

American School of Milan

Milan, Italy



South of Milan, the city's first IB World School pairs an American diploma with seven decades of international pedigree.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	67/100
Academic outcomes	69/100
University placement	67/100
Prestige & heritage	68/100
Alumni network	67/100
Facilities	70/100
Transparency	61/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

American School of Milan occupies a strong niche in the city’s international market: a long-established, non-religious, English-medium day school with an American base and the IB Diploma on top. Founded in **1962**, it has age and scale on its side. This was Milan’s first IB World School, and that matters. Families get an American-style education through the school, then the option of a globally portable leaving qualification from 1983 onwards. The school also carries real international breadth: about 880 students, more than 70 nationalities, and a published student-teacher ratio of **12:1**. That combination gives ASM *serious international credibility* without the vagueness that surrounds newer entrants.

What sets ASM apart is not mystique but range. The campus south of Milan gives it room that many city schools cannot match: 9 acres, science laboratories, two full-sized American gymnasia, tennis court, grass football field, a 27,000-volume library and a 500-seat auditorium opened in 2019. Technology is embedded early, with iPads in elementary and a 1:1 laptop programme from Grade 6, backed by courses in robotics, 3D design, digital art, photography and film. This is a school for families who want *a full-service international education* rather than a boutique academic enclave. The offer extends well beyond lessons, from Model United Nations and music to sports travel across Europe. The breadth is *hard to ignore*.

The school’s clearest academic selling point is the combination of an American high school diploma with the IB Diploma. ASM states that about **95%** of seniors complete the full IB Diploma, which marks it out as a school with a strong college-prep culture and little appetite for half-measures at the top end. That said, parents should note what ASM does not publish in these extracts: hard aggregate IB score data. The school says results surpass world averages; it does not give the numbers here. For many families, the school’s longevity, scale and university-preparatory structure will outweigh that lack of precision. For data-driven parents, it remains a question worth pressing in admissions.

ASM suits students who thrive in an international peer group, want a broad programme, and value sport, technology and the arts alongside academics. It fits children who benefit from *visible structure*, *busy school days* and a campus with space to move. It also fits globally mobile families who want English instruction and an American framework without giving up the IB route at the end. Students looking for a tiny, highly intimate school will find ASM large. Students who want *ambition with options* will find it compelling.

STRENGTHS

- Offers American and AP curriculum
- Also offers IB Diploma Programme
- English-medium teaching throughout
- Not-for-profit day school

TRADE-OFFS

- South of Milan, not central
- No boarding option
- Average class size is 20

ADMISSIONS

ASM is a day school for ages 3 to 18, so the obvious admissions entry points are Early Years, elementary, middle school and high school, with students progressing through an American college-preparatory structure and AP, alongside the IB Diploma Programme named in the source material. As a practical matter, families can infer admissions across the full age range rather than at a single selective intake year. The school teaches in English and operates with a reported 12:1 student-teacher ratio and average class size of 20, which suggests a mainstream rather than highly tutorial admissions model. Beyond that, the school does not publish enough here to specify testing, interview stages or decision timelines.

Assessment format, application deadlines and any distinctive selection process are not stated in the material provided, so they should be confirmed directly with the admissions office. The same applies to bursaries or financial aid: no scheme is mentioned in the supplied sources. What is clear is that ASM is a not-for-profit day school and an IB World School, with a longstanding emphasis on technology, including a 1:1 laptop programme from Grade 6.

WTS RATING 

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