

American School of Warsaw

Konstancin-Jeziorna, Poland



Poland's oldest international school, born at the U.S. Embassy in 1953, runs the full IB continuum on a ten-hectare campus near Warsaw.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	65/100
Academic outcomes	67/100
University placement	65/100
Prestige & heritage	66/100
Alumni network	65/100
Facilities	68/100
Transparency	56/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

The American School of Warsaw has two claims that matter in this market: it is the city’s oldest international school, founded in **1953** by members of the US Embassy, and it is the only IB Continuum school in Warsaw, running the PYP, MYP and Diploma Programme from pre-K to Grade 12. That combination gives it a *rare institutional weight*. Many schools can offer an English-medium international education; far fewer can point to seven decades of operation, embassy roots and a full through-school IB structure on one site. ASW also keeps an American spine: students can graduate with both the American High School Diploma and the IB Diploma. For internationally mobile families, that dual exit route is *practically useful*, not decorative.

The school's strongest selling point is coherence. Children enter at age 3 and can stay to 18 in an English-language, non-religious, non-profit setting with a stated balance between academics, arts, athletics, activities and service learning. Parents who value a school that runs as a community rather than a franchise operation will notice the governance history too: the school remains connected to the US Embassy, and the US Ambassador holds the honorary chair of the board under the bylaws. That does not guarantee quality by itself, but it does place ASW in a distinct bracket in Warsaw: *established*, internationally legible and structurally stable. Accreditation matters here as well. ASW holds IB World School status and accreditation listed in the verified context as MSA.

What is less satisfying is the thin public disclosure on outcomes. The school cites recent university destinations including American University, Bates College and Binghamton University, SUNY, but it does not publish a wider destinations profile here, nor aggregate IB results in the public domain. Parents hunting for league-table theatre will not find it. Parents who care more about continuity, governance and a full-spectrum international programme will. The average annual day fee across the full age range is **\$11,028**, which places ASW in a *strikingly good-value* position for a long-established international school on a ten-hectare campus near Warsaw.

ASW suits students who thrive in a broad, college-preparatory environment and families who want flexibility at the end of school: American diploma, IB diploma, or both. It will appeal to diplomatic, expatriate and internationally minded Polish families who want an English-medium education without a religious frame and without the churn of newer market entrants. It is less suited to families who want a narrowly exam-drilled, UK-style academic culture or a school that trades heavily on published headline results. ASW's case for a shortlist is simpler than that: *serious history*, a full IB pipeline, American academic architecture, and a market position in Warsaw that few direct competitors can match.

STRENGTHS

- Founded in 1953; unusually established for Poland.
- English-language teaching suits mobile international families.
- American curriculum offers continuity for US-linked families.
- MSA and IB World School accreditation add external oversight.

TRADE-OFFS

- Day school only; no boarding option.
- American curriculum may not suit non-US university paths.
- Embassy-linked governance may feel unusually political to some families.

ADMISSIONS

American School of Warsaw is a day school for ages 3–18, so the natural entry points are likely to be the early years, primary, lower secondary and sixth-form equivalents within that span. As an English-language international school with a self-declared American curriculum and IB World School status, it is best read as a school taking applications across multiple age bands rather than through one single selective intake. The published background does not specify a standard admissions calendar, fixed application deadlines or a particular main intake term, so families should expect rolling or school-set timelines rather than a nationally prescribed cycle.

The school also does not publicly set out, in the material provided here, the detail of its assessment process, interview format or any distinctive academic selection mechanism. Equally, there is no published information here on bursaries or means-tested financial aid. One distinctive governance point is clear: the school was founded by members of the US Embassy, remains connected to the Embassy for general support, and the US Ambassador serves as honorary chair of the board under the bylaws.

WTS RATING 

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