ASOY Philosophy

Our Vision

The vision of the American School of Yaoundé is to be an educational institution that is highly regarded for its focus on academic excellence, innovative practice, community service, and global citizenship.

Our Mission

The mission of the American School of Yaoundé is to ensure that all students achieve high academic success, demonstrate critical thinking skills, and become responsible and compassionate, global citizens prepared for their next stage in life; as gained through an enriched, American curriculum and offered in a challenging, secure, and diverse environment.

Our Beliefs

- High academic expectations and positive student-teacher relationships are the cornerstone of education.
- Critical, creative, and independent thinking are essential components of education.
- Learning is a life-long process.
- All children can learn, but learn in different ways.
- The education of children is a shared responsibility between students, teachers, and parents.
- It is our responsibility to challenge students to discover and develop their potential.
- Students are motivated by a supportive environment that encourages curiosity, discovery, and problem solving.
- Our school environment should enhance the development of the whole child: physically, intellectually, socially, emotionally, and spiritually.
- Awareness and respect for the environment is essential to meaningful, global citizenship
- Diversity enriches the school community; and learning from one another within the context of Cameroon is an invaluable experience for our students.

Our Boarding Facility

ASOY's boarding house is a pleasantly furnished residence for students in grades 2 through 12 (approximately ages 7 to 19), located in a quiet, secure, residential area.

The first priority of our resident house-parents is the welfare of our students. The house-parents keep in touch with parents and tutors to ensure the development and well-being of each child. An experienced staff provides delicious, nutritious meals and daily housekeeping services.

Boarding students are provided with learning support services in the evenings. High-speed internet is available at the boarding house. There are PCs installed in the study hall. However, students are encouraged to bring their own laptops.

Boarding students are encouraged to participate in school activities such as sporting events, class parties, field trips, the arts, etc.

ASOY provides boarders with transportation to and from activities that occur after school, in the evenings and on weekends.

ASOY is accredited for PreK through grade 12
by the
Council of International Schools (CIS)
and
Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA)

ASOY is also an active member of the
Association of International Schools in Africa (AISA) and the Association for the Advancement of International Education (AAIE)

American School of Yaounde

Cameroon, Central Africa

Dedicated to preparing your children for tomorrow by providing a rigorous and challenging academic program in a safe, caring environment.

Our School

The American School of Yaoundé (ASOY) is an independent, secular, non-profit, co-educational school which offers a college preparatory educational program from PreK through grade 12. The campus is located on a three and a half acre site near the center of Yaoundé and consists of 20 classrooms, two computer labs, a science lab, a 16,000-volume multi-media library, a multi-purpose hall, a college resource center, and a cafeteria. Sports facilities include 4 tennis courts, a covered basketball court, a swimming pool, an artificial-turf sports field and a playground for our younger students.

The ASOY community includes students from approximately 30 nationalities in its PreK through 12th Grade. The school is governed by an 8 member school board elected by the parents.

The school consists of four sections, the Early Childhood Program (PreK - Kindergarten), the Elementary School (Grades 1 - 5), Middle School (Grades 6 - 8) and High School (Grades 9 - 12). The school also maintains a recreation center along with its school program that serves school families as well as others in the community.

Our Faculty

The majority of the professional teaching staff hold advanced degrees. The average teaching experience of the faculty is approximately 10 years. Our teacher-student ratio is 1 faculty member for every 5 students.

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School Year

The school year, beginning in August and ending in June, consists of 180 days divided into 4 nine-week quarters. Credits are earned through the completion of a full semester of course work with a passing grade.

Educational Program

Students in PreK through the twelfth grade receive an education designed to facilitate transfer to other American and International schools abroad and to competitive public or private universities. ASOY's educational standards stimulate and encourage students to strive for excellence academically, socially, and emotionally.

The school program consists of an American curriculum that reflects the international character of its students within the Cameroonian environment. All students take core curricular subjects which include English, Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, French, Physical Education, Information Technology, and the fine arts. All instruction is in English, with French as a required foreign language course. Spanish will also be offered as an elective in 2011.

The English Language Learners (ELL) program is offered to non-English speakers in grades 1 through 10.

Students learn the basics of keyboarding, use of the internet, and other computer skills to compliment their academic studies in our computer labs and our library. An after school program rounds out the curriculum with such activities as sports, Mt. Cameroon climb training, student council, The National Junior Honor Society and The National Honor Society.

Advanced Placement Program

The Advanced Placement Program (AP) is a collaborative effort among motivated students, dedicated teachers, and committed high schools, colleges and universities. The Advanced Placement Program allows thousands of students to ta college-level courses and exams and to earn college credit or placement while still in high school. Most U.S. and European colleges and universities have an AP policy granting incoming students credit, placement, or both for qualifying AP exam grades.

Graduation Requirements

The American School of Yaoundé requires 25 credits to be completed in grades 9 - 12 in order to graduate from high school. High school requirements for graduation include:

Course	Credit(s)
English	4
Mathematics	3
Science	3
Social Studies	3
Modern Language	3
Physical Education	1
Applied/Performing Arts	1
Career & Tech Ed	1
Community Service	0.5
Health	0.5
Electives / Other	5
Total =	**25 Credits**

College Placement

ASOY's graduates are presently attending universities in the United States, United Kingdom, and Canada, and our seniors have bee accepted to top ranking universities in these countries.