



Lahore American School

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The Middle States Association of Schools and
Colleges. We also have achieved Candidacy for
Accreditation with CIS



Welcome Message from the New *Lahore American School* Superintendent, Dr. Peter M. Toscano



Welcome to Lahore American School (LAS), one of the oldest, most prestigious international schools in Pakistan. Founded in 1956, it has proudly served the local community for 66 years. Our graduating class of 2021 – 2022 continued our tradition of excellence with **acceptances to Penn, the University of Chicago, New York University, UCLA, Georgetown, and UC Berkeley**. Many of our alumni have gone on to successful careers in business, finance, entertainment, and politics. This year's graduating class should be no exception.

I'm proud to be chosen by the school community as the new Superintendent and happy to relocate to Lahore with my wife. We truly look forward to our time here. As for my background, I've been fortunate to have served as Head of School/Superintendent at well-known schools in both Thailand and South Korea from 2010 – 2020. For those interested in learning more about my history, please feel free to review my LinkedIn profile: [Dr. Toscano's Profile](#).

Here at *LAS*, we pride ourselves on our American-style education that stresses innovation, independent thinking, and character development. We've been accredited by the *Middle Schools Association* (MSA) for nearly 5 decades and received a glowing review on our most recent visit in 2021. We're now in the process of adding a coveted *Council of International Schools* (CIS) accreditation as well. It will be completed in 2023.

Our **High School** has a rigorous AP program with a variety of courses and will be the first school in Pakistan to offer the AP Capstone, which we are adding this school year. It's an innovative program of study that focuses on college-level research and advanced writing and presentation skills. It's great preparation for university academics.

Our **Elementary Division** is well-recognized for its **student-first approach** and its ability to support a variety of learners, while our **Middle School** is not only a place where students prepare for the challenges of High School, but it also features programs like "Week Without Walls" where students can actively explore their world, both locally and globally. As a school, our goal is to develop the whole child by offering generous options in academics, arts, athletics, and activities.

With our highly qualified faculty of foreigners and locals (over 70% possess MAs or above) and with excellent facilities and a new Gym/High School building under construction, LAS is a wonderful, caring place that embraces its students with warmth and takes seriously its charge to **develop the next leaders** of this great country.

I certainly hope that you'll take the time to visit us and consider becoming a part of our long tradition of educational excellence.

