

Amman Bacculaureate School

Amman, Jordan



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RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	56/100
Academic outcomes	66/100
University placement	65/100
Prestige & heritage	68/100
Alumni network	1/100
Facilities	64/100
Transparency	55/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Amman Bacculaureate School occupies a distinct place in Jordan’s market: a non-religious, coeducational day school founded in ****1981****, run as a nonprofit, and established under royal patronage. That combination matters. In a city with strong local schools and a growing international segment, ABS offers something few rivals match: the full IB journey from the early years to graduation, anchored in a school with long institutional roots rather than a new-brand proposition. Its governance also carries weight. The Board of Trustees is chaired by Princess Sarvath al-Hassan, with Princess Sumaya bint Hassan as Deputy Chair; that gives the school public stature and a clear sense of civic purpose. **That heritage still counts.**

What sets ABS apart is not gimmickry but structure. It offers the IB Primary Years Programme, the IB Middle Years Programme, the IB Diploma and the IB Career-related Programme, which gives families a rare degree of continuity across ages **4–18**. The school’s own editorial tagline points to the sharper distinction: the region’s first full bilingual IB continuum in Arabic and English. Even with English listed as the language of instruction, that bilingual ambition remains central to its identity and to its appeal in Amman, where many families want international education without cultural detachment. *This is serious bilingualism, not decorative Arabic on a prospectus.* Accreditation from the IB, CIS and NEASC reinforces that ABS sits in the established, scrutinised tier of the market.

Why shortlist it? Because ABS offers a credible blend of local rootedness and international curriculum, without the transient feel that afflicts some globally branded schools. Parents who want an IB school with institutional memory, stable oversight and a strong position in Jordan’s professional class will find ABS compelling. The day-only format also tells you what it is not: this is not a boarding destination or a pastoral resort. It is a city school for families who want academic breadth, external recognition and a community tied to Amman itself. *There is substance here.* *The school knows what it is.*

The best fit is a student who thrives in an academically structured environment and values breadth over narrow exam drilling. ABS suits internationally minded Jordanian families, returnee families, and expatriates who want a school that understands both global university pathways and local context. It will also suit students who want the choice between the IB Diploma and the IB Career-related Programme rather than a single sixth-form track. *For the right child, that choice is liberating.* Students looking for a loose culture or a purely Westernised bubble should look elsewhere; ABS is more grounded, more deliberate and more demanding than that. *That is its advantage.*

STRENGTHS

- Founded in 1981, Amman Baccalaureate School is described as Jordan's oldest IB World School, authorised to teach the full IB continuum (PYP, MYP, Diploma and Career-related Programme).
- The school was the first in Jordan to be awarded Council of International Schools (CIS) accreditation and is also accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, with reaccreditation in 2025.
- It is a non-profit institution governed by a Board of Trustees chaired by Princess Sarvath al-Hassan, distinguishing it from several owner-operated rivals in the Amman market.
- ABS delivers a genuinely bilingual Arabic-English curriculum to roughly 1,175 students representing 14 nationalities across a K-12 continuum.
- The school is a Global Member of the Round Square Conference of Schools, adding structured character-education and international exchange opportunities to the academic programme.

TRADE - OFFS

- Unlike some newer Amman competitors that publish detailed annual IB Diploma average scores, ABS's own aggregate results are not readily available in public sources, making outcomes harder to benchmark before enrolling.
- Admissions operate on a strict date-ordered waiting list when demand exceeds places, so families arriving mid-cycle or applying late can face delays regardless of a child's ability.
- Entry from KG1 onward is governed by assessment and interview covering maths plus English and Arabic proficiency, which can disadvantage families without any Arabic exposure outside the limited International Section.
- Annual tuition of roughly JOD 7,252 to JOD 16,913 (about USD 10,000-24,000), plus a non-refundable JOD 1,500 enrolment fee, sits at a mid-to-premium level for the local market.

ADMISSIONS

Entry runs from KG1 to Grade 12, with assessment and interview governing admission from KG1: tests probe maths ability and proficiency in both English and Arabic, and previous schools may be contacted for confidential references. When applications exceed available places, children are placed on a date-ordered waiting list rather than a pooled lottery. A separate International Section, running since 2010, admits non-Arabic-speaking students into Grades 6-12 with language accommodations. A non-refundable JOD 100 application fee and JOD 1,500 enrolment fee apply; limited scholarships are offered from Grade 8 onward.

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