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# LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear students and families,

It is my honor and pleasure to welcome you to the American High School Skopje as the Principal of the School. I am excited to be working with such wonderful and clever students and it is a privilege to be a part of your families' lives.

When the school was first opened, I was deeply motivated by the idea of having a place that offers the high quality level of education, knowledge and soft skills necessary to prepare students for real life. But I was equally committed to create a safe and comfortable environment in which students would be allowed to be themselves. I am also dedicated to nurturing a sense of togetherness in students, and help them grow up to be true community members. In order to achieve all this, we have created a team of skilled and experienced individuals that truly love learning and the dissemination of knowledge, passionate about creating the future leaders of the community.

And to all girls and boys,  
I'd like you to know that...

I pay a lot of attention to your individual personalities and I support the teachers to encourage you free spirit. I want you to discover your own potential, and when you do that, don't be afraid to explore it and nurture it. I want to help you create memories of high school as an inspiring and warm beginning of a journey towards adulthood.

Study, but have fun while doing it.

Be bold and loud, different, and true to yourself.

Don't judge, don't hate. Accept all for what they are like.

Build better friendships so we can enjoy a better community.

Grow up with integrity.

Be sure you'll move mountains!



Venera Krliu-Handjiski



# WELCOME

The American High School Skopje is a school that welcomes all students of the country and the region. It offers high quality education and a nurturing growing environment based on a student-centered learning concept. This means that its main focus is to prepare the students to grasp the knowledge and develop the skills and abilities necessary for further education and success in higher education institutions. It is a high school that is dedicated to preparing young people for work and life in the contemporary global society.

In order to achieve successful integration of the students in the global society of today, we support everyone to acquire a proficient knowledge of at least two world languages. We are also intent on encouraging creativity, innovation and preparation for life and work in the spirit of peace and tolerance, respect and understanding of differences, as well as developing a positive attitude towards work, science, arts, culture, sports, health and other values. We thrive on educating students that honor and contribute to society in a way that hopes to make our community, and ultimately, the world, a better place.

## 5 REASONS

### WHY CHOOSE AHSS

- 1 A structured and well-rounded academic program** adapted to national requirements while following international criteria.
- 2 Interactive and inclusive teaching methods** implemented and applied by world renowned schools and educational systems.
- 3 Classes in English** for high language and processing skills needed for applying to universities abroad.
- 4 Experienced and trained teachers** that engage students, approach them wisely and really help them learn.
- 5 Advanced programs** tailored to the needs and requirements of every student, including an advanced placement program.



## PROGRAMS

AHSS offers a stimulating, extensive and relevant curriculum, primarily accredited by the national guidelines and requirements for secondary education. In addition to this and as part of the ACS WASC accreditation process, the program is enriched with content and approach that follows international standards of teaching, making it a unique combination and a real advantage to students. Progressing into the IB diploma program, our curricula has been also extended in order to follow IB standards.

Currently, the program is developed to focus on several knowledge areas and students can choose one of the following concentrations – Humanities, Science and Language/Art. All students begin with the same subjects during their first year of school and from the second year on, additional elected subjects are introduced in order to assist students in their career orientation, providing additional knowledge from a specific subject.

### ACCREDITATIONS

AHSS has received its primary accreditation and verification from the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Macedonia. The State Diploma that our students receive after finishing high school is accepted in all state institutions and organizations, as well as all higher education bodies.

AHSS is also a Candidate for Accreditation from the ACS WASC, which means that our school, especially in terms of the curricula, the teaching strategy, the student support, the emotional and social development of students, the academic progress and the creation of safe environment, has been evaluated and recognized as a school with high standards and a school that complies with the worldwide higher educational standards. Based on this accreditation, our students have a real competitive advantage when applying for universities abroad.

1 YEAR

OBLIGATORY

Macedonian Language and literature

Macedonian Language and literature - for foreign students

Math

English Language

Second foreign Language (German, French and Italian)

History

Geography

Physics

Chemistry

Biology

Informatics

Sport and P.E

Art

Music

11 YEAR

OBLIGATORY

Macedonian Language and Literature

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Math

English Language

Second foreign Language (German, French and Italian)

History

Geography

Physics

Chemistry

Biology

Sociology

Sport and P.E

Art

Music

ELECTIVE

Informatics - elective for Math/Science studies

Speaking and Writing - elective for Social studies

III YEAR

OBLIGATORY

Macedonian Language and Literature  
Macedonian Language and literature - for foreign students  
Math  
English Language  
Second foreign Language (German, French and Italian)  
History  
Biology  
Physics  
Chemistry  
Sport and P.E

ELECTIVE

Programming Languages - elective for Math/Science studies  
Sociology - elective for Social studies  
Introduction to Law - elective for Social studies  
Latin Language - elective for Social studies  
Linear Algebra and Analytical Geometry - elective for Math/Science studies  
Algebra - elective for Math/Science studies