Sincerely,

Peter M Toscano, Ed.D.
Superintendent, Lahore American School

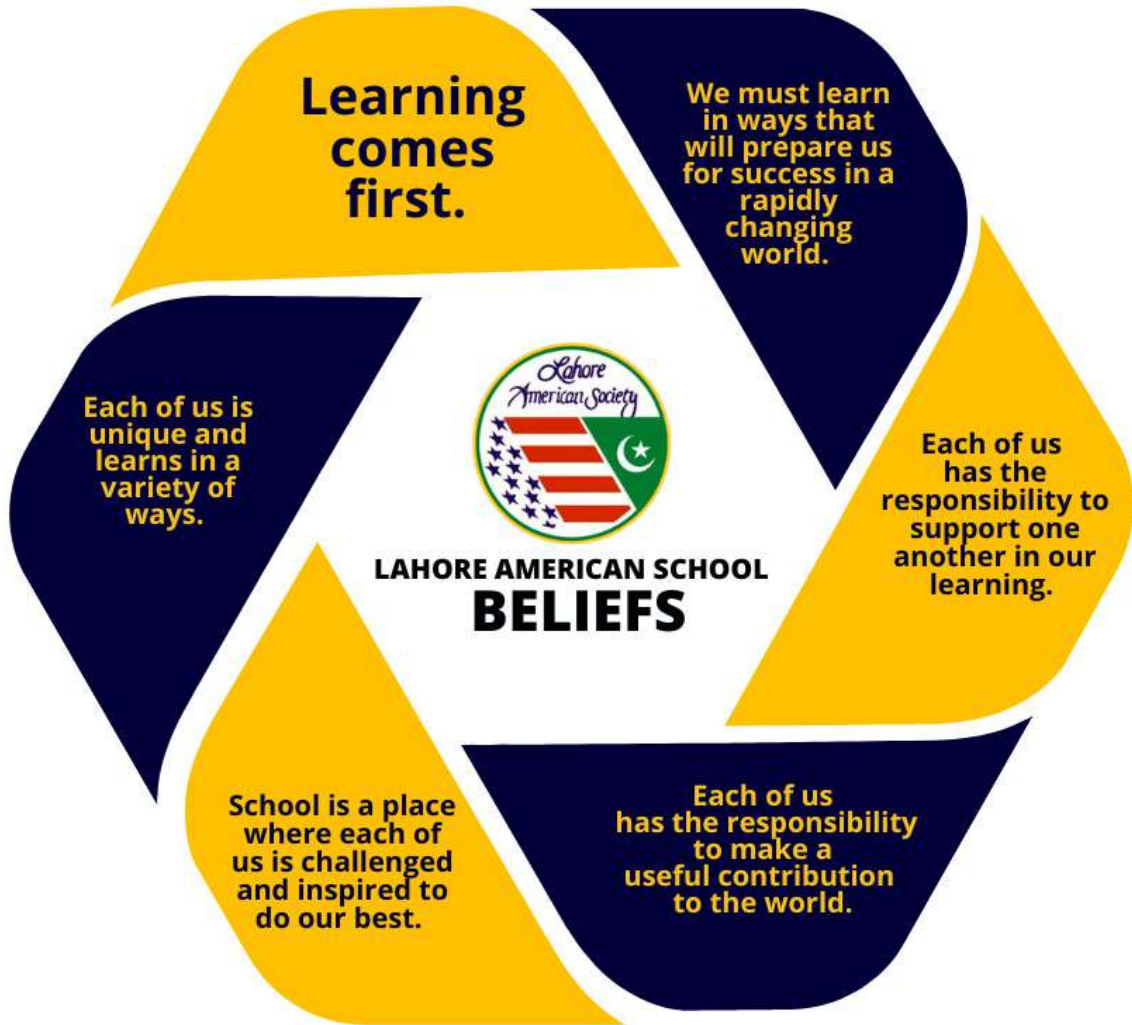
Our Mission

The *LAS* Mission is to foster an **inclusive** environment where students are supported on their journey to becoming **independent thinkers, lifelong learners, global citizens, and empathetic individuals.**



