

ASU MIDDLE SCHOOL

Home of Future Leaders

History

- Founded in 2006
- Independent, privately owned institution

Accreditation

- Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)

Memberships:

- Membership in Association of China and Mongolia International Schools
- National Junior Honor Society

Academics

- English is the language of instruction
- Passing Grade 60%

School Calendar and Timetable

- 2 Semesters, beginning mid-August and mid-January
- Total of 180 Instructional Days
- Parent Teacher Conferences held three times a year – October, January and April

Curriculum and course offers

American School of Ulaanbaatar provides an educational program for years 6 - 8 based on the Massachusetts Common Core Curriculum. Literacy and technology are integrated throughout all subjects to ensure students are developing the skills necessary to be successful in the 21st century. Students receive instruction in the required subjects of English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Mongolian and Health/Physical Education. In addition, students may take the following electives: Dance, Drama, Art, Music and Computer. A strong emphasis is placed upon organizational skills, research skills, and the development of effective study habits.

Student Evaluation

The maximum class size in grades 6 – 8 is 24 students, allowing for students to receive timely feedback from teachers. Students are evaluated using a variety of methods to carry out ongoing formative and summative assessments to demonstrate their understanding. Standards-based assignments may include tests, projects, activities, presentations, assignments and class participation. In addition, an external assessment, Measures of Academic Progress, is given three times a year in order to measure student growth over time in the areas of Math, Reading and Language Usage.

The Expected School-Wide Student Outcomes of Academic Achievers, Critical Thinkers, Effective Communicators, Involved Citizens, and Life-Long Learners are integrated into teachers' unit plans. Students are expected to develop and demonstrate the ESSOs in all areas of school life.

Extracurricular Activities and others

Along with the regular educational day, students are strongly encouraged to participate in Extra Curricular Activities. Examples of ECAs are Yearbook, Mongolian Script, Chess, Cup Stacking, and Table and Card Games. In addition, the Athletic Department runs Under 15 sports teams for volleyball, basketball and soccer. Students are required to try out for these teams and, if selected to play, must be committed for the whole season.

ASU has had an active chapter of The National Junior Honor Society since 2016. It is an organization for students who demonstrate the pillars of scholarship, leadership, character, service and citizenship. Students who have a 90% average or higher are able to apply. Students are then selected based on the demonstration of the pillars in and out of school.

Middle school students have the opportunity to participate in international competitions such as the HIPPO English Language Competition, the Kangaroo Math Competition, the World's Scholar Cup and Harvard Model United Nations. Some of these competitions are held locally, while others are held abroad.

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