SCHOOL PROFILE 2026-2027

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: 2011
Enrollment: 1115 students, PreK–Grade 12
Nationalities: ≈99% Myanmar citizens
Faculty: 188 teachers (76 int'l, 112 local)
Curriculum: U.S. Core + 23 AP courses
Outcomes: 100% graduation & university acceptance rate

AP Results 2026

105 students completed 268 AP exams. Of these exams, 63% received scores of 3 or higher, including 35% that received scores of 4 or 5.

Thirty-one students earned AP Scholar Awards, including 15 who received AP Scholar with Honor or AP Scholar with Distinction recognition.

Twenty-nine exams received the highest possible score of 5.

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 (2026)	AIS Mean	ISA Global Mean	ISA Regional Mean	Like Schools Mean
Mathematical Literacy	560	563	591	527
Reading	510	546	570	506
Narrative / Reflective Writing	588	596	608	566
Expository / Argumentative Writing	612	612	631	597

2026 Benchmarks

Average GPA	Average SAT	SAT Math	SAT Reading & Writing
3.53 / 4.00	1232 / 1600	653 / 800	578 / 800
SAT students	**AP Scholars**	**Average AP Scholar score**	**AP Scholars with Honor - Distinction**
78	31	3.49 / 5.00	11 / 4

Post High School Placements and Scholarships

The Class of 2026 received 191 offers of admission from universities and colleges across the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, Europe, and Asia, together with over US$2.547 million in scholarships and financial support.

Offers included leading World Top 100 universities, such as:

UCL — #8	Tsinghua University — #17	University of Melbourne — #19
University of Sydney — #25	Fudan University — #26	UBC — #40
Zhejiang University — #49	Hong Kong PolyU — #54	National Taiwan University — #63
University of Auckland — #65	University of Alberta — #94	

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: 188 faculty members from around the world, including 76 international teachers from 20 countries and 112 local educators.

Montessori Program (Preschool)

Montessori Preschool Principal:
Ms. Yee-Chen Robson - yeechen.robson@ais.edu.mm

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:

- **204 students; 1:4 teacher–student ratio**
- **All local lead teachers hold Myanmar ECCD certificates; 4 of 12 also hold U.S. Montessori certificates from CGMS**
- **97 of 97 kindergarten graduates progressed to AIS Grade 1 in 2026**

Elementary School

Elementary School Principal:
Dr. Scott Dennison - scott.dennison@ais.edu.mm

The Elementary School Division combines an American standards-based curriculum with Myanmar language and culture to develop academically capable, confident, collaborative, and globally minded lifelong learners.

Elementary School Highlights:
-480 students in Grades 1-5
-Average class size: 23 students
-1:11 student to teacher ratio
-English Language Support available across all grades
-Specialist classes: Art, Music, PE, and Technology
-SEL program delivered weekly (Second Step)
-95% of Grade 5 students continue into AIS Middle School

College and Career Counseling

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

Dr. Valerie Laugier, Counselor
Ms. Yaroslavna 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.

23 AP courses offered:

AP English Language & Composition	**AP English Literature & Composition**	**AP Human Geography**
AP Psychology	**AP World History: Modern**	**AP European History**
AP Microeconomics **AP Macroeconomics**	**AP Precalculus**	**AP Calculus AB** **AP Calculus BC**
AP Statistics	**AP Environmental Science**	**AP Biology**
AP Chemistry	**AP Physics 1**	**AP Physics C: Mechanics** **AP Physics C: E&M**
AP 2-D Art and Design **AP Drawing**	**AP Computer Science Principles** **AP Cybersecurity**	**AP Business with Personal Finance**

U.S. credit system 1 credit per academic year per subject

Graduation requirements: All students must earn a minimum of 26 credits in grades nine through twelve. Students are scheduled to take 8 credits per year.

Grading System: AIS uses a U.S.-based 4.0 GPA scale. AP courses carry a +0.5-1.0 weighting: 5.0 with exam and 4.5 without the exam.

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

Clubs, Leadership and Service

AIS offers **33 clubs** spanning STEM and artificial intelligence, debate and global affairs, entrepreneurship, academic leadership, community service, environmental action, journalism, languages, arts, and culture.

Key opportunities include **Model United Nations, National Honor Society, Junior National Honor Society, Blue Ocean Entrepreneurship, Global Voices AI, engineering, the school newspaper, and the yearbook**. Selection for NHS and NJHS is highly competitive.

High school students complete at least 25 service hours annually, with many contributing more than 100 hours through student-led projects and community initiatives.

Athletics

In 2025–2026, **198 student-athletes** competed across **18 Senior Varsity and Junior Varsity teams in five sports**: basketball, football, volleyball, badminton, and swimming, offered across multiple age divisions.

AIS participated in local, regional, and international competitions, achieving 19 first- to fourth-place placements across 23 entries, including seven championships.

AIS won six International School Sports Association of Mandalay (ISSAM) titles in basketball, volleyball, and badminton. The U19 Boys' Basketball team also won gold at the Yangon City Invitational, while the U17 Boys' Basketball team earned silver in its international debut at the March Madness Tournament in Pattaya, competing against 12 international schools from Southeast Asia.