



American International School of Lusaka

Every student thrives

High School Profile 2019-2020

The American International School of Lusaka (AISL) is an English-medium, co-educational independent day school, associated with the American Embassy. The School offers International Baccalaureate Programmes™ and is also accredited to award the American High School Diploma. Founded in 1986, AISL provides students with the best possible international education in line with its vision statement, "Every Student Thrives". The school maintains excellent academic standards within a nurturing and inclusive environment, and promotes a strong emphasis upon: the arts and sports; service to communities; leadership; and learning about human and environmental issues. The school competes in the International Schools of Southern and Eastern Africa (ISSEA) conference in many sports, and also in activities including the creative arts and STEM.

From our multi-age Early Years Center through to 12th Grade, AISL offers three International Baccalaureate Programmes™: Primary Years Programme (PYP), Middle Years Programme (MYP), and Diploma Programme (DP). One-to-one technology devices are provided to all secondary students with grades 6 - 9 issued iPads and students in grades 10 - 12 laptops. All students are required to participate fully in Advisory, and Community and Service through our core community and service days. The school is a test center for American and British university readiness tests and, in addition to IB Diploma assessments, the school can administer AP examinations. All high school courses are certified by the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA). The medium of instruction is English, as is the official language of Zambia. Total enrollment is currently 500 students.

AISL students come from 41 different nations. At present, there are 123 students in Grades 9 - 12. Teaching in the high school are 27 full-time teachers from 7 different nations. All teachers are fully qualified: 36% have Masters or Doctoral degrees. The school year commences mid-August and concludes mid-June. The school does use block scheduling.

AISL: An IB World School Secondary School



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Accreditation

Middle States Association of Colleges
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International Baccalaureate
Organization

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Pre-College Programs offered at AISL



(Grades 11 - 12)

The School has an OPEN admissions policy for the IB Diploma. The award of the IB Diploma requires a student to study 6 subjects, with a 3 subjects at Higher Level and 3 at Standard Level. One subject must be chosen from each of the following groups: Studies in Language and Literature, Language Acquisition, Individuals and Societies, Sciences, Mathematics, the Arts/Electives.

The Diploma student must also complete 3 additional core requirements: the Extended Essay (EE); Theory of Knowledge (ToK); and Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS). Scoring is detailed on the high school transcript.

- **Extended Essay:** The IB Diploma student is required to undertake and complete a 4,000-word independent, university level research paper in one of the subject areas offered by the IB DP.
- **Theory of Knowledge:** ToK is an interdisciplinary course intended to stimulate critical reflection upon the process of knowing and draws upon experience gained inside and outside the classroom.
- **Creativity, Activity, Service:** During the two-year program students are required to spend an adequate amount of time initiating, undertaking, and learning from creative and active work, and serving others.

IB DP 5-Year Statistics	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
AISL Average Total Points	32	31	31	30	32
World Average Total Points	30.24	29.95	29.88	29.76	29.63
AISL Average Subject Points	4.98	4.94	4.99	4.79	5.08
World Average Subject Points	4.84	4.82	4.81	4.79	4.76



(Grades 11 - 12)

The award of the IB DP Courses requires the student to follow a program of study approved by the school administration. Students following this program must meet the following requirements: satisfactory performance in each subject (score of 3 or above) and full participation in the CAS program. As with the IB Diploma, each IB DP Course assessment is externally moderated, examined, and scored by the International Baccalaureate Organization.



(Grades 9 - 12)

Students studying for the **American High School Diploma** must successfully complete a balanced high school course of study, with an optional Internship or Physical Wellness Program, and must attend AISL for at least the entire senior year. 28 credits from academic subjects (9-12) must be earned.