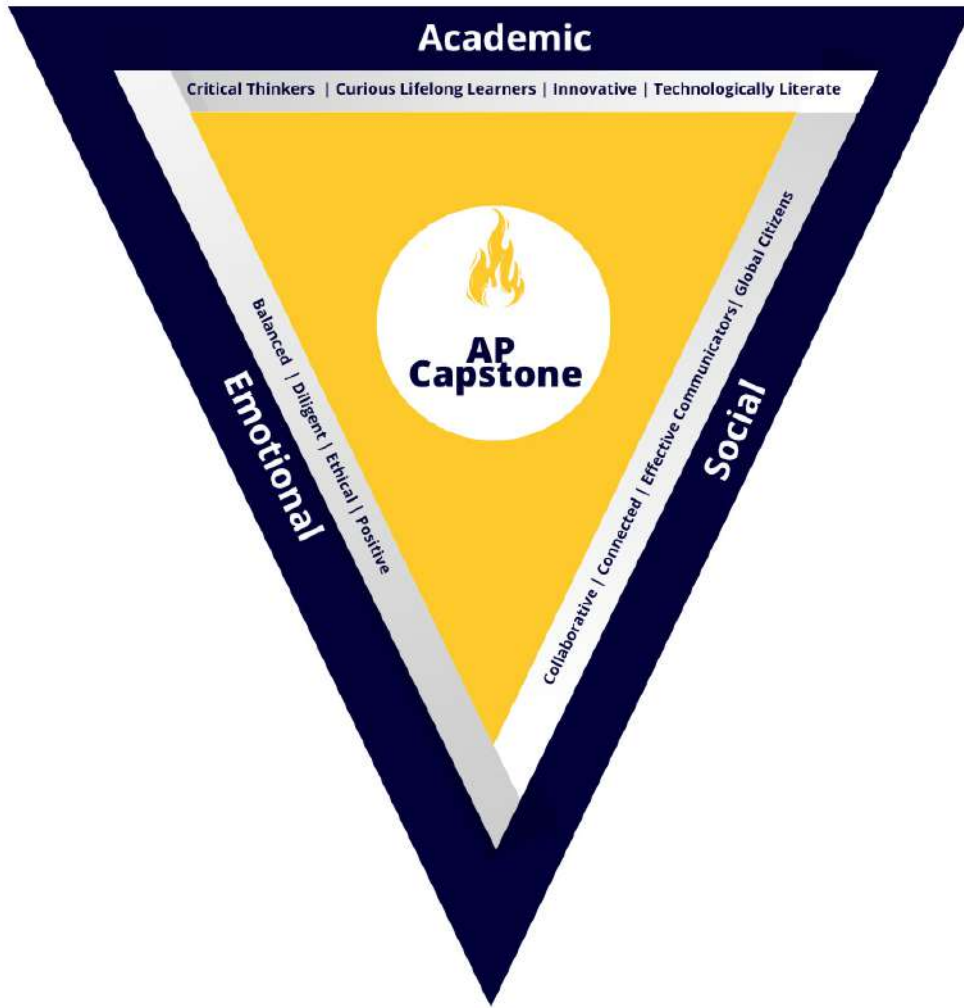
Our Beliefs

At *LAS*, we believe that:



Our Profile of Graduates

Academic - Social - Emotional



Academic

<p>Critical Thinkers <i>...strong critical thinkers, with the ability to make sense out of complexity and to solve problems, and make decisions rationally, creatively, and ethically.</i></p>	<p>Curious Lifelong Learners <i>...curious about the world around them. They approach life with a sense of wonder and know that learning never stops. They have well-developed research skills and are passionate, independent, and self-directed about their learning. They are eager to share what they have learned with others.</i></p>	<p>Innovative <i>...flexible risk-takers who can design, implement, and evaluate creative solutions to problems.</i></p>	<p>Technologically Literate <i>...able to navigate technology and to critically assess and develop content that uses new media forms, leveraging these media for persuasive communication.</i></p>
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Social

<p>Collaborative <i>...able to work well with others as part of a team. They know how to lead, but also how to follow. They know how to unleash the potential of a group and how to resolve conflicts peacefully.</i></p>	<p>Connected <i>... connected to both the local and global communities. They understand and appreciate their own cultural heritage while remaining open to and respecting the traditions, values, and perspectives of others. They have a passion to serve and the vision and leadership skills needed to help bring about positive social change.</i></p>	<p>Effective Communicators <i>...passionate readers, skillful writers, confident speakers, and careful listeners in more than one language.</i></p>	<p>Global Citizens <i>...accepting the values, beliefs, and perspectives of others, and able to operate effectively and with empathy in different cultural settings.</i></p>
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Emotional

<p>Balanced <i>... academically, physically, socially, and emotionally healthy in body and mind.</i></p>	<p>Diligent <i>...focused and determined with excellent organizational and time management skills. They take responsibility for, and pride in, doing their own work. They always strive to do their best.</i></p>	<p>Ethical <i>...honest, fair, respectful, responsible, and environmentally conscious.</i></p>	<p>Positive <i>...confident in themselves yet supportive and appreciative of the efforts of others. Always ready to help.</i></p>
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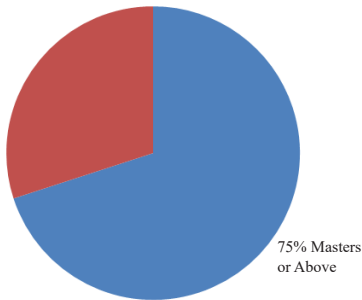
10 Reasons to Choose LAS

Oldest Accredited School in Lahore (1983) <i>Middle States Association (MSA), Council of International Schools (CIS) in-process</i>	1	
	2	A Rich History 6 decades of educating the most distinguished families in Lahore.
World-class Faculty 75% with an MA or above, 50% foreign teachers	3	
	4	Small Class Sizes Average 6.8:1
Extensive AP Program including the only <i>AP Capstone</i> Program in Pakistan	5	
	6	Top University Admissions NYU, Penn, Georgetown, UC Berkeley, and University of Chicago
Personalized/Individualized Learning We seek to embrace our students' passions, and counselors provide one-on-one interactions.	7	
	8	Commitment to Best Teaching Practices We focus on research developed by leading educational practitioners. (inquiry/project-based - design thinking)
Full Extracurricular Program Over 50 sports, and activities	9	
	10	Passionate Parent Community We're a non-profit society led by a parent-elected School Board.

