



AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL CARIBBEAN

FULL US ACADEMIC YEAR STUDIES OUTSIDE USA: GRADES K TO 12

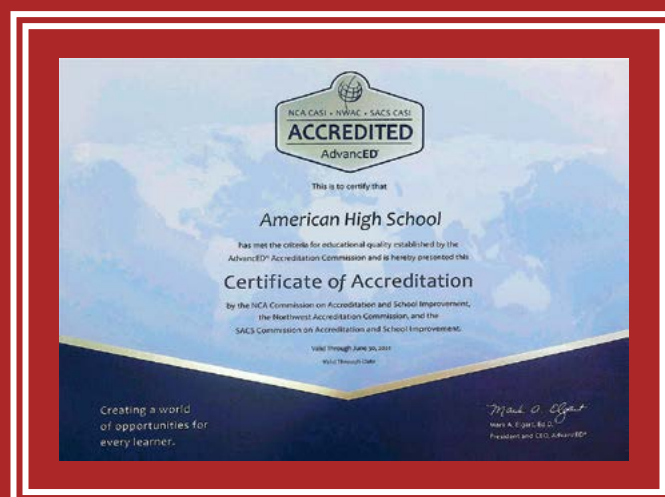
**US HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA - DUAL DIPLOMA - NCAA ATHLETE PROGRAM -
ADULT DIPLOMA - CREDIT RECOVERY PROGRAM**



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INTRODUCTION

In the XXI century, not only students but also the market and selection processes require the greatest number of academic and professional qualifications so as to be more competitive and successfully access both the national and international labor market.

At American High School Caribbean (AHSC), we are always eager to provide the best options and solutions to students' needs, we have launched the renowned, prestigious American High School Dual Diploma, a quality, innovative program which will allow our students to obtain their certified US high school diploma from American High School at the same time as obtaining the national high school certificate in the country where they reside. Our students acquire the highest levels of skills which will distinguish them from others and will help them face the current competitive global labor market.

As you will see in this catalogue, not only does the program offer the possibility of obtaining dual high school certification, it is also a unique experience in e-learning which encourages the practice of social skills through interaction with teachers and students (thanks to AHS Lounge our meeting point for all American High School students) and provides the student with an ideal atmosphere for the development of their, skills, education, autonomy and values, fundamental principles to reach great professional goals in the future.

American High School Caribbean also offers full US academic year studies grades K to 12 as well as our NCAA, Credit Recovery, and Adult Diploma Pathway programs.

Our main objective at American High School Caribbean is to prepare future university students for today's world. Therefore, we have created this program both for educational enrichment and as a differentiation tool which can aid university access not only in the USA, but all over the world.

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AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL DUAL DIPLOMA PROGRAM

The American High School Dual Diploma program allows students to obtain two different high school diplomas by carrying out studies simultaneously at two schools: one in the country where they reside through on-site studies, and the other, American studies, by following a virtual academic course. This permits students to obtain the US high school diploma which has identical value to one awarded at an on-site course in the USA.

American High School is a fully accredited virtual high school in the USA that offers students the option of learning at their own pace. They may be students whose parents need geographic mobility, students who are athletes and need flexibility to train and to compete regularly or students whose parents (or themselves) are famous. The school has more than 1500 students and through American High School Caribbean, it is open to students worldwide.



Over and above the obtainment of a second high school certificate, the program has been designed with the aim of providing an additional advantage to the students who complete it, giving them a collection of unique tools which will allow them to face the challenges of a more demanding global market where not only the local talent competes, but students all over the world.

With a program of studies where educative innovation is mixed with the use of new technologies, determination and supervision, a superior preparation is guaranteed to all students who wish to study university courses in their own country, USA or any other corner of the world.

Academic excellence begins with the teachers, native professionals with high qualifications who will guide students through the everyday steps of the program. These highly qualified teachers, together with supervision by the program supervisor in the students' home country, strengthen institutional support and assure parents that their children will successfully obtain their goals.

PHILOSOPHY

American High School Caribbean offers an innovative e-learning program which, by employing new technologies in education, allows students to obtain their US High School Diploma from their home or educational center.

Therefore, the student will be able to interact at any moment, anywhere and on any device (PC, laptop, tablet, mobile phone, ...) in a safe, international learning environment, making possible what would be unthinkable some years ago.

At American High School Caribbean, the syllabus, structure and demands are kept to the same standards as bricks and mortar high schools, with the difference being that there is no physical attendance to the educational center on the part of the students.



HOW DOES IT WORK?

