

American School of Asunción

Asunción, Paraguay



Since 1953 in Villa Morra, pairing a US college-prep diploma with Paraguay's own, taught in English, Spanish, and Guarani.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	64/100
Academic outcomes	65/100
University placement	63/100
Prestige & heritage	65/100
Alumni network	64/100
Facilities	66/100
Transparency	54/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

The American School of Asunción occupies a narrow but important niche in Paraguay: an English-medium, non-religious day school in Villa Morra that runs an American programme while also pairing it with Paraguay’s own diploma structure. That dual track is the point. For families who want a route into US-style higher education without stepping outside the Paraguayan system, ASA offers a practical answer. The linguistic mix matters too. Teaching in English and Spanish gives the school a wider local and international catchment than monolingual competitors, and the age span from ****3–18**** makes it a full-through option rather than a temporary stop. Founded in ****1954****, it also has the advantage of institutional permanence; this is not a start-up trading on an imported name. ***That matters in a small**

market.*

What puts it on a shortlist is not glamour but utility. Paraguay does not have an endless supply of schools that combine American college-prep expectations, local recognition, and a non-religious setting in one place. For diplomatic, expatriate, binational, and internationally minded Paraguayan families, that mix has real value. The school's claim is continuity: one campus culture, one educational philosophy, and one set of expectations carried through from early years to graduation. *That creates stability.* *It also creates pressure:* schools covering the full **15-year** age range need coherence, strong leadership, and clean academic progression. ASA's market position rests on whether it delivers that consistently.

The student who will want ASA is not looking for a traditional Paraguayan school wrapped in English lessons. This is for children who can handle a bilingual academic environment, families who want *clear international mobility*, and teenagers targeting universities where an American-style transcript carries weight. It also suits students who prefer a day-school rhythm over boarding and families who want a non-religious setting. *The best fit is straightforward:* adaptable, outward-facing, and comfortable moving between cultures and languages. Parents who want heavy institutional mystique, published elite-brand signalling, or a narrow exam-factory model will look elsewhere. Parents who want a school that connects Asunción to a wider academic world will keep ASA in view.

STRENGTHS

- American curriculum for families seeking US-style schooling
- English and Spanish instruction suits bilingual households
- Day school avoids boarding for local-based families
- Ages 3-18 allows continuous schooling on one campus

TRADE-OFFS

- No boarding; unsuitable for families needing residential provision
- Non-religious ethos may not suit faith-based preferences
- American curriculum may not suit British or IB seekers

ADMISSIONS

The American School of Asunción is a private day school in Asunción, serving pupils aged 3 to 18, so the obvious admissions entry points are likely to align with nursery/kindergarten, primary, secondary and sixth-form ages. It describes itself as an American international school, with teaching in English and Spanish. Beyond that broad structure, the school does not publish enough in the material provided here to map precise year-by-year intake pressure or preferred joining stages.

On process, the public information supplied does not set out the assessment format, application deadlines, interview requirements or any distinctive selection stages. Nor is there published detail here on bursaries or financial aid, so parents should not assume either availability or scope without asking the school directly. In practical terms, families will need to confirm whether admissions are rolling or tied to the academic calendar, what documents are required, and whether language proficiency or prior school records form part of the decision.

WTS RATING 

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