Faculty

School faculty are passionate educators dedicated to providing advanced approaches to teaching and learning to our students. Our faculty, like the student body, represents a variety of nationalities. The school has two major divisions: Elementary (Preschool through Grade 5) and Secondary (Grades 6 through 12).

Teacher's Education



All faculty members are well qualified and experts in their respective fields. **The majority of teachers have a Master's degree or above (75%), a teaching certification, and at least two years of teaching experience.**

The elementary homeroom teachers also have a Teacher Assistant (TA) in the classrooms. A typical TA has a minimum of a local bachelor's degree, although many have advanced degrees.

Teachers with Master's degrees or above

Facilities

The school was founded in 1956 and moved to its present site in 1966. It was originally a private home that evolved into a unique educational facility. Over the years the campus has grown into a larger, more contemporary facility. The four-and-a-half-acre campus is now a dynamic educational facility with modern classrooms and state-of-the-art technology that allow our students to develop academically, socially, emotionally, and physically. A purpose-built performing arts auditorium allows parents to take part in regular assemblies and student performances.





The LAS campus facilities include the following:

- ICT labs to cater to elementary, middle, and high school divisions
- 1:1 laptop program for secondary students (Grades 6-12)
- A 20,000 volume modern library with digital periodicals and EBSCO host database
- Purpose-built science laboratories
- A state-of-the-art auditorium and performing arts complex
- A multipurpose indoor sporting facility
- A covered 5-lane swimming pool
- A regulation size soccer field
- An outdoor elementary playground with climbing frames
- A cafeteria with indoor and outdoor seating areas
- A health clinic with a qualified doctor on site
- Buff Store



Academic Program Overview

At *Lahore American School*, we strive to offer our students a challenging and diverse American and international college-preparatory education. Facilitated by a caring, professional, and specialized staff of teachers, we strive to empower our students to become critical, independent thinkers with the skills to participate dynamically and successfully in an ever-changing global society.

To ensure high standards of excellence, we have developed curricula for our elementary, middle, and high school that offer opportunities for our students to embrace learning and succeed academically. Real-life applications of subject knowledge are accomplished through an integrated core curriculum, complemented by electives that include art, music, drama, and modern languages.

We believe that our approach to teaching and learning should be inquiry/project-based and student-centered and include learning experiences that develop the whole child and that all of our students should be active and responsible participants in their own learning. To this end, our school has adopted a definition of teaching and learning:

Our Definition of High-Quality Teaching and Learning (HQTL): *High-quality teaching and learning at LAS is collaborative, student-centered, differentiated, and informed by assessment. Students are empowered and inspired to reach their full potential as engaged learners and are celebrated for their achievements. Teachers seek to build authentic connections between students, families, and local communities and to create an environment of inclusion.*

As clear and critical thinkers with a love of learning and the required knowledge and skills, our students are certain to succeed in their future careers as well-rounded, honorable, and responsible human beings who contribute positively to society.

Early Years



Preschool is a child's first introduction to the school environment. Our preschool is a time to investigate, play, and explore. Our curriculum is based on the interests of the children and is enhanced by music, art, movement, drama, and creativity. Under the guidance of our nurturing educators, our program is based on the principles of respect, responsibility, and community. Children learn best by doing, and in our preschool, we offer small class sizes, well-equipped classrooms, and a range of activities to help your child develop social-emotional skills and to foster the love of learning at an early age.



Elementary School







The instructional program in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5 is an integrated American curriculum based on frameworks designed by *American Education Reaches Out* (AERO), an overseas curricular network funded by the U.S. State Department’s Office of Overseas Schools, and standards and benchmarks from *Common Core State Standards*, which were developed by the *National Governors Association Center for Best Practices* (NGA Center) and the *Council of Chief State School Officers* (CCSSO) and which are widely used (41 states) in U.S. public and private schools.

Our students’ educational experience is strengthened by special offerings in Urdu, Library, Technology, Art, Music, Theater, and Physical Education. In Elementary School, we are committed to developing the whole child through a rigorous academic and social curriculum. The elementary morning meetings take place twice a month in which students exhibit their talent by making presentations on various topics they’ve studied in their classrooms. The annual elementary *Tamasha Arts Festival* encourages elementary students to make arts and crafts and interact with artisans at work.

