



## UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

All graduates have been accepted into universities /colleges worldwide as summarized below:

Kuwait	United States
Kuwait University	American University
American University of Kuwait	Arizona State University
Gulf university of Science & Technology	Babson College
Australian College of Kuwait	Bentley University
American University of Middle East	Bozeman
American College of Middle East	Bryn Mawr College
University Arab Open University Kuwait	California College of Art
Box Hill College of Kuwait	California State University
Kuwait International Law	Carnegie Mellon University
<b>United Kingdom &amp; Ireland</b>	Drexel University
Cardiff University	Duke University
City University London	Florida Atlantic University
Kent University	Florida Institute of Technology
King's College London	Florida International University
Newcastle University	George Washington University
Queen Mary, University of London	Georgia Institute of Technology
Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland	Georgia State University
Royal Holloway, University of London	Guilford College
SOAS, School of Oriental and African Studies	Illinois Institute of Technology
UCL, University College London	Indiana University Bloomington
University of Aberdeen	Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis
University of Manchester	Kansas State University
University of Liverpool	Montana State University
Sussex University	New School of Architecture and Design
University of Glasgow	New York University
Leeds University	Northern Arizona University
University College Dublin, Ireland	Northeastern University
Coventry University	Penn State University
Institute of Technology of Tralee	Pratt Institute
University of Nottingham	Purdue University
University of Greenwich	San Diego Mesa College
Swansea University	San Diego State University
Loughborough College	Sacramento University
<b>Middle East</b>	Stanford
American University of Dubai	Syracuse University
American University of Sharjah	The Catholic University of America
Ajman University for Science and Technology	University of Arizona
Al-Ahfad University of Al- Sudan	University of California, Los Angeles
Lebanese American University	University of Chicago
Carnegie Mellon University of Qatar	University of Colorado
George Town University of Qatar	University of Denver
University of Texas A&M Qatar	University of Illinois
Al-Riyadh University, Kingdom of Saudi	University of Iowa
Royal College of Surgeons, Bahrain	University of Miami
Arab Gulf University, Bahrain	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
American University of Cairo, Egypt	University of North California, Asheville
German University in Cairo, Egypt	University of the Pacific
British University in Egypt	University of Pennsylvania
Misr International University, Egypt	University of San Diego
Harii Canadian University, Lebanon	University of Oregon
<b>Canada</b>	University of South Florida
Carleton University	University of Tampa
Concordia University	University of Washington
Dalhousie University	University of Wisconsin-Madison
McGill University	Virginia Commonwealth University
Queens University	Virginia Tech
Seneca College	Well Cornell Medical College
Simon Fraser	California State Polytechnic
University of British Columbia	Iowa State University
University of Calgary	Loyola Marymount University
University of Trent	Oregon State University
University of Western Ontario	Portland State University *US—University of Portland
Vancouver University	San Jose State University *US—University of Pittsburg
York University	Temple University *US—The University of Toledo
Cape Breton University	University of Dayton *US—Washington State University
Saint Mary's, Halifax	University of Florida *US—West Virginia University
<b>Australia</b>	University of California
Bond University	<b>Europe</b>
Victoria University	Cyprus College
Griffith University	
University of Queensland	

# The American Creativity Academy High School Profile

CEEB Code: 683-087



## THE AMERICAN CREATIVITY ACADEMY (ACA)

### MISSION STATEMENT

The American Creativity Academy is a private school that delivers a standards-based American curriculum within an environment in which Islamic values are respected and practiced. The school is dedicated to preparing students for university success.

### CORE BELIEFS

We Believe:

- Practicing Islamic values develops a character with honesty, integrity and responsible behavior
- Education requires a partnership among parents, students and teachers
- Students learn and thrive in a healthy, safe and caring environment
- In challenging students to think critically and creatively
- In developing the whole child – intellectually, spiritually, socially and physically
- In preparing students to contribute constructively to a global society
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- Effective communication is essential for a cohesive school community and a positive school climate
- Learning is a life-long process
- In inspiring excellence



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## PARAMETERS

- ACA is a private proprietary institution, subject to Kuwait law, and licensed by the Ministry of Education, Department of Private Education
- Islamic values are respected and practiced
- ACA adheres to MSA/CIS accreditation standards
- The primary language of instruction is English
- The curriculum is aligned with American standards modified to meet the needs of English Language Learners
- The school's priority is the academic program of instruction from pre-K through grade 12
- ACA strives to recruit experienced, qualified and certified staff
- ACA will employ and retain staff who subscribe to ACA beliefs and parameters
- ACA prepares students for university entrance
- ACA is committed to equity
- The Board of Trustees (BOT) approves all policies affecting the school's operation

## ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIPS

ACA is fully accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS) and by Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA) in the United States. The school also has active membership in the Near East South Asia (NESA), and National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) and College Board.