The program begins when students are 12 years of age as it is designed to be taken with a certain degree of comfort over two or six years, in such a way that students simultaneously study their subjects at their national educational center along with between 1 and 4 American subjects per year.

NEW TECHNOLOGIES IN AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL DUAL DIPLOMA PROGRAM

The importance of new technologies has been, and indeed is, an unquestionable reality. Its influence and vertiginous development is felt in all areas of society. These technological advances oblige educational institutions to follow the rhythm of social demands which characterize these modern times.

This program is the definitive tool towards a maximum knowledge of technological skills where ethical, scientific and social abilities are also relevant. Furthermore, it prepares students for the real working world which they will face in the years to come.

HOW DOES E-LEARNING WORK?

Communication is one of the keys to success of the American High School Dual Diploma Program and the virtual learning environment. Therefore, communication between teachers and students will be constant and fluid. Every subject is taught by qualified, competent teachers with whom students can communicate via video conference, instant messaging and phone. All these means of communication are essential and expected to be regularly used.

Learning is developed on a digital platform where students have access to a personal storage “cloud”, where they will have access to the syllabus, exercises and academic contents. They will submit their exercises, activities, projects and tests to the Learning Management System (LMS). Projects and tests will also be completed via this system.



TEACHERS

The professionalism and qualifications of American High School teachers is another of the keys to the success of the program.

The interaction between participants and teachers should be constant and fluid, making students express themselves in English.

TEACHERS' TASKS WILL INCLUDE:

- ▶ **HOLDING TUTORIAL MEETINGS**
- ▶ **SOLVING POSSIBLE DOUBTS**
- ▶ **BEING ACCESSIBLE FOR STUDENTS**
- ▶ **HOLDING VIRTUAL INTERACTIVE CLASSES**

American High School Caribbean courses are taught by qualified, competent, native teachers with high-quality teaching tools and an excellent syllabus updated according to legislative changes.

Students will have live sessions with teachers which are fundamental for detecting the difficulties a student may be having, to strengthen knowledge, to clarify possible doubts about there classes.



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DUAL DIPLOMA PROGRAM OF REQUIRED STUDIES

To obtain a US high school diploma in the state of Florida, students need to obtain 24 credits. However, students in the Dual Diploma program will not need to take all of those 24 credits as a high percentage of them will be validated on completion of the subject in their own country so they will only need to obtain 6 credits* (this may vary slightly depending on the study plan of each country). Therefore, candidates will only need to achieve those additional credits together with the ones they obtain in their home country.

It is important to note that 3 of these credits are directly related to the improvement of the student's level of English using a proven methodology for improving comprehension and fluency.



*Where 6 credits are deemed necessary for a student to obtain their US high school diploma.

In the case of a student requiring additional credits to obtain their US high school diploma the distribution and number of credits per year will vary.



WHICH ACADEMIC SUBJECTS ARE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM

The American High School Caribbean Dual Diploma Program allows the validation of up to 18 out of the 24 credits needed to obtain a US High School Diploma in the state of Florida (depending on the country where the student is studying). This means, the completed credits obtained in the student's country will be awarded to the student so that they only need to complete 6 credits** through American High School.

This table below shows an example the subjects included in the program:

1ST YEAR

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE + HISTORY: US / WORLD

2ND YEAR

ENGLISH & LITERATURE 1/2 + US ECONOMICS / US GOVERNMENT

3RD YEAR

ELECTIVE SUBJECT* + ENGLISH & LITERATURE 3/4

*Students can chose from a large library of elective subjects such as: Introduction to Business, Criminology, Game Development, Introduction to Fashion Design, Web Design, Entrepreneurship: Starting Your Business, Fashion & Interior Design, Forensic Sciences, Gaming with Scratch, Sports & Entertainment Marketing, etc.

**Example given is study plan 1 where 6 credits are deemed necessary for a student to obtain their US high school diploma.



It may be necessary for students to study extra subjects depending on the school syllabus in the country where the student is studying.

In the case of a student requiring additional credits to obtain their US high school diploma the distribution and number of credits per year will vary.

ADVANTAGES FOR STUDENTS

KNOWLEDGE AND COMMAND OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES

American High School Caribbean programs help students to develop technological skills.

A greater interest level and motivation, better learning autonomy, an interdisciplinary nature, digital and audio-visual literacy, development of information search and selection skills, or even a positive teacher-student communication are just some of the many advantages that this virtual learning program offers and which facilitate the students' integration to this emerging world which is constantly changing and transforming. A world where the command of new technologies is vital.

IMPROVEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL LEVEL

It is undeniable that an advanced education is key part of survival in the global economy, in business, technology, science and aviation and its influence is greater than ever in the XXI century. American High School Caribbean creates an extremely positive immersion environment to improve communicative skills, and increases motivation and confidence when using the language. This is an essential characteristic of any program seeking to achieve a high linguistic level.

REWARD FOR DETERMINATION

The learning of different materials and subjects which would not normally be accessible to students, together with a robust capacity for work at a high subject level, provides students with a wide range of academic possibilities. A high school student wishing to attend an American university will have advantages, when submitting their application, over students who have not shown this command of English and other academic achievements.

CULTURAL EXCHANGE

The American High School Caribbean Dual Diploma program also tests the ability of students to work in different cultural environments. This cultural exchange begins the very first moment that students begin their course, write reports and communicate with their native teachers in English.

AHS LOUNGE – SOCIAL CLUBS

As well as interaction with American teachers, American High School offers students the chance to participate in AHS Lounge, a social platform which, among other things allows students to communicate with other students from all over the world, to take part in school competitions, to read student blogs and to write their own and to join the many diverse interest clubs and groups.

This is certainly one the strong points of the program, giving it extra added value. It offers students the possibility to join student clubs and groups in which the students will be in contact with other participants from the same club with similar likes and interests (journalism, photography, music, gaming, cookery, getting ready for college...) in a safe environment which is accessible exclusively to American High School students and teachers. Some of these clubs are teacher led and have a weekly open house where all the members of the club can meet, share ideas and discuss projects.

In this way, the program helps to develop the capacity for flexibility and adaptation to different ways of working, situations and environments, as well as developing strong aptitudes and qualities to decisively face the future in an enthusiastic and well prepared manner.



ADVANTAGES FOR PARENTS

The American High School Caribbean Dual Diploma program opens new horizons to the future of your children, allowing them the possibility to access prestigious universities not only in the USA, but also worldwide.

It encourages maturity, independence and self-management in students, teaching them to acquire responsibilities and to be more competitive, helping them to enter an employment world which is more and more demanding and which is in a process of constant change and transformation.

- ▶ **Internationalization of studies:** The American High School Caribbean Dual Diploma program offers the possibility to study international courses in an easy, comfortable and flexible way, avoiding the expensive costs of studying abroad.
- ▶ **Access to new teaching methods:** Students have the chance of getting to know, first hand, the workings of one of the most highly acclaimed education systems in the world.
- ▶ **Preview of higher education:** In the American High School Caribbean Dual Diploma Program, similar teaching methods are applied to those students face at university or in mobility programs such as the Erasmus Program.



ADVANTAGES FOR SCHOOLS

- ▶ The educational center which includes the American High School Caribbean Dual Diploma program in its educational services offering, joins a new study trend which is becoming noticeable in schools all over the world.
- ▶ It provides new tools to the syllabus without the need to modify the existing plan.
- ▶ It brings more sense and logic into bilingual and plurilingual programs. It supports students in their efforts to find employment abroad, giving them competitive tools and encouraging their effort and independence.
- ▶ American High School Caribbean Dual Diploma is a prestigious, recognized, international program.





STUDENTS IN THE DUAL DIPLOMA PROGRAM

RESPONSABILITIES OF THE STUDENT

The student is expected to maintain the appropriate pace of the course during the academic year and must make a genuine effort to achieve the best results, dedicating an average of 5 hours per week*. In case of any difficulty, the student should inform their teacher who will give the necessary help and orientation.

*in study plan 1

PROJECT SUBMISSION

Students will submit exercises, projects, tasks, tests and quizzes to the Learning Management System (LMS). Once this work has been graded, the students will be able to see their results, grades and any comments from the teacher through this system.

ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION RULES

Attendance, participation and performance of the student will be supervised to guarantee that students fulfil the obligatory attendance rules and they progress adequately. Attendance is measured by the time the student is connected to the LMS, their contributions made via online connections, the presentation of tests, projects and tasks and email messages sent and received via the LMS. Every time the student opens a course, participation is registered automatically and time spent in each area is recorded.



VIRTUAL COMMUNICATION TEACHER-STUDENT

AVAILABILITY OF TEACHERS

In the virtual learning environment, teacher-student communication regularly demands commitment beyond that of the traditional way of studying as interaction is vital to the success of the program.

Audio/video calls through Microsoft Teams, instant messaging and emails are considered fundamental and they are expected to be used on a regular basis. There should be regular oral communication with American High School teachers. This prepares the student for the reality of the employment world which adults face daily.

American High School Caribbean teachers have established contact timetables and will be available for students and parents on the days and at the times entered on their official timetables.