Subjects offered: Grades 11 & 12 International Baccalaureate Diploma/Courses/High School Diploma

HIGHER LEVEL and STANDARD LEVEL: English A Literature; English A Language and Literature; French B; Spanish B; History; Geography; Economics; Biology; Physics; Chemistry; Mathematics; Visual Arts; and Theatre. Theory of Knowledge is also a taught class and is generally considered to be a Higher Level course. Additional subjects offered only at STANDARD LEVEL: French AB; Spanish AB; Mathematical Studies; and Environmental Systems and Societies (Laboratory Science). An additional Language A course can be taken at Standard Level in a first language other than English. Students may also take official IB DP online courses, or a for-credit Internship and/or a Physical Wellness program.

College Acceptances

College Acceptances for AISL graduates over the past four years.



In the US...

- Alaska Pacific University, AK
- American University, DC
- Amherst College, MA
- Bard College, NY
- Bates College, ME
- Bemidji State University, MN
- Boston College, MA
- Boston University, MA
- Brandeis University, MA
- Brigham Young University, ID, HI
- California College of the Arts, CA
- College of William and Mary, VA
- Colorado State University, CO
- Columbia University, NY
- Cornell College, IA
- Davidson College, NC
- Drexel University, PA
- Duke University, NC
- Eckerd College, FL
- Emerson College, MA
- Flagler University, FL
- Fordham University, NY
- Georgetown University, DC
- George Washington University, DC
- Hawai'i Pacific University, HI
- Hope College, MI
- Hult International Business School, NY

- Ithaca College, NY
- James Madison University, VA
- Johns Hopkins University, MD
- Lake Superior State University, MI
- Marist College, NY
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MA
- Messiah College, PA
- Michigan State University, MA
- Mount Holyoke College, MA
- New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, NM
- New York University, NY
- Northeastern University, MA
- Pace University, NY
- Pennsylvania State University, PA
- Pepperdine University, CA
- Purdue University, IN
- Reed College, OR
- Rice University, TX
- Santa Clara University, CA
- Savannah College of Art and Design, GA
- Seton Hall University, NJ
- Southern California Institute of Architecture, CA
- Stanford University, CA
- SUNY: Binghamton, Buffalo, Plattsburgh, Polytechnic Institute, Stony Brook, NY
- Swarthmore College, PA
- Syracuse University, NY
- Texas A&M University, TX
- The American Academy of the Dramatic Arts, NY

- The City University of New York, NY
- The College of Wooster, OH
- The New School, NY
- The University of the Arts, PA
- University of Alaska, AK
- University of Arizona, AZ
- University of California: Berkeley, Davis, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, CA
- University of Colorado, CO
- University of Connecticut, CT
- University of Chicago, MA
- University of Denver, CO
- University of Maryland, MD
- University of Massachusetts, MA
- University of North Carolina, NC
- University of Pennsylvania, PA
- University of Pittsburgh, PA
- University of San Francisco, CA
- University of Southern California, CA
- University of Tampa, FL
- University of Texas, TX
- University of the Pacific, CA
- University of Virginia, VA
- Virginia Commonwealth University, VA
- Virginia Tech, VA
- Wake Forest University, NC
- Washington and Lee University, VA
- Wilmington College, OH

In the UK...

- Anglia Ruskin University
- Aston University
- Bangor University
- Birbeck, University of London
- Bournemouth University
- Central Film School London
- City, University of London
- Durham University
- Glasgow Caledonian University
- Heriot-Watt University
- Hult International Business School
- Imperial College London
- King's College London
- Kingston University
- Lancaster University

- Liverpool John Moore's University
- Loughborough University
- Middlesex University
- Newcastle University
- Nottingham Trent University
- Oxford Brookes University
- Queen Mary, University of London
- Royal Central School of Speech and Drama
- Royal Holloway, University of London
- Scottish Rural College
- Solent University
- St. Andrew's University
- The Open University
- UCFB Wembley
- University College London

- University of Aberdeen
- University of Bath
- University of Belfast
- University of Birmingham
- University of Brighton
- University of Bristol
- University of Buckingham
- University of Cardiff
- University of Derby
- University of Durham
- University of East Anglia
- University of East London
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Essex
- University of Exeter
- University of Glasgow
- University of Greenwich

- University of Liverpool
- University of Manchester
- University of Nottingham
- University of Plymouth
- University of Reading
- University of Sheffield
- University of Southampton
- University of Suffolk
- University of Surrey
- University of Sussex
- University of Warwick
- University of Westminster
- University of York
- University of Kent
- University of Leeds
- University of Leicester

Worldwide...

