORES

| CLASS     | CRITICAL READING | RANGE     | MATH | RANGE     |
|-----------|------------------|-----------|------|-----------|
| 2011-2012 | 485              | 300 - 650 | 512  | 330 - 720 |
| 2012-2013 | 493              | 340 - 670 | 532  | 340 - 710 |
| 2013-2014 | 503              | 380 - 690 | 521  | 370 - 740 |
| 2014-2015 | 537              | 310-710   | 542  | 420-690   |

For 97% of AST students, English is their language of instruction yet not their native language.

### INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE 2014-2015

- ⇒ 99.7% of all IB students passed their courses
- ⇒ 88% of seniors took at least one IB Course
- ⇒ 90% of all IB students earned the IB Diploma
- ⇒ 36% were full IB diploma candidates
- ⇒ The average score was 4.8 (on the 1-7 IB scale)
- ⇒ The highest score earned by a Full Diploma Candidate was 37 points

### DISTRIBUTION OF GRADES 2014-2015

| GRADES     | PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL |
|------------|---------------------|
| A (93-100) | 15%                 |
| B (85-92)  | 56%                 |
| C (78-84)  | 17%                 |
| D (70-77)  | 12%                 |
| F (0-69)   | 0%                  |

Overall class average: 87%, Highest average grade: 98%, Lowest average grade: 71%, Passing grade for year 2014-2015: 70%

## UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION 2014-2015

#### CANADA:

University of New Brunswick

#### EUROPE:

ESSEC Business School

IE University

Universidad de Navarra

#### LATIN AMERICAN:

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras

UNITEC

Universidad Católica de Honduras

Universidad Americana de Managua

Instituto Tecnológico de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, México

#### SWITZERLAND :

Laureate International University-Glion

#### UNITED STATES :

American University

Babson College

Berklee College of Music

Boston College

California Lutheran University

Calvin College

Catholic University of America

Champlain College

Emmanuel College

Emory University

Georgetown University

Georgia Institute of Technology

Kansas State University

Louisiana State University

Manhattanville College

Marymount University

Mercyhurst University

Northeastern University

Pennsylvania State University

Purdue University

Savannah College of Art & Design

Stetson University

Stonehill College

Suffolk University

Texas A&M University

Texas A&M University-Commerce

Texas Christian University

Texas Tech University

University of California, Santa Cruz

University of Michigan Ann Arbor

University of Texas at Austin

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

\* A list of accepted and matriculated students is available in the American School of Tegucigalpa website.