

# AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF LAGOS

*BEHIND 1004 FEDERAL ESTATES, VICTORIA ISLAND, LAGOS, NIGERIA*

## 2010/11 SCHOOL PROFILE

### MISSION

*The American International School of Lagos is committed to providing an exemplary American educational experience with an international perspective that leads to global opportunities. We celebrate the diversity of our student body in a safe and caring environment.*

### VISION

*In a world-class educational environment, the American International School of Lagos inspires students to discover their passion for learning, fulfill their potential, and become responsible global citizens.*

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### BACKGROUND

The American International School of Lagos was founded in 1964 to meet the needs of American, Nigerian and international students living in Lagos who desired an American education. AISL was established in cooperation with the American Embassy and the Tacoma School District, a district of 32,000 students in Tacoma, Washington. It has the longest standing school-to-school relationship in the world. In addition to AISL's stateside partners, the school actively recruits from the international school community. These collaborative ventures have resulted in AISL being recognized as an international school of the highest standard. The school moved to its present location on Victoria Island in 1981 and has continued to expand in terms of facilities and student enrollment. AISL enrolls students from ages 4 through 18 in Pre-Kindergarten through to grade 12.

### STUDENT BODY

The American International School of Lagos has the advantage of a wide diversity in its student population. Currently, the AISL student body is made up of 790+ students. Approximately 37% are Americans while Nigerians comprise about 12% of the student body. The balance consists of students from over 50 different countries, enhancing and reflecting the international character of the school.

### CALENDAR

The 181 days in the school year are divided into two semesters for MS / HS schools, the first from August to December and the second from January to June. Each semester is further divided into two quarters. The elementary school is divided into three trimesters (each of 12 weeks).

### ACCREDITATION

AISL is fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The re-accreditation self-study was successfully completed during the 2003-2004 school year. The



certificate of re-accreditation was awarded in the spring of 2004. In addition, AISL has an on-going review of curricular needs and academic programs.

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROGRAM

The elementary school curriculum is comprised of various areas of study. These include language arts, reading, French, mathematics, sciences, and social sciences. The curriculum also provides for exploration in the fine arts, information technology, physical education, music, library skills, drama and swimming. Our innovative elementary school organization allows each student to progress at his/her optimal learning rate.

### SECONDARY SCHOOL PROGRAM

The secondary program consists of the middle school (Grades 6-8) and high school (Grades 9-12). The new high school facility at Lekki on Victoria Island is planned to open during the 2010-2011 school year. AISL is an approved International Baccalaureate World School. The curriculum is rigorous and AISL students have the opportunity to be academically prepared for admission to the university or college of their choice. Classes in the middle and high schools meet for 65 minutes four times a week.

## HS CURRICULUM

All high school students at AISL enroll in a rigorous college-preparatory program. AISL offers a range of IB courses in grades 11 and 12 that can lead to the IB Diploma. Instruction is in English and only advanced speakers are admitted to the high school. All Grade 11 and 12 staff teach the IB curriculum and have been trained through the IBO.

## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA

The International Baccalaureate Diploma enhances the quality of a student's educational experience by requiring a comprehensive and integrated course of study during the last two years of high school. Students study six subjects, three at "higher" level (HL), three at "standard" level (SL) and a course of study called Theory of Knowledge. In addition, the diploma student must complete a 4000 word extended essay. A further requirement is that the student actively reflects upon their extracurricular activities and community service projects.

## IB COURSES OFFERED

IB Art	IB English	IB Math
IB Biology	IB French	IB Math Studies
IB Chemistry	IB Spanish	IB Music
IB Physics	IB History	IB Economics

## AISL HS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Twenty-four credits are required for graduation with one credit earned for each full year of passing work in a course. Specific credit requirements include: English (4 credits), math (4 credits), world languages (3 credits), experimental sciences (3 credits), social sciences (3 credits), health and physical education (2 credits), the arts (1 credits), electives (4 credits).

## HS CLASS RANK AND GPA

Due to the transient nature of our student body and the diversity of educational backgrounds, we do not class rank. Nor do we use prior school records in the calculation of our GPA. The cumulative GPA reported on the transcript is calculated only from courses completed at AISL.

## GRADING SYSTEM

Grades are reported quarterly using an A to E system. Any mark below D- is considered failing. Letter grades are entered on the student's transcript at the end of each semester. The table indicates the letter grades, percents and grade point values used at AISL.

LETTER GRADE	%	GRADE POINT VALUE
A	100-94%	4.0
A-	93.9-90%	3.7
B+	89.9-87%	3.3
B	86.9-84%	3.0
B-	83.9-80%	2.7
C+	79.9-77%	2.3
C	76.9-74%	2.0
C-	73.9-70%	1.7
D+	69.9-67%	1.3
D	66.9-64%	1.0
D-	63.9-60%	0.7
E	59.9-0%	0.0

## VARSITY SPORTS

Basketball, swimming, soccer, baseball, volleyball, track and field, softball, badminton, tennis.

## SAT MEAN 2009/10

Critical Reading	610	Writing	570
Math	590	Average score	1770

## SAT II (SUBJECT TESTS) MEAN 2009/10

French Listening	600	Physics	610
Biology	730	Biology (Eco)	630
Spanish Listening	750	Chemistry	600
Math Level 2	560	Literature	730

## OVERVIEW OF IB CANDIDATES

- 7 IB Diploma candidates
- 2 IB Certificate candidates
- 3 IB Diplomas awarded
- 48 IB Subject Certificates awarded

## AVERAGE IB SCORES PER CORE SUBJECT

English	Spanish	French	History
5	5	4	6
Psychology	Chemistry	Biology	Physics
3	4	4	4
Math	Math Studies	Music	Art
3	3	4	4
<b>Average Diploma Score</b>			
25 (Max 35 Min 19)			

## AVERAGE IB GRADE OVERVIEW

IB grades	No. of recipients	% of total recipients
1	0	0 %
2	5	9 %
3	11	21 %
4	19	36 %
5	13	25 %
6	4	7 %
7	1	2 %

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES 2010/11

Amherst College US  
 Colorado School of Mines US  
 Drexel University US  
 Ohio Wesleyan University US  
 Pennsylvania State University: University Park US  
 Pennsylvania State University: Harrisburg US  
 University of Illinois at Urbana Champagne US  
 University of Maryland: College Park US  
 University of Pittsburgh US  
 University of Sussex UK  
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