



Ayeyarwaddy International School

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Vision and Mission

Vision: "Ayeyarwaddy International School will be the premier regional school by providing an academic education and the skills necessary for lifelong success for the students of Mandalay, and ultimately, for students throughout Myanmar."

Mission: "Ayeyarwaddy International School serves Preschool to Grade 12 students as an academic institution dedicated to the development of creativity and the enhancement of quality of life, producing educated and self-directed individuals."

Expected Schoolwide Learning Results (ESLRs): AIS students are....

-Socially and globally involved citizens,

-Creative and critical thinkers,

-Academically prepared learners.

At a glance

Founded: 2012

Enrollment: 966 students, PreK–Grade 12

Nationalities: ~99% Myanmar citizens

Faculty: 190 teachers (79 int'l, 111 local)

Curriculum: U.S. Core + 15 AP courses

Outcomes: 100% graduation & university acceptance rate

Class of 2025

GPA: 71% of seniors graduated with a GPA ≥ 3.7

SAT: AIS mean 1309 (EBRW 630, Math 677)

AP: High pass rates, including 94% in World History and 77% in Macroeconomics

AIS uses the **International Schools' Assessment (ISA)** from Grades 3 through 10 to benchmark student learning against international standards and schools.

ISA Assessment – Grade 10 Results (2025)	AIS Mean	ISA Global Mean	ISA Regional Mean	Like Schools Mean
Mathematical Literacy	545	564	586	539
Reading	537	545	561	513
Narrative / Reflective Writing	584	594	603	566
Expository / Argumentative Writing	616	602	620	581

Benchmarks

	AIS (Class of 2025)	U.S. National Average	Global Int'l Schools
GPA	3.71	3.10	3.0
SATmean	1309	1024	1050
SAT – EBRW	630	519	520
SAT – Math	677	505	505
AP Exam	72% >3+	71% >3+	71%

Post High School Placements and Scholarships

Class of 2025 Scholarships: USD 5.7+ million

Top acceptances include:

- **Ivy League & Top 50 U.S. schools** – Princeton University, University of Pennsylvania, Johns Hopkins, University of Michigan
- **Prestigious arts schools** – Parsons, Rhode Island School of Design, School of Art Institute of Chicago
- **STEM leaders** – Georgia Tech, Purdue, Rochester Institute of Technology
- **Global spread** – Toronto, University of British Columbia, Amsterdam, Singapore, Sydney

Background and Faculty

AIS is an independent, co-educational day school located in Mandalay, Myanmar. With a growing reputation for academic rigor, university outcomes, and community values, AIS is establishing itself as one of the country's leading international schools.

Commitment to community prosperity: AIS offers four full ride scholarships to its top achieving students every year.

AIS is built on the strength of its people: **190 faculty members** from around the world, including 79 international teachers from 20 countries and 111 local educators.

Montessori Program (Preschool)

Montessori Preschool Principal:

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AIS Montessori Preschool is directed by a U.S.-trained specialist with an AMS credential, registered with Myanmar's Ministry of Education. Faculty are trained through the **Center for Guided Montessori Studies (USA)**.

Montessori Highlights:

-207 students (2025–26); 1:4 teacher–student ratio

-All lead teachers hold Myanmar ECCD certificates; 3 hold U.S. CGMS certification
-78–96% of Kindergarten students continue into Grade 1

-In 2025, 98% of Kindergarten students met or exceeded U.S. reading benchmarks (vs. ~56% in the U.S.)

Elementary School

Elementary School Principal:

Dr. Scott Dennison

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The Elementary School Division provides a strong foundation in academic excellence, character development, and bilingual communication skills. Our program follows an American standards-based curriculum enriched with Myanmar language and culture, ensuring students develop both global competencies and local understanding. Dedicated, highly qualified teachers foster a supportive and challenging environment that nurtures lifelong learners from the earliest grades.

College and Career Counseling

AIS provides a comprehensive college and career counseling program beginning in Grade 6.

Dr. Valerie Laugier, Counselor

Ms. Yaroslava Karpova, Counselor

Curriculum

AIS is the only **U.S. Common Core international school** in Upper Myanmar offering Advanced Placement (AP) courses leading to an **American High School Diploma**.

15 AP courses offered:

<i>Human Geography</i>	<i>Environmental Science</i>
<i>Economics (Macroeconomics & Microeconomics)</i>	<i>Computer Science Principles</i>
<i>Statistics, Pre-Calculus (AP Calculus prep / advanced math)</i>	<i>Studio Art</i>
<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>English Literature and Composition</i>
<i>Biology</i>	<i>Psychology</i>
<i>Physics</i>	<i>World History</i>

No cap on AP enrollment – motivated students may take multiple APs in Grades 11–12 under the self study code.

U.S. credit system – 0.5 credit per semester per subject

Graduation requirements: rising from 26 (Class of 2026) to 28 (Class of 2028), including compulsory Myanmar language for nationals

Grading System: AIS uses a U.S.-based 4.0 GPA scale. AP courses carry a +1.0 weighting (e.g., an “A” = 5.0).

AIS does not rank its students. Academic rigor is reflected through AP weighting (+1.0 GPA) and standards-based grading.

School Organizations & Clubs

AIS offers more than a dozen clubs spanning academics, arts, leadership, service, and culture.

<u>Academic & Leadership:</u>	<u>Creative & Cultural:</u>	<u>Service & Environmental:</u>	<u>Special Interest:</u>
<i>National Honor Society, Model United Nations, Student Council, Yearbook, Newspaper</i>	<i>Art, Music, Creative Writing, Photography, Spanish Club</i>	<i>Volunteer Club, Recycling, Nature Club</i>	<i>Yoga, Chess, Film & Media, Ultimate Frisbee</i>

Graduating students complete a **minimum of 20 service hours**, often exceeding this through student-led projects to **more than 100 hours**.

Athletics

180 student-athletes compete on more than 12 teams across basketball, football, volleyball, badminton, swimming, and table tennis. Students represent AIS in both the **International School Sports Association of Mandalay (ISSAM)** and the **Myanmar Schools' Activities League (MSAL – Yangon)**.

2024–2025 Results: [ISSAM \(Mandalay\):](#)

-Champions: U19 Boys' Basketball, U19 Girls' Basketball, U19 Boys' Volleyball, U19 Girls' Volleyball **-Finalists (2nd Place):** Football (U11 Boys & Girls, U19 Boys, U19 Girls), Badminton (U11 Boys, U19 Boys, U19 Girls)

-4th Place: U19 Boys' Table Tennis **-Swimming:** U19 Boys and Girls competed in April 2025

[MSAL \(Yangon\):](#)

-Champions: U16 Boys' Volleyball, U16 Girls' Volleyball

[Athletic National Recognition:](#)

- AIS U19 Boys' Basketball players were selected to represent Myanmar in the South Asian Games (SEA).