IV YEAR

OBLIGATORY

Macedonian Language and Literature  
Macedonian Language and literature - for foreign students  
Math  
English Language  
Second foreign Language (German, French and Italian)  
Philosophy  
Business and entrepreneurship  
Sport and P.E

ELECTIVE

Economy - elective for Math/Science studies  
Management - elective for Social studies  
Logic - elective for Social studies  
History - elective for Social studies  
Programming Languages - elective for Math/Science studies  
Math Analysis - elective for Math/Science studies  
Physics - elective for Math/Science studies

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## IB DP

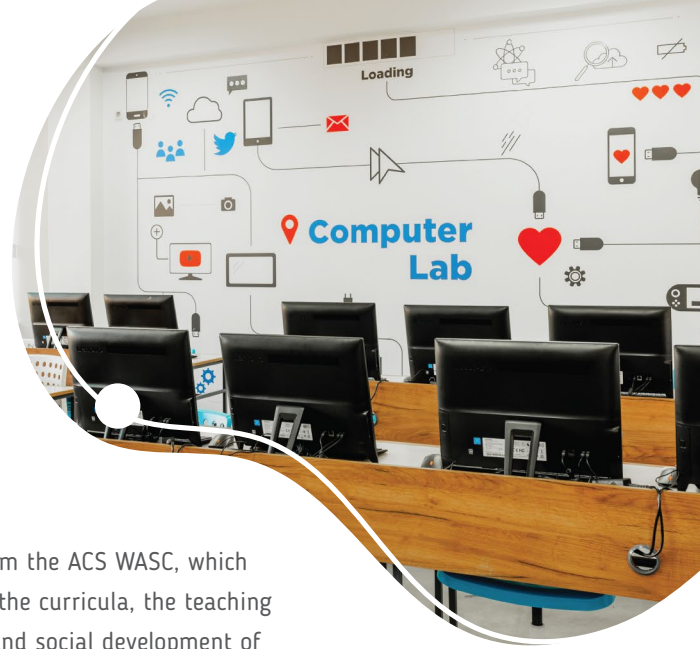
The American High School is a Candidate School\* for the IB DP. This school is pursuing authorization as an IB World School. These are schools that share a common philosophy – a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education that American High School Skopje believes is important for our students.

\*Only schools authorized by the IB Organization can offer any of its four academic programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), the Diploma Programme, or the Career-related Programme (CP). Candidate status gives no guarantee that authorization will be granted. For further information about the IB and its programmes, visit [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)

## TESTING & GRADING

Classes in AHSS are organized as courses, and the end of each course is wrapped up with a written exam. The grading is based on the general assessment system in our country and aligned with the scoring system in American high schools. Students also receive descriptive evaluations of their academic success, achievements and implementation of planned activities, as well as their overall school behavior.

AHSS is a partner of Peregrine Global Testing Services, who carry out the external testing. The results of this testing are used as a benchmark to compare results of our students with students from around the world. With Peregrine's reports, we are able to identify the areas of strengths and the areas in need of improvement to help provide continuous advancement of our high school curriculum to ensure the success of every generation of our global citizens.





# STUDENT SUPPORT

## Additional classes & Tutoring

AHSS is dedicated to providing students with the support they need in order to accomplish their tasks and gain the necessary skills and knowledge in cases of difficulties in learning due to illness, longer justified absence or a general need for additional classes in order to better grasp the curricula. The students that are in need of these kind of instructions are matched with tutors and professors that spend additional time and effort in order to help them cope with the subjects that require a greater engagement.

## Talented students

AHSS is strongly focused on students' personal needs and requirements and also provides advanced educational content to excellent students, in order to further broaden their knowledge. Students that have distinguished themselves during school and have demonstrated special interest and talent in specific areas are allowed to follow advanced placement classes.

## Clubs & Activities

Apart from formal curricula and school programs, AHSS is also dedicated to developing extracurricular programs tailored to students. Based on what they want and need, we have created a variety of clubs and afterschool activities focused on specific areas of knowledge. These activities include various types of work and content to meet the interests of the students and nurture their skills and abilities.



## Competitions

As part of our academic program and our students' special interests, we encourage them to take part in local, national and regional competitions and fairs, so that they can broaden their knowledge, expand their horizons and gain additional credits. We are proud to have had students who have won first, second or third place in school competitions in various subjects. Our students are stimulated to bring out the best in them, while remaining humble about the importance of participation itself.

## Shuttle service

In order to ease the everyday transport of students to school and back home, AHSS offers shuttle service with a safe and trusted transport service. Our transportation enables students a regular and safe pick up and drop off at predefined location and timeline, so that parents can be assured that no one is late and everyone is safe.



## TEACHING CONCEPT

The American High School Skopje introduces a modern teaching concept that revolves around active student involvement and usage of modern teaching skills. Our team of professors has been carefully selected to implement this approach and all teachers at AHSS have undergone a PD on 21st century skills, acquiring different teaching methods and strategies in order to provide an efficient student learning through different teaching styles and strategies. Their dedication is at a high level and their approach stimulates critical thinking in students while enabling them to obtain significant knowledge.





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