

# American International School of Jeddah

## School Profile 2010-2011

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### **History:**

The American International School of Jeddah was formerly known as the Saudi Arabian International School until June 2004. AISJ is a non-profit institution governed by an elected Board of Trustees and assisted by the U.S. Department of State.

### **School and Community:**

AISJ is a private, college-preparatory English language day school for students three years of age through twelfth grade. As of September 2010 the student body consists of 1,000 students from 45 countries with 73 students in this year's senior class. AISJ has a highly qualified staff of educators. It recruits approximately 58% from the United States and Canada. The remaining 42% from 15 different nations. Educational levels of the faculty include: 54% with a Bachelors degree, 42% with a Masters Degree, and 1 staff member with a PhD. Faculty members continually keep abreast of current pedagogical trends by participating in the Near East/South Asia Council of overseas schools (NESA) conferences, seminars, and continuing education courses. Additionally, staff development opportunities are sponsored by the Office of Overseas Schools in conjunction with the United States Department of Education.

### **Accreditation:**

AISJ is fully accredited by the US-based Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. AISJ is also recognized and licensed by the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Education to operate as a school for expatriate children.

### **Academic Program:**

The academic calendar consists of two semesters beginning on September 18th and ending on June 22nd. Graduation is scheduled for June 15th, 2011. The school week starts on Saturday and ends on Wednesday with Thursday and Friday being the weekend.

### **The School Day at AISJ:**

The school day begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. Co-curricular activities begin thereafter Saturday to Wednesday. A newly adopted schedule, which was implemented last year, combines the benefits of a traditional and rotating block schedule. Students meet three times in a five-day rotation. The blocks are 65 minutes each with 30 minutes for lunch and 40 minutes for activities and clubs. The rotation permits classes to vary their meeting times: meeting in the morning, at mid-day, or afternoon-ensuring that students have the opportunity to be in class when they are at their best. The schedule also incorporates seminar/intramurals in which community building/school spirit activities occur.

### **AP Courses**

The school offers 14 Advanced Placement classes in English Language, World History, Micro-Economics, Macro-Economics, Biology, Chemistry, Calculus-AB, Calculus BC, Physics, Computer Science, Studio Art-Drawing, Studio Art-2D Design, French Language, and Psychology.

## AISJ Mission and Beliefs

AISJ is an accredited college preparatory school that promotes academic excellence with an international experience based on American curriculum. We are a culturally diverse partnership of students, parents, staff and community that strive to inspire students to become lifelong learners and critical thinkers in an ever-changing society.

### Co-curricular Activities:

AISJ offers a wide variety of co-curricular activities in the middle and high school. They include: Student councils (MS & HS), yearbook (MS & HS), Literary magazine (MS & HS), newspaper (MS), Model United Nations (HS), junior varsity and varsity fine arts, Intra-kingdom music festival, International honor orchestra, band festival, computer club, drama club, National Honor and National Junior Honor Societies, knowledge bowl/academic games and chess club.

Middle School sports offered: basketball, soccer and volleyball for both boys and girls, softball, and track & field. High School sports offered: boys and girls junior varsity volleyball, basketball, soccer, softball, track and field. Boys and girls varsity volleyball, soccer, basketball are offered as well as table tennis, softball, badminton, cricket, and rugby.

AISJ participates in the Saudi Arabian Intra-Kingdom Activities Conference (SAIKAC). Students in high school and middle school are offered opportunities to interact with students from other international schools in a variety of athletic and academic activities.

### Grading Scale: (adopted SY 2007-2008)

Letter	Percentile	GPA	AP Courses
A	93-100	4.00	5.00
A-	90-92	3.70	4.70
B+	87-89	3.30	4.30
B	83-86	3.00	4.00
B-	80-82	2.70	3.70
C+	77-79	2.30	3.30
C	73-76	2.00	3.00
C-	70-72	1.70	2.70
D+	67-69	1.30	2.30
D	63-66	1.00	2.00
D-	60-62	0.70	1.70
F	below 60	0.00	0.00

Grades earned at other schools are not included in the AISJ GPA. All classes taken at AISJ are included, with AP courses weighted an additional 1.00 point.

## 2009-2010 Mean SAT Results

All AISJ Grade 12 students 09-10

SAT I	Critical Reading:	501
	Math:	516
	Writing:	492

Students who took both SAT I and SAT II

SAT I	Critical Reading:	453
	Math:	504
	Writing:	469

SAT II (subject tests) score averages and range for students taking the test in SY2009-2010

Test	Mean	No. of students
Math Level IC	568	2
Math level IIC	530	2
Chemistry	500	1
Biology	533	3
Literature	583	2
US History	470	1
French	585	1

## Minimum Graduation Requirements

### Class of 2011

English	4.0 credits
Mathematics (including Algebra II)	3.0 credits
Social Studies (including US Hist.)	3.0 credits
Sciences (including Biology)	3.0 credits
World Languages (consecutive yrs)	2.0 credits
Physical Education	1.5 credits
Health	0.5 credits
Computers	1.0 credits
Fine/Performing Art	1.5 credits
Ministry of Education—Arabic	4.0 credits
Electives	3.5 credits
<b>Total</b>	<b>27 credits</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>80% for credits</b>