## SCHOOL YEAR

The school year runs from September to June and has a minimum instructional period of 172 days divided into two semesters. Grades are issued quarterly and classes are currently held Sunday through Thursday.

## FACILITIES

ACA is located on multiple campuses, separated by gender, minutes apart by car in the suburb of Hawally, Kuwait. Each campus has science and computer laboratories, comprehensive library/media centers, indoor gymnasiums, multiple outdoor play areas and an indoor 25 meter pool on the Girls' Campus as well as a regulation size soccer pitch on the Boys' Campus.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must earn a minimum of 30 credits for graduation. Of these 30 credits, 22 must be earned in specific subject areas over a period of 8 semesters as outlined below.

SUBJECT AREA	CREDITS REQUIRED
English	4
Math	3
Science	3
Social Studies	3
World Languages (Arabic)	4
Islamic	2
Quran	2
Physical Education	1
Information Technology	1
Art	1
Other Elective Courses	6
<b>TOTAL REQUIRED for GRADUATION</b>	<b>30</b>



## GRADING SYSTEM AND GPA SCALE

Letter Grade	Percentage Grade	Regular Credit Course	Half Credit Course	Honors Credit Course	IB Credit Course
A+	93-100	4.0	2.0	4.2	4.5
A-	90-92	3.7	1.85	3.9	4.2
B+	87-89	3.3	1.65	3.5	3.8
B	83-86	3.0	1.5	3.2	3.5
B-	80-82	2.7	1.35	2.9	3.2
C+	77-79	2.3	1.15	2.5	2.8
C	73-76	2.0	1.0	2.2	2.5
C-	70-72	1.7	.85	1.9	2.2
D+	67-69	1.3	.65	1.5	1.8
D	63-66	1.0	.50	1.2	1.5
D	60-62	.7	.35	.9	1.2
F	59 and below	0	0	0	0
I	Incomplete				
W	Withdrawn				

## CURRICULUM

The American Creative Academy is a university preparatory school with a standard-based curriculum reflecting that reality. The resources, teaching approaches, varied assessments and other characteristics of program at ACA are embodied in a clearly articulated, full curriculum. This curriculum itself undergoes all alignment and revision necessary to keep it tight and vibrant. Teachers are encouraged to apply their particular flair and strengths to bring the curriculum to life. A standards and benchmarks curriculum is a tremendous vehicle for this. The result is a set of curricula that allow instruction to soar while achieving ACA's mission statement and fulfilling the needs of our students.

Added to this, ACA uses a battery of testing programs to inform learning and planning at our school. The school's testing program includes the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) in grades 3-9, the Pre-Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) in Grade10/11 and the Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SAT I) in Grade11/12. ACA recommends that all graduates take the SAT I, SAT II, international TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language), Kuwait University Aptitude Tests and any other test required for University/College entrance before graduation. English is the language of instruction and Arabic and Islam are compulsory for Muslim Arabic students.

In total, the curriculum at ACA is demanding for both teachers and students. All bases are covered at a high level, but with an eye to having at ACA program that is energized and in line with strong expectations as well as best practice.

## IB PROGRAM

Since 2008, the IBDP program has been offered on both campuses for motivated students with sound academic records. Students may elect to take the full diploma or to take IB subjects for certificates. In addition to taking six IB courses over a two year period, IB diploma candidates also take the Theory of Knowledge (TOK) class for one year, write a 4000 word extended essay between grades 11 and 12, and participate in Creativity, Action and Service (CAS) projects for 18 months of the program.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Team sports (including volleyball, basketball and soccer) are offered for both girls and boys in under 14, junior and varsity levels. Through American Creativity Academy's membership in the Kuwait Schools Athletic Association (KSAA), students in high school and middle school are offered opportunities to interact with students of international schools in a variety of interscholastic athletic and academic activities.

Other activities include opportunities to participate in student government, academic games, and Model United Nations, touch football, badminton, track & field and forensics. The core curriculum is supplemented by activities made available each year and generated by faculty and student interest. Examples of clubs/activities offered include swimming, table tennis, photography, cartoon drawing, chess, cooking, and other teacher initiated activities.

