



74 Years of Educational Leadership 1946-2020

## School Profile 2020-2021

The Honduran Ministry of Health announced the closure of schools on March 13th, 2020 to avoid the spread of Covid. AST students have fulfilled their subjects requirements through the use of different platforms and online education tools since. All students, K-12, continue to earn credits for the school year 2020-2021 based on our regular AST grading system.

### 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

AST is celebrating 74 years of excellence serving students from 13 nations. English is the language of primary instruction. The American School of Tegucigalpa offers three different diplomas: the Honduran Bachillerato, the High School Diploma and the International Baccalaureate Diploma. IB Certificates are also available for students. 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, 320 Chromebooks and 200 iPads are available for Elementary School students; and a 1-1 Chromebook program for Middle and High School students. Wireless internet access is available throughout campus and a separate computer technology center is available for teachers. The Jefferson Valle Media Center has 40 computers, 14 Chromebooks, 12 laptops, and 11 Kindles for the school community use. To support research the school subscribes to ABC-Clio, Noodle Tools and EBSCOhost, all available to students online. The physical collection of books houses more than 60,000 printed volumes, 1200 e-books, and a curriculum-tied AV collection. AST provides the Bridge U platform to support our students careers pathway and university applications.

### ACCREDITATION

AST is accredited by Cognia 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.

### ENROLLMENT

Total enrollment at AST for the 2020-2021 school year is 1,030 students. The high school enrollment is 283 of which 72 are seniors. Approximately 7% of the students are US citizens, 91% are Honduran and 2% of other nationalities.

### FACULTY

There are 157 full time faculty members. 21% are international and 79% Honduran. 93% are fully bilingual and 61% hold at least one masters degree.

### SPORTS

AST offers the opportunity for athletic competition in four varsity sports: cross country, basketball, soccer and volleyball. Due to the pandemic, athletes are having daily trainings monitored by their coaches at home. AST teams compete nationally and internationally and are looking forward to resume tournaments in the coming months of this school year.

### 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 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m.

### EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The activities sponsored by staff after school include Operation Smile, Art Club, Bible Study, DECA, STEM, Robotics, Knowledge Bowl, Student Council, Math Olympics, Environmental Club, School Helping Schools, One for one Club, Band, Extiende tu Mano, The Honduras Project/CEPUDO, Miqueas, Habitat for Humanity and 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 AASCA Leadership, HACIA Democracy and Model United Nations.

*Be kind, it's the Eagle way.*

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### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Subject	Credits for US Program (9th-12th)	Credits for Honduran Program (7th-12th)
English	4.0 credits	6.0 credits
Social	4.0 credits	9.0 credits
Math	3.0 credits	6.0 credits
Science	3.0 credits	6.0 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

## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

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

Business Management HL  
 English A: Language and Literature HL  
 History of the Americas HL  
 Spanish A: Language and Literature HL  
 Spanish B HL  
 Biology SL ,HL  
 Chemistry SL  
 French Ab Initio SL  
 Math Applications and Interpretations SL  
 Psychology SL  
 Visual Arts SL

### IB DATA FROM 2019-2020

- ⇒ 99% of all IB students scored a 3 or higher for their final marks.
- ⇒ 94% of the Senior Class Full Diploma Candidates sought to earn the Bilingual Diploma.
- ⇒ 94% of the Senior Class IB Full Diploma Candidates earned the IB Diploma.
- ⇒ 91% of the Senior Class took at least one IB Course.
- ⇒ 67% of the Senior Class took 3 or more IB Courses.
- ⇒ 42% of the Senior Class graduated as Full IB Diploma Candidates in addition to the HS Diploma and the Honduran Bachillerato.

### SAT MEAN SCORES

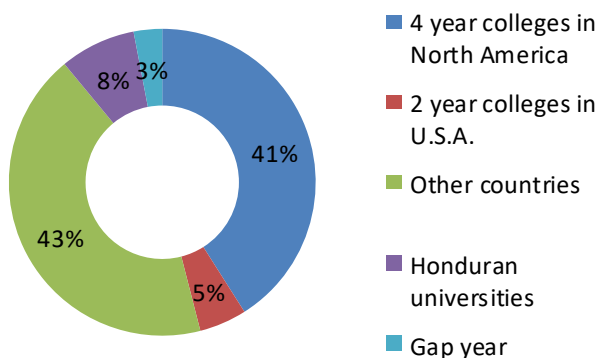
CLASS	EBRW	RANGE	MATH	RANGE
2018-2019	557	350-760	557	410-730
2019-2020	578	400-730	586	430-780

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

### ACT MEAN SCORES

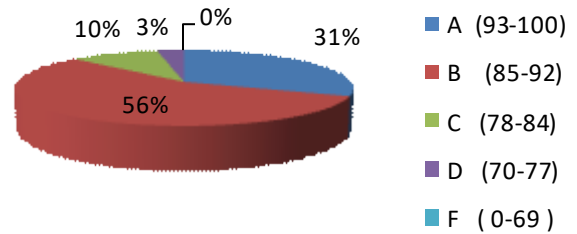
**2017-2020** Composite score average is 26 points

### POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANS CLASS 2019-2020 Percentage of Total Attending



Percentage scale is based on the Honduran Ministry of Education's requirements. Grade point average scale is based on the traditional U.S. grading system.

### DISTRIBUTION OF GRADES 2019-2020 Percentage of Total



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. At AST, IB courses are given a 1.0 additional weight. Subjects both IB and

AST is a Project Lead The Way (PLTW) school offering the course Principles of Engineering in High School.

## UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION



### **ASIA**

National Cheng Kung University  
 National University of Taiwan

### **CANADA**

Concordia University  
 Laurentian University  
 Northern Alberta Institute of Technology  
 St. Thomas University  
 Trent University  
 University of Calgary  
 University of Toronto  
 University of Western Ontario  
 Western Ontario University

### **EUROPE**

CEU Cardenal Herrera en Valencia  
 IE University  
 Navarra University  
 Universitat Internacional de Catalunya  
 University of Sussex  
 University of Twente

### **LATIN AMERICAN**

Tecnológico de Monterrey  
 Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara  
 Universidad de Anahuac  
 Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras  
 Universidad Tecnológica Centroamericana

### **UNITED STATES**

Austin Community College  
 Babson College  
 Cornell University  
 Florida Tech University  
 George Washington University  
 New York University  
 North Carolina State University  
 Northeastern University  
 Nova Southeastern University  
 Penn State University  
 Point Park University  
 Pratt School of Art and Design  
 Purdue University  
 Santa Fe Community College  
 Southern Methodist University  
 St. Edwards University  
 St. Louis University  
 St. Mary's University TX  
 Texas Christian University  
 University of Miami  
 University of Notre Dame  
 University of Texas at Arlington  
 University of Texas at Tyler