



SCHOOL PROFILE 2018



American International School of Kingston is located in the capital city of Kingston, Jamaica. AISK was founded in 1994 and secured its present location on College Green Avenue in 2009. A 9-member Board of Directors governs the school. AISK operates as a private, non-profit, non-denominational institution. Tuition and fees generate 90% of its income.

SCHOOL PURPOSE

AISK is an independent Preschool through Grade 12 institution. The School purpose statements include:

MISSION STATEMENT

AISK is an independent Preschool through Grade 12 school that embraces a US-based education, culminating in the IB Diploma Program. Our strong sense of community embodies our core values of excellence, integrity and respect, empowering our students to realize their full potential.

VISION STATEMENT

The American International School of Kingston is a Global Centre for Excellence in education.

CORE VALUES

Excellence, Integrity, Respect and Empowerment.

ACCREDITATION

In 2001 AISK received its initial accreditation with AdvancED and reaccredited in 2014 until 2020. In 2008 the school was authorized to deliver the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program.

ENROLLMENT

There are 286 students, 141 (49.3%) boys and 145 (50.7%) girls. 132 students are enrolled in Elementary School (46%), 61 in Middle School (21%) and 95 in High School (33%). 24 students make up the Class of 2018.

SCHOOL FACILITIES

- 16 classrooms in the lower school
- 16 classrooms in the upper school
- 4 science labs
- An Apple Mac computer lab and help desk
- A media center
- 2 music rooms
- A 2-story art studio
- A dance studio
- An outdoor stage
- A café/canteen
- An administration office
- A full football (soccer) field
- 2 tennis courts
- Basketball court
- Elementary playground
- College counseling office
- STEM-Makerspace
- 25m Swimming Pool

STUDENT BODY

By country of birth, 35% of AISK students are Jamaican, 24% are American and 41% are third country nationals, listed below:

Algeria	Columbia	Honduras	Ireland
Argentina	Côte d'Ivoire	India	Ukraine
Australia	Cuba	Japan	Kenya
Barbados	Dominican Republic	South Africa	United Kingdom
Belgium	Fiji	Spain	Togo
Bolivia	France	Sweden	Trinidad- Tobago
Canada	Germany	Thailand	Venezuela
Cayman Islands	Greece	Korea	Netherlands
China	Guatemala	Kenya	Vietnam

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FACULTY

Diversity is reflected not only in the student body but also the staff/administration. There is a blending of national educators - 25 teachers of which 51% are Jamaican, 10 teachers or 20% are American and 14 teachers of 29% are third country nationals from Canada, UK, Columbia and Australia. 32 out of 49 educators, or 65%, have earned a Masters or PhD degree.

CALENDAR

The school calendar outlines 2 semesters. Semester 1 starts on August 20 and ends on January 11. Semester 2 commences on January 14 and finishes on June 14. Total school days are 180. The school day starts at 7:45 AM and ends at 3:00 PM for all students.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

AISK provides services for EAL (English as an Additional Language) students. Significant English language acquisition is documented by WIDA assessments. Students with special needs are identified by the Kaufman Test of Educational Achievement and then receive learning support. The AIM Office provides college counseling, SAT preparation and SAT subject test tutoring.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

AISK is an international school with an international standards-based curriculum. Our clearly articulated standards and age appropriate benchmarks fit our diverse and unique student body of college-bound students. Our passionate and knowledgeable faculty engages students using a variety of techniques such as self-directed, cooperative and problem-based learning to enable students to want to learn and keep learning. Parents can follow instruction online by accessing the Rubicon Atlas maps teachers have drafted for all their classes.

AISK offers the only digitally connected, technology intensive classrooms in Jamaica, and is the leader in this area in education in the Caribbean, Latin and South American regions. Grades 1 through 4 use Apple iPads while Grades 5 through 12 use Apple MacBooks. Our IT Help Desk offers hands-on technical support to our students and staff. AISK students are educated in a 1:1

digital device environment where each student uses an electronic device inside and outside of classes to access the Internet, course materials and textbooks. This one-to-one computing environment increases student productivity and engagement, enhances their communication and collaboration skills while offering limitless possibilities for creative expression.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

AISK is a venue for dramatic, artistic and musical productions as well as intramural and extramural sport events. Varsity sports are football, basketball, tennis, swimming, clay shooting, golf, dance, polo and gymnastics. Major varsity events are SoccerFeva (AISK), SoccerFest (Bahamas) and Blue Iguana Basketball (Grand Cayman). Recreational sports include sailing, table tennis, taekwondo, pony club and yoga. Clubs include Student Council, National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, Model United Nations, GIN, Key Club, Chess, K- Kids, Brownies, robotics, sewing, and drama. Students from Early Years to Grade 12 participate in community service activities. Service groups include:

- GIN - Global Issues Network
- Mary's Child for Teen Mothers
- Jamaica National Children's Home
- Bustamante Children's Hospital
- Kidney Kids
- Angels of Love
- Strathmore Children's Home
- H.E.A.L. Club
- Drop of Life (Blood Donation)