The American High School LMS is accessible 24 hours per day and the school has office hours from Monday to Friday from 15.00 to 23.00 (CET)



REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE DIPLOMA

The achievement of the US high school diploma will be subject to the obtainment of the required established number of credits and the student obtaining their high school certificate in the country where they are residing.

Academic grades in all the subjects studied are based on the development level of the student regarding educational goals and academic course skills. Therefore, the performance and knowledge shown towards aspects relating to projects, online tests and other online assessments during the course will all be assessed by the American teachers who will determine the grades and/or the student's promotion.

Progress reports and informative bulletins will be the main means of communication of the progressions and achievements of the student towards promotion.



RESPONSABILITIES OF PARENTS AND TUTORS

As parents or tutors of students at American High School Caribbean, it is extremely important to understand the responsibilities of this role. Parents/tutors are expected to control and supervise the progress of the students, encouraging them on the administration of their time in an efficient way and avoiding distractions common amongst young people today.

This parental control will be backed up by the teachers, the program supervisor and the head of the program, who will inform them on their progress and will contact them when necessary, via email.

MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT

The control and monitoring of students both by program supervisors and American teachers is extremely meticulous. Parents will be periodically informed of the students' progress by the local program supervisor who will help them to resolve doubts and different questions related to the program. At the same time, the local program supervisor and American teachers will continuously monitor the achievements and progress and will contact students from time to time to make sure that they successfully follow and complete the program, meeting all deadlines.

Parents will have access to the local program supervisor and to students' assessments. Like this, they will be fully informed.

The assessment of students will be continuous through the observation of their progress in the fulfilment of their tasks and the educational goals of each module. Students must successfully fulfil tasks, projects and online tests and quizzes. The grade of performance and command over all these aspects will be assessed by the teachers.

Marks will range from A to F. A being the highest mark and F being the lowest. Students will obtain a C mark as a minimum in every subject. If not the coursework or subject will need to be repeated.

Students are expected to make a genuine effort similar to other quality extracurricular activities such as at a music conservatory or an Official Language School. Their determination and dedication is essential to the success of the program.



HOMOLOGATION

Students will be enrolled with American High School Caribbean under the American High School Dual Diploma Program. The courses, are approved by the Florida State Department of Education and they offer the opportunity to achieve a private US High School Diploma from American High School in the State of Florida.

The approval of the syllabus and its adaptation to the regulations and requirements of educational institutions and American High School's accreditation by "SACS CASI AdvancED now Cognia" together with the fact that the teachers are certified by the Florida Education Department and other US states, give this US high school diploma identical value to any other US high school diploma a student may obtain by following an on-site academic course in the USA.

The American High School US high school diploma has the same validity in all US territory, providing the possibility of applying for a position at any US University or College, in many cases without the need to sit a TOEFL exam, (SAT test will be required) and as such it is recognized all over the world.





SOME OF THE UNIVERSITIES WHERE AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

UCLA

BROWN

DUKE UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

DE PAUL UNIVERSITY

EMBRYRIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

TEXAS A & M

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

TULANE UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

US COASTGUARD ACADEMY

ENROLLMENT IN THE PROGRAM INCLUDES

Enrollment in the required subjects for the obtainment of US high school diploma

Course duration up to 3 years

Virtual tutorial meetings with teachers from the USA

Access to the American High School Lounge & Social Clubs

Monitoring by program supervisor in home country

All educational material for the course*

US High School Diploma**

*Some elective subjects may require additional material

**On successful completion of the program and on obtaining high school certificate in country of residence



AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL OFFERS THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:

DUAL DIPLOMA PROGRAM

Obtain a US high school diploma by completing the high school diploma in your country of residence at the same time as completing a number of credits through our Dual Diploma program (from 6 credits depending on the study plan in the students country of residence).

FULL US ACADEMIC YEAR STUDIES OUTSIDE USA: GRADES 6 TO 12

Our full US academic year studies mean that US students who go abroad for a year or more can take the academic US year (grades 6 to 12) in the country where they are staying and like this, even though they are abroad, they can still complete their home studies.

NCAA PROGRAM

To help those with aspiration of competing in professional develop using the training and academic tools that are afforded to their American counterparts.

PATHWAY PROGRAM

Our pathway programs are designed to support international students needing additional help with academic preparation before matriculating to a degree program in the USA. Students take academic courses to qualify for the diploma and as well as subjects related to their chosen degree course. The duration of our pathway program is generally 1 year.

FULL 24 CREDIT US HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

For those students who did not finish or did not take their high school certificate in their country of residence, American High School Caribbean offers their full 24 credit high school program. Students will obtain an accredited US high school diploma on successful completion of the course.





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