



BANJUL AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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Class of 2022 Applying to:

- Amherst College
- Brown University
- Colby College
- Colgate University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Dartmouth College
- Duke University
- Emory University
- Loyola University Maryland
- New York University
- Northeastern University
- Northwestern University
- Pace University
- Princeton University
- Rice University
- Seton Hall University
- Spelman College
- SUNY Stony Brook University
- Stanford University
- Swarthmore College
- Temple University
- Univ. of Arizona
- Univ. of Illinois Chicago
- Univ. of La Verne
- Univ. of Pennsylvania
- Univ. of Massachusetts, Boston
- Univ. of San Diego
- Yale University

School Profile

Mission: The Banjul American International School is an accredited international school providing a meaningful, rigorous American curriculum in a global context. In partnership with local and international communities, we empower students to become enthusiastic, creative, lifelong learners who value integrity, cultural diversity, and global responsibility.

Banjul American International School (BAIS) is an independent, coeducational day school for English-speaking students of all nationalities from Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12, founded in 1984. BAIS is a small school with a pivotal role; it serves international and local families from diplomatic, NGO and business communities by providing an international standard of education in The Gambia. The school's supportive learning environment and caring, creative teachers instill confidence, compassion and critical thinking in every student.

BAIS is fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Instruction and socialization among the diverse international student body are in English. The BAIS high school program was offered distance education until 2020 when it opened an in-house, full high school. The Class of 2022 has two (2) students who will comprise the school's first graduating class in June 2022.

High School Curriculum: BAIS offers an American, four-year, college preparatory High School program. Experienced teachers offer courses in English, mathematics, science, social studies, world languages (French, Wolof and Spanish), arts, technology and physical education. BAIS teachers have Bachelor's or Master's degrees and internationally recognized teaching credentials. Virtual courses may be offered to meet the individual academic needs of BAIS students.

BAIS offers high levels of individualized attention and the BAIS Faculty is committed to challenging students with material at their individual levels to ensure maximum academic growth and university success. Students are encouraged to take AP courses, and BAIS is a College Board exam center for AP, PSAT and SAT exams. All high school students attend a Seminar course to ensure career/college counseling and life-after-high-school preparation. BAIS students also participate in a Service Learning program each year as a means of connection to The Gambia.

Co-Curricular Program: Three eight-week sessions of after-school activities are offered to students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 including a variety of artistic, athletic, and academic activities, for example: Mock Trial, Volleyball and MUN. A BAIS highlight is the annual musical with a role for every student in the school!

High school students often organize and offer after school activities for peers and/or younger students. An active student council composed of students Grade 2 to 12 is elected by students annually and organizes events (both in person and virtual during COVID lockdowns) to promote school community cohesiveness and spirit.

Partnerships: BAIS is a member of the African International Schools Association (AISA) and participates in service, MUN, arts and athletic events with other AISA schools. It hosts cultural, sport and educational events for other schools in The Gambia, such as the BAIS Olympics, Health & Fitness Fun Day, Gambia Teachers Institute, etc. and frequently supports Special Olympics of The Gambia through peer-to-peer activities. BAIS students are involved with internships with the Medical Research Centre (MRC) of London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), the US Embassy, Coco Ocean Resort, and other NGOs and Service organizations.

Diversity: In 2021-22, the 19 high school students hold passports from thirteen (13) countries: The Gambia, the USA, e-Swatini, Finland, Guinea, Ireland, Nigeria, Pakistan, Poland, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka and the UK.