



SCHOOL PROFILE 2025-2026

American Nicaraguan School (ANS), is a private, non-profit, coeducational multicultural institution, founded in 1944. ANS is composed of students from more than 30 different nationalities. Providing a rigorous academic program through an American curriculum with classes taught in English. The School is governed by a seven member Board of Directors, with six members elected by the American Nicaraguan School's parents, and one member appointed by the U.S. Embassy. The school community includes members of the diplomatic corps, foreign and local businesses, and international assistance groups working in Nicaragua.

Located on a 26-acre campus in Managua, Nicaragua, ANS has undergone major facilities renovations over the last several years in primary and secondary, with the new high school building inaugurated in 2011. Facilities also include two soccer fields, a track, a regulation size swimming pool, and a multipurpose covered athletic area. Technology and media resources include a 28,531-volume lending library, the largest of its kind in Nicaragua, and high-speed wireless Internet access across campus. ANS

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Director General

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is accredited by Cognia (Formerly - AdvancED) the world leader in certification and accreditation of educational institutions that seek excellence, and by the Nicaraguan Ministry of Education (MINED).

ANS offers dynamic and innovative learning opportunities through a U.S. standards-based curriculum, designed to foster depth of understanding anchored in the school's six core values. ANS operates as a Primary School division (Pathways early learning for three- & four-year-olds to Grade 5) and a Secondary School division (Grades 6-12). ANS also offers inclusion services

through personalized learning plans for students with exceptional needs. While English is the language of instruction through all grade levels at ANS, students take Spanish class starting in Kindergarten. In secondary they are given the option of French or Chinese as an additional language. Secondary students can opt to complete the Nicaraguan national diploma program in addition to the U.S. diploma. Rigorous and engaging coursework includes a senior year Capstone Project and an offering of 21 Advanced Placement courses. Courses are designed and delivered in alignment to standards across school divisions. The American Education Reaches Out (AERO) framework includes English language arts and mathematics standards aligned to Common Core State Standards; social studies through the four dimensions of the C3 Framework (college, career, and civic life); scientific practices through the NGSS standards; National Core Arts standards for visual and performing arts courses. Standards-based assessment practices reflect a school-wide commitment to the growth mindset, encouraging transfer of learning as meaningful contributions to society.

ANS Mission

The mission of the American Nicaraguan School is to provide an innovative and dynamic education so that our students realize their full leadership potential, achieve academic excellence, and make meaningful and ethical contributions to a global society.

ANS Vision

We define learning as the agency to honor your curiosity and engage in the rigor of authentic and complex problems, working together to find solutions in an inclusive and collaborative community. We believe that when we have agency and rigor, our learning transcends time and space, taking us out into a future we create together.



Academic Calendar

The 2025 - 2026 school calendar consists of two semesters with 180 total days of classroom instruction. The first semester begins in the middle of August and finishes in the middle of December; the second semester begins in the middle of January and concludes in the beginning of June.

Unweighted /Weighted Grading System and Ranking*

93-100	A	=4.00
90-92	A-	=3.75
87-89	B+	=3.25
83-86	B	=3.00
80-82	B-	=2.75
77-79	C+	=2.73
73-76	C	=2.00
70-72	C-	=1.75
67-69	D+	=1.25
63-66	D	=1.00
60-62	D-	=0.75
40-50	F	=0.00

AP Courses = GPA Factor + 1.00 with minimum grade 73 and 3, 4 or 5 in AP Exam.