- **Australia:** Melbourne, Queensland, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Sydney, Sydney Film School, Western Australia
- **Belgium:** Ecole Nationale Supérieure Arts Visuels de La Cambre, Ghent University, Saint-Luc Bruxelles: Enseignement Artistique
- **Canada:** Alberta, British Columbia, Calgary, Carleton, Concordia, Emily Carr, Guelph, Kwantlen Polytechnic, McGill, McMaster, Ontario College of Art and Design, Queen's, Quest, St. Francis Xavier, Trent, Toronto, Victoria, Waterloo, Western Ontario, Windsor, York
- **China:** New York University Shanghai
- **Czech Republic:** Metropolitan University Prague
- **Finland:** Turku University of Applied Sciences
- **France:** Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense
- **Germany:** Karlsruhe Institute of Technology
- **India:** University of Delhi
- **Italy:** Bocconi University
- **Japan:** Waseda University
- **Kenya:** Strathmore University

- **Lebanon:** American University of Beirut, Lebanese American University
- **Netherlands:** Amsterdam University College, Avans University of Applied Sciences, Eindhoven University of Applied Sciences, Groningen University, Leiden University, Radboud University, The Hague University of Applied Sciences, Twente University, University of Amsterdam, University College Maastricht, University College Utrecht, Vrije University
- **New Zealand:** Unitec Institute of Technology
- **Poland:** Medical University of Łódź
- **Republic of Ireland:** Limerick University
- **South Africa:** Open Window Institute, Stellenbosch University, University of Cape Town, Varsity College
- **Spain:** La Salle, Les Roches, University College Marbella
- **Sweden:** Stockholm University, University of Gothenburg, University of Lund
- **Switzerland:** Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne, IHTTI School of Hotel Management, Swiss Hotel Management School
- **United Arab Emirates:** Heriot-Watt University, Middlesex University, New York University Abu Dhabi



EXTRACURRICULAR & COMMUNITY AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Animal Welfare, Basketz, Brick-by-Brick, Community School Tutoring, Crafts & Drama in the Community, Dance, Duke of Edinburgh, Feed the People, Girls' Empowerment, Green Team, Gym, Horse Haven, Interact, Karate, Makerspace, Math Olympiad, Media Project, Minecraft, Model United Nations, Mother-tongue Language Club, Music Lessons, Pathfinders, Prom Committee, Robotics/STEM, Rock Band, Set Design & Tech Crew, Stories from Zambia, Strategy Games, Student News Action, Studio Art, Swim with Tim, Theater, Trailblazers, World Dance, Yearbook, Yoga.



ISSEA Activities & Sports:

Activities: Band and Choir, Chess, STEM, Theater, Visual Arts;

Sports: Basketball, Cricket, Cross-Country Running, Field Hockey, Golf, Netball, Rugby, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis, Track and Field, and Volleyball.

CLASS RANK & GPA: As AISL is a comparatively small school, students are not class ranked numerically. Assessment for all courses is criterion-based rather than norm referenced, i.e., students are assessed according to the IB criteria and standards. The School does not convert IB scores to GPA. The International Baccalaureate Programmes™ use a point system from 7-1, with 7 being the highest score in a subject. Examination scores are based on external assessment and moderation. The grading system is described in detail on the Official High School Transcript.

AISL A variety of flexible and dynamic learning spaces across the campus



100% of students applying for 2019 entry are attending college



91% accepted to their 'first-choice' university



94% enrolled in a bachelor degree awarding college



6% attending foundation or community college



17% deferred admission



15% taking a gap year



38% of 2019 applicants awarded scholarships



\$1.4 million in university scholarships