Students also have opportunities to participate in a range of educational opportunities through field trips, school-wide events, and a variety of after-school activities. The elementary faculty is characterized by compassion, caring, and commitment to the education of our children. We believe that children learn in many ways and employ a variety of teaching methods and styles. We work to ensure that the elementary school is a safe, secure, and educationally enriching environment for children.

Elementary students are engaged in the following curricular programs:

Everyday Mathematics	Lucy Calkins Readers & Writers Workshop	Full Option Science System (FOSS)	Responsive Classroom
			
<p>Developed by the University of Chicago, Everyday Mathematics helps build lifelong mathematical thinkers. Each grade level of the curriculum is carefully designed to build and expand a student’s mathematical proficiency and understanding. Students have fun with numbers and learn a variety of strategies to use when solving a mathematical problem.</p>	<p>This is a globally recognized, state-of-the-art literacy program developed by Columbia University Teachers College. Using specific methods, tools, and performance assessments, our students become avid and skilled readers, writers, and inquirers.</p>	<p>This is a hands-on, inquiry-based science program where students engage in the scientific method through investigations. Our students learn engineering, scientific concepts, and critical thinking.solving a mathematical problem.</p>	<p>We believe that how children learn is as important as what they learn and that academic success is tied to building social-emotional competencies. “Responsive Classroom is an evidence-based approach to teaching and discipline that focuses on engaging academics, positive community, effective management, and developmental awareness.”</p>

Middle and High School Curriculum



The curriculum in secondary school is an American-based college preparatory program with courses based on frameworks designed by [American Education Reaches Out \(AERO\)](#), an overseas curricular network funded by the U.S. State Department's Office of Overseas Schools, and standards and benchmarks from [Common Core State Standards](#), which were developed by the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices (NGA Center) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) and which are widely used (41 states) in U.S. public and private schools. In addition, the high school has a long-time partnership with the [College Board](#) and offers an [Advanced Placement \(AP\)](#) program that is both extensive (25 courses) and rigorous.

College and Career Counseling and Individualized Care

The high school guidance office helps students navigate through the rigors of college and career planning and the university application process. Students complete several career assessments, while attending sessions on best practices in college admissions, and also meeting college representatives from around the world. Our counselors utilize [BridgeU](#) student guidance system to help facilitate university applications.

Consequently, with the majority of our graduates attending colleges and universities throughout the world, our caring, specialized, and professional staff is committed to developing and delivering a rigorous course of study that is individualized to meet the academic goals and needs of each student. To this end, we have 3 guidance counselors on staff supporting our students by developing “*Academic Plan(s) for Student Achievement*” (APSA) that not only respect the passions of our students but are geared toward ensuring acceptance into major universities worldwide.



Advanced Placement Program (AP) and AP Capstone

The *Lahore American School* offers Advanced Placement (AP) courses for all high school students who wish to pursue college-level study. The AP program is a cooperative educational endeavor between high schools, colleges, and universities. It gives exposure to university-level material and provides students with the opportunity to show what they have learned by taking an AP exam.

Based on exam scores, colleges and universities may choose to grant credit, advanced placement, or both. Students who enroll in AP courses at *Lahore American School* are encouraged to sit for the AP exams in May. A student who wishes to enroll in AP courses will be expected to undertake rigorous and sophisticated assignments and to work independently. Most AP courses require multiple-page papers and some research. All AP courses at our school have strict entrance prerequisites and several require a satisfactory score on an entrance exam.



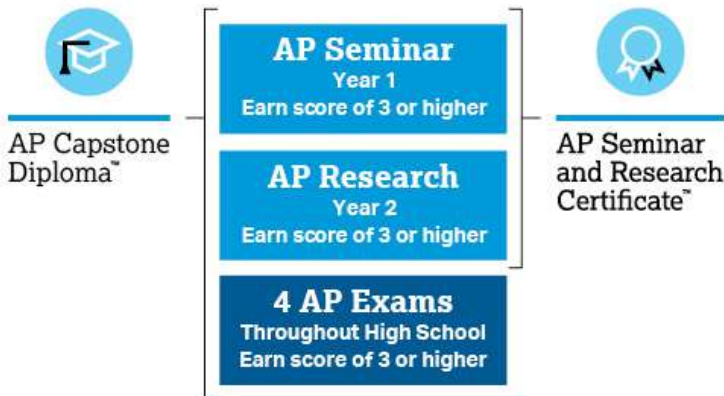
AP Scholar Award Levels

The AP program offers several *AP Scholar Awards* to recognize high school students who have demonstrated college-level achievement through AP courses and exams. In addition to receiving an award certificate, this achievement is acknowledged on any AP grade report that is sent to colleges.

