



THE AMERICAN SCHOOL OF ASUNCION

2023-2024 High School Profile

*Excellence,
integrity,
empathy,
& respect.*

The American School of Asunción (ASA), founded in 1954, is a selective co-educational day school which offers an instructional program from pre-kindergarten through grade 12. The school is a bilingual, multi-cultural educational institution that incorporates U.S. and Paraguayan culture, language, pedagogy, and values in an educational program for students from the United States, Paraguay and more than twenty other nations. In addition, students have an opportunity to participate in a variety of athletic, artistic, academic, and social clubs, such as National Honor Society, Student Government, Class Governments, Drama, Debate, Global Issues Network (GIN), Operation Smile, Community Service Projects, Student Publications Staff, Varsity Basketball, Varsity Soccer, Varsity Futsal, and Varsity Volleyball.

ASA COMMUNITY

824 Students K4 to 12

227 Students in High School

57 Seniors

23% US Citizens

63% Paraguayan

14% Other countries



Our Mission

The American School of Asuncion strives to be a model international learning community that empowers students to become responsible, proactive world citizens by providing a challenging and holistic education in a safe and caring

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Most students pursue a college-preparatory curriculum that results in a diploma in both American and Paraguayan studies. Classes at the high school meet approximately 220 minutes a week, 180 days a year. English is the language of instruction for the U.S. curriculum and Spanish is the language of instruction for the Paraguayan curriculum. Due to the nature of the dual diploma program, there are limited options and flexibility available for core classes. Core classes/graduation requirements are worth 0.5 credits per semester whereas courses in fine arts, technology, P.E./health and other electives are worth 0.25 credits per semester. Students have seven core classes for the year and four electives, two each semester. If students are not in the Paraguayan MEC program, they will be enrolled in Paraguayan Studies, Spanish as a Second Language and/or an academic enrichment or online course in place of the core MEC requirements.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete 32 credit hours and 80 hours of community service to fulfill graduation requirements to earn both an American diploma and a Paraguayan Ministry of Education and Culture diploma. Some students take online enrichment courses in addition to the ASA curriculum. These courses appear on the student transcripts as a "Pass" grade and are not part of the students' overall GPA calculation. Failed & recovered classes will be granted a "Pass" grade. Graduation requirements:

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GRADING SYSTEM

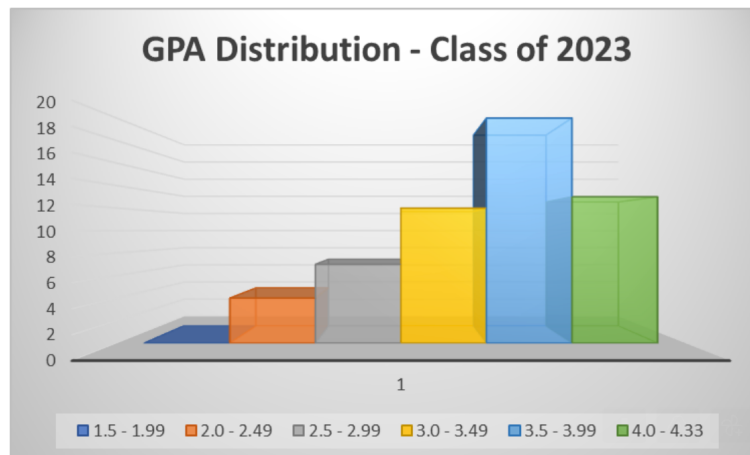
Students are graded on a weighted 4.33 scale. *AP classes receive an additional 0.5 GPA weight. For example, an A+ in a regular class is worth 4.33 points, while that same grade in an AP class is worth 4.83 points. GPA is calculated based on grades earned only at ASA.

Percentage	Letter	GPA	WGPA	Description of Achievement
97 – 100	A+	4.33	4.83	Exceeding All Standards Superior Performance
93 – 96	A	4.00	4.50	
90 – 92	A-	3.67	4.17	
87 – 89	B+	3.33	3.83	Good Performance Meeting or Exceeding Most Standards
83 – 86	B	3.00	3.50	
80 – 82	B-	2.67	3.17	
77 – 79	C+	2.33	2.83	Fair Performance Meeting Minimum Standards
73 – 76	C	2.00	2.50	
70 – 72	C-	1.67	2.17	
67 – 69	D+	1.33	1.83	Poor Performance Minimum Grade for Credit (>60%). Risks Academic Probation
63 – 66	D	1.00	1.50	
60 – 62	D-	0.67	1.17	
00 – 59	F	0.00	0.00	Unacceptable performance Not Meeting Any Standards

CLASS RANK

ASA does NOT provide class ranking for students due to class sizes being small. Admission is selective and all courses are college-preparatory in rigor. Please refer to the “GPA Distribution” graph to gain an approximate standing for each student.

GPA DISTRIBUTION – CLASS OF 2023



AP The Advanced Placement (AP) program plays an integral role in the ASA curriculum. ASA offers 15 AP courses that have been approved by the College Board through the AP Audit process. Students may take a maximum of three AP courses per year.

AP EXAM RESULTS – 2023

Subject	5	4	3	2	1	Total
Biology	0	2	2	4	1	9
Calculus AB	0	0	0	3	8	11
Calculus BC**	1	1	0	0	0	2
Chemistry	0	5	6	2	0	13
Chinese	0	0	0	1	0	1
Comparative Government	0	0	3	7	8	18
Computer Science A**	0	0	0	0	2	2
Computer Science Principles	5	0	7	3	0	15
Drawing	0	1	3	0	0	4
English Language	5	4	6	6	0	21
English Literature	2	8	4	3	0	17
Environmental Science	0	7	1	0	5	13
French**	1	0	0	0	0	1
Human Geography	6	6	7	6	14	39
Japanese**	3	0	0	0	0	3
Macroeconomics	1	4	7	9	0	21
Music Theory	0	0	0	0	2	2
Physics	0	4	0	2	7	13
Psychology	3	12	10	4	23	52
Spanish Language	28	15	4	1	0	48
Spanish Literature	3	1	0	0	0	4
Statistics	0	2	0	0	1	3
United States History	2	2	3	3	7	17
World History	5	5	4	3	0	17
TOTAL EXAMS	65	79	67	57	78	346

SAT RESULTS – 2020-2021

The American School of Asunción does not eliminate non-native English speakers from its statistical representation. Most of our SAT test takers are classified as ESL students.

