

AQUINAS AMERICAN SCHOOL

The American School of Madrid

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School type	Private day-school and boarding school
Age of students	Childhood Education to Secondary Education and Baccalaureate (3-18 years).
Location	C/ Poniente, 20 - Pozuelo de Alarcón Madrid - 28223
Contact details	Telephone: (+34) 91 799 34 41 E-mail: info@aquinasmadrid.es www.https://aquinas-american-school.es
Total number of students	Around 800 students.
Number of students in Secondary	380 students. Less than 25 students per class.
Percentage and origin of foreign students	Approximately 40% of the students are non-Spanish residents from such more than 42 different countries including Poland, France, USA, Canada, Colombia, Venezuela, etc.
Duration of a school day	From 8:30 am to 4:30 pm with one free period.
Meals at the school?	Lunch is provided by the school and included in the price.
Admission requirements	No special requirements.
Admission requirements Accommodation	No special requirements. Host family or boarding school.

You will have the opportunity to study at an American school located in the capital of Spain, where you can learn in English while enjoying the fantastic Spanish weather and lifestyle!



Kristin Eberl, director of Openmind with Antonio Arcones, the school's principal.

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School description

Aquinas American School is a co-educational Catholic school founded in 2012 in the suburbs of Madrid. The school offers the American curriculum as well as the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.

Situated in a peaceful and exclusive residential area, the school is ideally located for students to enjoy nature and outdoor activities. The town of Pozuelo de Alarcón is only a 20-minute train ride from Madrid's main station, Atocha.

School equipment and accommodation options

Students can stay either in the boarding school or with a host family. The accommodation in the school's residence consists of double rooms with en-suite bathrooms. The amazing boarding facilities include several common areas, such as a gymnasium, swimming pool, football pitch, large green areas, TV rooms, a library, and a cafeteria. Six tutors, including one with his entire family, live on campus permanently and are available to the students 24/7.

Students who choose host family accommodation will live with a local family in the small community of the school.



Double-room with en-suite bathroom







Chill-out area



Cafeteria



Offering both the US High School Diploma and the IB Programme provides students with a choice between two excellent educational paths.

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Academic information

The school offers both US High School Diploma and IB Programme. All teachers are native English speakers.

Information on subjects

Subjects in year 10 (US HS Diploma):

- <u>Taught in English:</u> English, World History, Science, Maths, and Religion. <u>Elective in English:</u> Art, Drama, Entrepreneurship, Yearbook, Music Academy, French, Debate, Journalism, Extended Essay, Getafe International Madrid Football Academy, Bears soccer, basketball.
- <u>Taught in Spanish:</u> Spanish as a foreign language, Spanish History. <u>Elective in Spanish:</u> Technical Drawing, and Realistic Drawing.

Subjects in year 11 (US HS Diploma):

- <u>Taught in English:</u> American Literature, English Composition, Maths, Entrepreneurship, US History, etc.
- <u>Taught in Spanish:</u> Spanish as foreign language, Spanish History, Technical Drawing, Robotics, Realistic Drawing.

Subjects in International Baccalaureate:

- They can choose one course per group:
- GROUP 1:
- English A Literature (High Level or Standard Level)
- Spanish A Literature (HL/SL)
- English Language and Literature (HL/SL)
- GROUP 2:
- English B (HS/SL)
- Spanish B (HS/SL/*ab initio SL)
- French/French *ab initio SL/HL
- GROUP 3:
- History (HL/SL)
- IB Business and Management (HL/SL)
- Philosophy SL
- GROUP 4:
 - Biology (HL/SL)
 - Physics (HL/SL)
 - Chemistry (HL/SL)
 - Environmental Systems and Societies SL
- Computer Sciences SL
- GROUP 5:
 - Maths Analysis & Approaches HL
 - Maths Applications & Interpretation SL
- GROUP 6:
 - Visual Arts SL

Students are able to choose their own subjects based on their intended academic pursuits.



Kristin with Alejandra López, director of the International Department

^{*} Ab initio means with no previous knowledge of the language.



Extracurricular activities

Students are invited to participate in a wide variety of programs, activities, and clubs that cover many subjects, such as sports, arts, languages, NGO, and fundraising initiatives. Examples include theatre, art, French, chess, Canva, photography, social media, STEM-LOGO, choir, musical theatre, Mad lab, cinematography, yearbook, journalism, debate, music academy, robotics, Model United Nations, entrepreneurship, extended essay, realist and technical drawing.

Basketball and Soccer for girls and boys are the sports which are offered at school. For those football fans, they can also become a member of the Getafe International Madrid Football Academy. The price for football is not included.

The school also collaborates closely with Las Encinas, a private luxury sports club located five minutes away from the campus, which complements the school's sports offering. Students can sign up for tennis, paddle, ice skating, and swimming.

How many reports are sent to parents?

All parents have continuous access to the school's study portal where they can view their child's results in real-time.

In addition to this, Openmind sends a report that students, host families and the local coordinator must fill in every term to see how the student is adapting to his/her new environment. At this school you certainly won't get bored! They offer a huge range of extracurricular activities.





The school is surrounded by a beautiful park. From every angle, you can see the greenery