The **AP Scholar Awards** are academic distinctions for students to cite among their credentials on applications and résumés.

Award	Criteria
AP Scholar	Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams
AP Scholar with Honor	Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams
AP Scholar with Distinction	Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams
AP International Diploma	Awarded to students who display exceptional achievement across a variety of disciplines. See eligibility requirements

Note: The **AP Capstone Diploma™** and **AP Seminar and Research Certificate™** are reported to colleges and universities as AP Scholar Awards and appear in Scholar Roster reports.



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AP Capstone

AP Capstone™ is a diploma program from College Board based on two year-long AP courses: AP Seminar and AP Research. These courses are designed to complement other AP courses that the AP Capstone student may take. Instead of teaching specific subject knowledge, AP Seminar and AP Research use an interdisciplinary approach to develop the critical thinking, research, collaboration, time management, and presentation skills students need for college-level work.

AP Courses offered at LAS:

AP Studio Art	AP 2D Design	AP Biology	AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC	AP Chemistry	AP Computer Science	AP Seminar
AP English Language and Composition		AP English Literature and Composition	
AP Physics	AP Psychology		AP Statistics
AP Economics	AP Microeconomics		AP Macroeconomics
AP World History	AP Comparative Government	AP Environmental Science	



Counseling and Well-being Services	Child Safeguarding	Student Support Services
<p>Counseling services at <i>Lahore American School</i> are diverse and cater to all three sections - elementary, middle, and high school. The counselors assist students with any academic, personal, social, emotional, or family issues or concerns. Consultations with the counselor are kept confidential. All students see their Counselors throughout the year. Students may drop in at any time – before or after school, during study periods, or at breaks and lunch.</p>	<p>At <i>Lahore American School</i> we believe that every child has the right to develop themselves physically, emotionally, and intellectually while being protected from any form of violence, abuse, or neglect. Child abuse and neglect are concerns throughout the world and are violations of a child’s human rights. These are also obstacles to their education and well-being as well as their physical, emotional, and spiritual development. We endorse the <i>UN Convention on the Rights of the Child</i> and seek to be a safe place for all our students.</p>	<p>Lahore American School seeks to accommodate a range of abilities and interests. Our school provides services for children with mild to moderate learning differences through our Learning Support Program.</p> <p>The Learning Support Program is designed to help students with learning differences achieve success in the regular academic program as well as increase each student’s skill levels. The Learning Support teacher is available for inclusion in all core areas of instruction. Instruction during pullout classes is 1:1 and in small groups.</p>



Students receive specific academic assistance necessary for success in the regular program. Emphasis is on developing reading, writing, math skills, learning strategies and organizational skills. Pre-teaching, re-teaching, supplemental materials, and developing student awareness of their own individual learning profiles all reinforce concepts.

College Acceptances

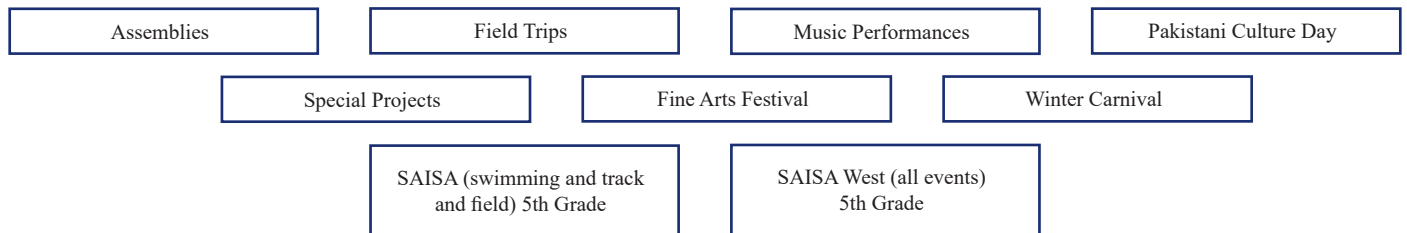
Lahore American School is proud of the achievements of our students. The following are university acceptances for the class of 2021 - 2022:

