



AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF ABUJA

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2009 -2010 High School Profile

School and Community Background

The *American International School of Abuja (AISA)* is a co-educational international day school for English-speaking students. AISA offers an American curriculum based on U.S. standards for pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12. Grade 12 was added for the 2008-2009 school year, and we graduated our first Senior class in June, 2009. We are a college preparatory institution with the goal of preparing our students for admission into the best universities in the world. As of October 1, 2009, we have 488 students, PS-12, with 156 in the secondary division.

Located in Nigeria's capital city, AISA was founded in 1993. The school year runs from August to June, with 180 student contact days. AISA is fully accredited for grades K-12 by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Approximately 25% of the student enrollment is American, 30% Nigerian, and 45% from approximately 45 other countries. The faculty is comprised of 40 full-time teachers from 10 different countries, and 20 teaching assistants.

In August 2006, the school opened in a brand-new facility located in the Durumi district. In addition to the classrooms, the new facility includes a science lab, 2 computer labs, library and media center, art and music building, English as a Second Language (ESL), Learning Center, and snack shop. The recreational and athletic facilities include a basketball court, swimming pool, outdoor soccer field, and track. In September, 2008, five new classes were added along with an office for the middle/high school principal. A new multi-purpose hall is currently under construction and is due to be completed by February 2010. It will house a new cafeteria and an auditorium/PE facility. The new school site allows ample room for expansion as the city and the school continues to grow.

AISA offers a wide range of athletics, activities, and community service opportunities for students to participate in throughout the school year. Activities and athletics are staffed primarily by AISA teachers and is supervised by an Activities Coordinator and an Athletics Director. The range of offerings is wide and students are encouraged to balance their academic responsibilities with these co- and extra-curricular opportunities.

Our first graduating class of four students matriculated to the following universities: **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MA); Brandeis University (MA); Rice University (TX); University of Houston (TX).**

Grading System

The secondary school at AISA communicates student achievement using a criteria-referenced reporting system. Grades are reported based on student achievement against specific requirements of the course. Grades of **A, B, C, D, and F** are assigned to students based on student achievement against skill, knowledge, and performance standards. AISA also reports on Life and Learning Skills non-academic achievement on a 1-4 scale.

Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) Results

May 2009	Reading	Writing	Math	Total
All students	520	537	533	1590
Juniors only	550	491	526	1567

CEEB Number 630540
UCAS Number 45704

School Mission

AISA provides an accredited American education to inspire:

- Academic excellence
- Critical thinking
- Self-esteem
- Social responsibility and
- Respect for cultural diversity in all students

High School Graduation Requirements

A minimum of 24 credits is required for graduation

English	4 credits
Math	3 credits
Science	3 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Foreign Language	2 credits
Arts	1 credit
Speech	.5 credit
Physical Education	1 credit
Health	.5 credit
Electives	6 credits
Total Credits	24 credits

2009-2010 High School Course Offerings

*AP Biology	Zoology/ Botany
AP Calculus	Biology
*AP U.S. History	Chemistry
AP French	Publications/Journalism
*AP Comp. Government	Art I
*AP Language and Comp.	Art II
*AP Human Geography	*Physics
*AP English Literature and Composition	
AP Chemistry	Music Appreciation
Physical Education	Speech
Health	French I
Algebra 1a	French II
Algebra I	French III
Geometry	*Macroeconomics
Algebra II	World Literature
Pre- Calculus	Intro. to Literature
Global Studies 1	Global Studies 2

**Because of small grade level sizes, these courses may not be offered every year.*

Advanced Placement (AP) Results

In May, 2009, 11 students took a total of 27 AP exams in 4 subject areas: Calculus, Human Geography, French Language, and English Literature and Composition. Students earned passing scores (3 or better) on 22 of the 27 exams, for an overall pass rate of 81%. Scores of 4 or 5 were earned on 16 of the 22 passing exams.