CREDIT SYSTEM

Courses	Credits
English	4
Science	3
Math	3
Social Studies	3
Foreign Language	2
Fine Arts	2
PE	1
Electives	6

IB DIPLOMA COURSES

IB course offerings in Grades 11 and 12 include:

Subject Group		Courses
1	English	G11/12 Language & Literature Literature SL SL/HL
2	Modern Language	Spanish AB Initio Spanish LA French AB Initio French LA HS/SL HS/SL SL HS/SL SL/HL
3	Individuals and Societies	G11/12 Business & Management History Economics SL SL/HL SL/HL
4	Science	G11/12 Environmental Systems & Societies Biology Chemistry Physics HS/SL SL/HL SL/HL SL/HL
5	Math and Computer Science	Math Studies Math HS/SL SL/HL
6	Arts	Visual Art Music Film Theatre Arts SL/HL SL SL SL

GRADING SYSTEM

Grades are reported at the end of the semester. GPA is calculated for Grades 9-12. A 4-point scale (A-4, B-3, C- 2 and D-1) is utilized and only grades earned at AISK are factored into the GPA. IB courses are weighted

Letter Grade	IB Scale	Weighted IB- GPA	Grades 6- 12 MSHS GPA
A+	7	4.3	4.0
A	6	4.3	3.7
A-	6	4.0	3.7
B+	5	3.6	3.3
B	5	3.3	3.0
B-	5	3.0	2.7
C+	4	2.6	2.3
C	4	2.3	2.0
C-	4	2.0	1.7
D+	3	1.6	1.3
D	3	1.3	1.0
D-	3	1.0	0.7
F	2/1/0	0	0

TESTING - MAP

Standardized Testing – Measures of Academic Progress Test data is used to guide curriculum design and teaching. Students in Grade 3-9 sit for the MAP international, standardized tests in Reading, Math and Language Usage in the first and second semester. Fall 2017 scores were:

TESTS	MAP PERFORMANCE COMPARISON
Reading	90% of AISK students at/above the world average
Math	65% of AISK students at/above the world average
Language Usage	88% of AISK students at/above the world average

SAT

SAT Subject Area Tests

AISK is an official ETS test Center (Code: 91247). The PSAT, SAT, SAT Subject Area Tests, and ACT are given along with IB exams. AISK students sat for 3 (of 21) SAT-SATs. AISK students scored at/above the US national average in Math Level 2, Chemistry and Physics.

SAT Tests

The Class of 2018 sat for the Scholastic Aptitude Test. AISK students outperformed their peers.

Tests	National Average	AISK Average	Difference
Reading	497	541	+44
Math	513	554	+41
Writing	487	546	+59
Total	1497	1641	+144

The highest AISK scores (out of 800) earned on the 3 tests of the SAT are as follows:

Reading	670
Math	700
Writing	730
Total	2060

IB DIPLOMA PROGRAM

11 students sat for the IB Diploma Exam and 8 students sat for course exams in May 2018. Students enrolled in 19 different courses and scored above the global average in 90% of the courses. IB exam results are:

Full IB Diploma:	100% pass rate for the 11 students who attempted
IB Courses:	88% pass rate for the 18 courses attempted.
Highest score:	41 (out of 45)
Average Score:	5.11 (out of 7)
Average Points:	32

SCHOLARSHIP

18 students were extended scholarships totaling \$3,097,238. The highest single scholarship was \$218,400.

AI SK University Placements 2018

UNITED STATES

American University (DC)
Art Institute of Chicago (IL)
Ball State University (IN)
Barnard College (NY)
Barry University (FL)
Baylor University (TX)
Belmont University (TN)
Bentley University (MA)
Binghamton University (NY)
Blinn College (TX)
Brock University
Brown University (RI)
Boston College (MA)
Boston University (MA)
Brown University (RI)
Bucknell University (PA)
Cal State Bakersfield (CA)
Carleton University
Case Western University (OH)
Chapman University (CA)
City University of New York (NY)
Claremont McKenna College (CA)
Clark University (MA)
Clayton State University (GA)
Colorado State University (CO)
College of Holy Cross (MA)
College of St. Rose (NY)
College of Wooster (OH)
Columbia University (NY)
Concordia College-Bronxville (NY)
Cornell University (NY)
Dartmouth College (NH)
DePaul University (IL)
Drew University (NJ)
Drexel University (PA)
Duke University (NC)
Eckerd College (FL)
Elan University (NC)
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (FL)
Emerson College (MA)
Emory University (GA)
Flagler College (FL)
Florida Atlantic University (FL)
Florida Institute of Technology (FL)
Florida International University (FL)
Florida State University (FL)
Fordham University (NY)
Full Sail University (FL)
Georgetown University (DC)
George Mason University (VA)
George Washington University (DC)
Georgia Institute of Technology (GA)
Georgia State University (GA)
Gwinnett Technical College (GA)
Hampton University (VA)
Hampden-Sydney College (VA)
High Point University (NC)
Hofstra University (NY)
Howard University (DC)
Indiana University (IN)
Ithaca College (NY)
Jacksonville University (FL)
James Madison University (VA)
John Hopkins University (MD)
Kalamazoo College (MI)
Kent State University (OH)
Lawrence University (WI)
Lone Star College (TX)

Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University (CA)
Lynn University (FL)
Marist College (NY)
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy (MA)
Mercyhurst University (PN)
Mount Holyoke College (MA)
Muhlenberg College (PA)
New York University (NY)
Northern Illinois (IL)
Northeastern University (MA)
North Texas (TX)
Northwestern University (IL)
New York University (NY)
Northern Illinois University (IL)
Northeastern University (MA)
North Texas University (TX)
Northwestern University (IL)
Nova Southeastern University (FL)
Nyack College (NY)
Occidental College (CA)
Ohio State University (OH)
Oxford College/Emory (GA)
Pennsylvania State University (PA)
Pepperdine University (CA)
Princeton University (NJ)
Purdue University (IN)
Quinnipiac University (CT)
Radford University (VA)
Randolph College (VA)
Randolph-Macon College (VA)
Rhode Island School of Design (RI)
Ringling College of Art and Design (FL)
Rochester Institute of Technology (NY)
Rollins College (FL)
Rutgers University (NJ)
Saint Leo (FL)
Sam Houston University (TX)
Savannah College of Art and Design (GA)
Seattle Pacific University (WA)
Sessions College (AZ)
School of Museum of Fine Arts (MA)
School of Visual Arts (NY)
Seton Hall University (NJ)
Smith College (MA)
Southwestern University (TX)
Spelman College (GA)
St Edwards University (TX)
St. John's University (NY)
State University New York Brockport (NY)
State University of New York Albany (NY)
State University of New York Buffalo (NY)
State University of NY Plattsburgh (NY)
Stephen F Austin State University (TX)
Stetson University (FL)
Stony Brook University (NY)
Suffolk University (MA)
Syracuse University (NY)
Tampa University (FL)
Temple University (PA)
Texas A+M University (TX)

Texas Christian University (TX)
Texas Southern University (TX)
Trinity University (TX)
Tulane University (LA)
University of Alabama Birmingham (AL)
University of Bridgeport (CT)
University of British Columbia
University of California Los Angeles (CA)
University of California San Diego (CA)
University of California Santa Barbara (CA)
University of Central Florida (FL)
University of Chicago (IL)
University of Cincinnati (OH)
University of Colorado (CO)
University of Denver (CO)
University of Findlay (OH)
University of Florida (FL)
University of Georgia (GA)
University of Houston (TX)
University of Illinois (IL)
University of Miami (FL)
University of Maryland (MD)
University of Massachusetts (MA)
University of Minnesota (MN)
University of Nebraska-Omaha (NE)
University of N. Carolina School of Arts (NC)
University of North Carolina Chapel Hill (NC)
University of North Carolina Charlotte (NC)
University of North Texas (TX)
University of Oklahoma (OK)
University of Pennsylvania (PA)
University of Richmond (VA)
University of Rochester (NY)
University of San Francisco (CA)
University of Southern California (CA)
University of South Florida (FL)
University of St. Thomas (FL)
University of Tampa (FL)
University of Texas-Arlington (TX)
University of Texas-Austin (TX)
University of Vermont (VT)
University of Virginia (VA)
University of Washington (WA)
University of West Florida (FL)
University of Wisconsin (WI)
Vanderbilt University (TN)
Virginia Commonwealth (VA)
Virginia Wesleyan (VA)
Warren Wilson College (NC)
Washington University (WA)
Washington State University (WA)
Western University (CA)
West Texas A+M University (TX)
Wheaton College (MA)
Whittier College (CA)
Woodbury University (CA)
Worcester Polytechnic Institute (MA)
Young Harris College (GA)

CANADA

Art Institute of Vancouver (BC)
Brescia University College (ON)
Carleton University (N)
Dalhousie University (N Scotia)
Humber College (ON)
King's University (ON)
McGill University (QC)
McMaster University (ON)
Ryerson University (ON)
Trent University (ON)
University of British Columbia (BC)
University of Guelph
University of New Brunswick (NB)
University of Ontario (ON)
University of Saskatchewan (SK)
University of Toronto (ON)
University of Waterloo (ON)
University of Western Ontario (ON)
York University (ON)

FRANCE

EDMOD International Fashion University

GERMANY

Karlsruhochschule International University

JAMAICA

Edna Manley College
University of West Indies

JAPAN

Sophia University

SOUTH AFRICA

Damelin College

SOUTH KOREA

Sookmyjung University

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

New York University (Abu Dhabi)

UNITED KINGDOM

Brunel University London
City University London
DeMontfort University
Hull International Business School London
Middlesex University
Queen Mary University London
Regent's University London
Royal Holloway University London
University of Aberdeen
University of Abertay Dundee
University of Edinburgh
University of Essex
University of Hertfordshire
University of Kent
University of Leeds
University of Manchester
University of Nottingham
University of Reading
University of Roehampton London
University of Salford
University of Stirling
University of West London

BULGARIA

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