Adelphi University	DePaul University	Queens University	University of Sussex
Albion College	Durham University	Royal Holloway	University of Toronto - St. George Campus
American University of Antigua	Emory University	University of London	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Arizona State University	Fisher College	Ryerson University	USC
Ateneo de Manila University	George Washington University	SOAS University of London	UT Austin
Augustana College	Georgetown University	St. Thomas University (FL)	Vassar College
Babson College	Indiana University Bloomington (EA)	Stony Brook University, Suffolk University	Wake Forest University
Bard College	INTO City University of London	Texas A&M	Warwick University
Baylor University	King’s College	UC Berkeley	Wellesley College
Bentley University	LUMS	University of Chicago	Western University
Boston University	Medaille College	UCLA	Wheaton College
Brandeis University	Merrimack College	University of Bristol	Wilfrid Laurier University
Brock University	New York University	University of Buckingham	York University - Schulich
Cardiff University	Northeastern University	University of Miami (EA)	
City University	Queen Mary, University of London	University of Pennsylvania	
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School Wide Extracurricular Activities Elementary School

The Elementary School offers an after-school activities program Monday through to Thursday from 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm. Some after-school activities are offered on Saturdays. A variety of sports and clubs are offered periodically throughout the year. These extracurricular activities include the following:



Secondary School

Extracurricular activities and organizations are integral to the educational experience at our Secondary School. Students participate in student government, Model United Nations, Week Without Walls, National Honor Society, *Near East South Asia Council of Overseas Schools (NESAS)* math competitions, art, drama, music, theater, and service-learning, as well as a variety of other clubs and sports.


Lahore American School is a member of the *South Asia Inter-School Association (SAISA)*, which sponsors both athletic and fine arts competitions.

Our SAISA sports program offers our students opportunities to compete locally and internationally in a number of sporting events including swimming, soccer, badminton, cricket, and basketball. Varsity sports teams for middle and high school represent our school at tournaments hosted by SAISA schools in countries throughout the region. In previous years we've competed at events in Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Oman.



Secondary Clubs and Organizations

Both middle school and high school offer a challenging, integrated core curriculum that is complemented by the visual and performing arts: fine arts, music, drama, and theater. Electives in business studies, physical education, and modern languages are also offered as are a variety of others. We are also members of many organizations that support our extracurricular program:

South Asian Inter-Scholastic Association (SAISA)	Model United Nations (MUN)	National Junior Honors Society (NJHS)
		
National Honors Society (NHS)	National Arts Honors Society (NAHS)	Week Without Walls (WWW)
		

Student achievement is both promoted and recognized throughout the school year in events promoting academics, leadership, citizenship, and service.

Community Service

Community Service is focused on investigating social issues and problems facing local and global communities. At *Lahore American School* students have the opportunity to discuss, research, and ponder significant issues that directly affect these communities. We endeavor to give students hands-on experience working with various social issues dealing with issues like hunger, homelessness, the environment, education, and health services and provide opportunities to work together toward developing and instituting creative solutions for these problems.

A number of service initiatives are organized throughout the school year at every grade level. These are led by both teachers and students who work together collectively and collaboratively. Some of the organizations the school raises funds for are: **Pink Ribbon**, Shaukat Khanum Hospital, **Save Our Souls (SOS)** Village and Akhuwat.





Admissions at *Lahore American School*

Our school is welcoming applications from all interested families. Admission to *Lahore American School* is open to local and international students from Preschool to Grade 11 upon the successful completion of our admissions requirements.

- We urge parents to complete their applications as soon as possible as all admissions are honored on a first come first serve basis.
- In the case that a child has been accepted, but a class opening does not exist, we will place the student on our waiting list.
- All students applying to our school in Grades 1 to 11 are tested in reading, writing, and mathematics. If the student's first language is not English, testing for English as a Second Language (ESL) can also be undertaken and support provided if needed.
- Testing for admission will only commence after all relevant paperwork has been completed and received by the Admissions Office.
- Grade 12 students can only be accepted if they are arriving in Lahore from a fully accredited international or American school and are able to fulfill all admission requirements.

Contact Us

For further inquiries, please contact the Admissions Office by telephone or via the contact form on the website.

For more information please contact the Admissions Director at admissions@las.edu.pk

We look forward to welcoming your family to *Lahore American School*.



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