*ANS does not rank its students

Advanced Placement Program

AP Exam Results 2024

9-12th students are enrolled in AP classes	70%
Total number of exams:	383
Students received AP Scholar Awards	31
Students received AP Scholar with Honor	14
Students received AP Scholar with Distinction	21

AP Course Offering

AP US History	AP Computer Science
AP Comparative Government & Politics	Principles
AP English Language & Composition	AP Calculus AB
AP French Language & Culture	AP Calculus BC
AP Chinese Language & Culture	AP Drawing
AP Human Geography	AP 3D Art & Design
AP Macroeconomics	AP 2D Art & Design
AP Spanish Literature & Culture	AP Statistics
AP Environmental Science	AP Biology
AP World History Modern	AP Physics 1: Algebra Based
	AP US Government & Politics

Enrollment

Pathways - 12th Grade	938
Pathways (PK3 & PK4)	73
Primary School	421
Middle School	194
High School	250
Class of 2025	61

Diversity

Asian	5.01%
European	1.60%
Latin American (exc. Nic)	3.52%
Nicaraguan	73.13%
USA & Canada	16.63%
Dual citizens (U.S./Nicaraguan)	27.08%

Over 90% of our student body voluntarily participate in community service groups.

Certified Testing Center

ANS is a certified testing center for the ACT, AP, PSAT, and SAT Exams. ANS administers MAP Tests from 3rd through 9th Grade.

U.S. Diploma Requirements (9th -12th Grade)

Spanish:	4 years
Mathematics:	4 years
English:	4 years
Social Studies:	4 years
<i>(including Economics and History)</i>	
Elective Courses:	4 years
Science:	4 years
<i>(Environmental Science, Biology, Chemistry and Physics)</i>	
Physical Education:	2 years
Visual & Performing Arts:	1 Semester

Nicaraguan Bachillerato Diploma (7th-12th Grade)

In order to obtain the Nicaraguan Bachillerato Diploma, students must earn the following credits "In addition" to the U.S. Diploma requirements:

Geography of Nicaragua:	4 Semesters
History of Nicaragua:	3 Semesters
Community Values	7th - 12th
Sociology:	1 Semester
Philosophy:	1 Semester
Physical Education:	3 years
Visual & Performing Arts:	2.5 years
Class of 2025 obtained Dual Diploma	89%

(U.S. Diploma and Nicaraguan Bachillerato Diploma)



Class of 2025 University Acceptances

USA

Arizona State University
Augustana College
Bard College
Barry University
Baylor University
Bennington College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Brown University
Carroll University
Catholic University of America
College of William & Mary
Colorado State University, Fort Collins
Dean College
DePaul University
Drexel University
Duquesne University
Fairfield University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida International University
Florida Southern College
Florida State University
Fontbonne University
Fordham University
Franklin University
George Washington University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
High Point University
Holy Cross College
Hult International Business School, Cambridge
Iowa State University
Johnson & Wales University-Providence
Lindenwood University
Louisiana State University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University New Orleans
Lynn University
Marquette University

Mercyhurst University
Mount Holyoke College
Muhlenberg College
New Jersey Institute of Technology
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Nova Southeastern University
Ohio State University, Columbus
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Pennsylvania State University, University Park
Pepperdine University
Purdue University, West Lafayette
Quinnipiac University
Roanoke College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Saint Joseph's University
Saint Louis University
Saint Louis University Madrid Campus
Saint Mary's College of California
South Carolina State University
Southeastern University (Florida)
Southern Methodist University
St. Edward's University
St. Mary's University, Texas
St. Thomas University (Florida)
Stevens Institute of Technology
Texas A & M University-Commerce
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
Texas Tech University
Truman State University
Tufts University
Tulane University
UC Santa Barbara
UMass Dartmouth
University of Alaska Fairbanks
University of California, Irvine
University of California: Los Angeles
University of California: San Diego
University of Chicago
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Delaware
University of Denver

University of Florida
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Massachusetts, Boston
University of Michigan
University of Mississippi
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Dakota
University of Notre Dame
University of San Francisco
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
University of Texas at San Antonio
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Villanova University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University

Nicaragua

UAM

Canada

Concordia university
Dalhousie University
Toronto Metropolitan University
University of Calgary

International

Abat Oliba CEU University
CEU Cardenal Herrera
CEU de Valencia
CEU San Pablo
Charles III University of Madrid
Czech Technical University of Prague
Escuela Superior de Diseño
Florida State University Panama
IE University (Madrid)
Universidad Anáhuac Querétaro
Universidad CEU San Pablo
Universidad de Navarra
Universidad Europea