## Advanced Placement

Mean scores	08-09	09-10
World History	2.75	2.50
U.S. History	2.40	1.70
Biology	3.25	2.40
Chemistry	1.43	2.00
Economics – Micro	3.00	2.80
Economics – Macro	3.21	2.30
English Literature/Comp.	2.58	3.50
English Language	3.00	2.70
Calculus AB	2.11	2.30
Calculus BC	1.00	5.00
French Language	4.50	3.80
Psychology	2.00	3.00
Physics	1.57	1.70
Studio Art	3.00	3.10
Comp. Science A	1.00	1.00
German Language		5.00 (1)
U.S. Government and Politics		5.00(1)

## 6th Semester GPA Distribution

Above 4.00	2.56%
3.75 – 3.99	7.69%
3.50 – 3.74	16.67%
3.25 – 3.49	11.54%
3.00 – 3.24	12.82%
2.75 – 2.99	11.54%
2.50 – 2.74	11.54%
2.25 – 2.49	5.13%
Below 2.24	17.96%
New seniors not ranked	2.56%

## GPA and Class Rank

Cumulative GPA's at AISJ are calculated at the completion of grade 11(6 semesters) and reflect only courses taken at AISJ. AISJ's transcripts reflect credits from previously attended secondary schools, not the grades. A maximum of 6 credits per year are accepted from non-accredited schools.

Class ranks are only reported when requested by colleges.

## High School Curriculum

**English:**  
 English 9  
 English 10  
 English 11  
 English 12  
 AP English Language

**Mathematics:**  
 Algebra I  
 Algebra II  
 AP Calculus AB  
 Geometry  
 Pre Calculus  
 AP Calculus BC

**Science:**  
 Physical Science  
 Chemistry  
 Physics  
 Environmental Science  
 AP Biology  
 AP Chemistry  
 AP Physics

**Social Studies:**  
 Ancient W History  
 US History  
 Modern World History  
**Physical Education & Health**  
 Physical Education  
 Physical Ed. Fitness and Sport II  
 Advanced Condit. and Fitness  
 AP Economics  
 AP World History  
 AP Psychology  
 Health

**World Languages:**  
 French I, II, III, IV  
 Spanish I, II, III, IV  
 AFL- I, II, III, IV , V (Arabic as a Foreign Language)  
 AP French

**Arabic Program/Islamic Studies Program:**  
 Islamic Studies  
 Native Arabic 9, 10, 11, 12

**Computer Science/Information Technology:**  
 Computer Science I  
 Computer Science II  
 Computer Science III  
 Raytheon Information Technology Certification  
 Programming I  
 Programming II  
 AP Computer Science A

**Fine and Performing Arts:**  
 Studio Art I – Design  
 Intermediate Studio Art I  
 Advanced Studio Art I  
 AP Studio Art-Drawing  
 Speech and Drama  
 HS Symphonic Band  
 Studio Art II - Drawing  
 Intermediate Studio Art II  
 Advanced Studio Art II  
 AP Studio Art-2D Design  
 H/S Concert Choir

**Electives:** Creative Writing, Yearbook, Journalism/Newspaper, Marine Biology, Economics, Survey of Humanities, Introduction to Psychology, Political Science and International Current Events, Model United Nations, Science of the 21st Century, Population Ecology, Office Assistant and School Service, Life and Career Skills, Peer Tutoring.

**Student Support Services:** Student services include learning support to grade 10 and ELL to grade 12. Guidance counseling and health services are also available for grades Pre-K-12. In grades 9 through 12, the school's counselor works with students to facilitate the university decision-making process and future planning.

The following universities have accepted one or more of our graduates  
from the class of 2009-2010



**Colleges/Universities in North America:  
United States and Canada**

Arizona State University, USA  
Baylor University, USA  
Bentley University, USA  
Boston College, USA  
Boston University, USA  
Brock University, Canada  
California State University, Long Beach, USA  
California State University, Northridge USA  
Carleton University, USA  
Cleveland State University, USA  
Concordia University, Canada  
Dalhousie University, Canada  
Florida International University, USA  
George Brown University, USA  
George Mason University, USA  
Georgia Tech. University, USA  
Huron University College, Canada  
Indiana State University, USA  
John Carroll University, USA  
Johns Hopkins University, USA  
Laurentian University, Canada  
McMaster University, Canada  
Mount Allison University, Canada  
Northeastern University, USA  
Northwestern University, USA  
Ohio State University, USA  
Pennsylvania State University, USA  
Purdue University, USA  
Radford University, USA  
Richard Ivey School of Business/Univ. of Western Ontario, Canada  
Ryerson University, Canada  
Seneca College, USA  
Trent University, Canada  
University of Arizona, USA  
University of British Columbia, Canada  
University of California, Irvine, USA  
University of California, Los Angeles, USA  
University of California, Riverside, USA  
University of California, San Diego, USA

University of Evansville, USA  
University of Guelph, Canada  
University of Minnesota, USA  
University of Ontario, Canada  
University of Southern California, USA  
University of Toronto, Canada  
University of Virginia, USA  
University of Western Ontario, Canada  
University of Western Ontario Inst. of Tech, Canada  
Virginia Tech. University, USA  
West Virginia University, USA  
William and Mary College, USA



**Colleges/Universities in the Middle East:**

American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon  
American University in Cairo, Egypt  
American University of Sharjah, U.A.E.  
Dar Al Hekma College, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia  
Georgetown University, Qatar, AUE  
German University in Cairo, Egypt  
Lebanese American University, Beirut, Lebanon  
Northwestern University, Qatar UAE



**Colleges/Universities in the United Kingdom and  
Other Countries:**

American University of Paris, France  
Macquarie University, Australia  
Regent's College, London United Kingdom  
Royal Holloway University, London United Kingdom  
University of Canterbury, United Kingdom  
Weill Cornell University, Qatar UAE