



# MIDDLE SCHOOL PROFILE

## ASH AT A GLANCE

ASH (est. 1953) is one of the most established international schools in the Netherlands. We are a private, not-for-profit institution that, at every level of organization, focuses on enhancing the student learning experience. From Pre-Kindergarten through High School graduation, we encourage ASH students to take control of their own learning. ASH is the only school in the Netherlands offering both AP and IB, and a full-inclusion program of support and enrichment. ASH students consistently outperform global averages, and supported by our dedicated College Counseling Office, they find their way into esteemed institutions of higher education across the globe.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL IN NUMBERS

**349**  
Students

**55**  
Faculty

**40**  
Student  
Nationalities

**10**  
Years Average  
Faculty Tenure

## MIDDLE SCHOOL PLACEMENT GUIDE

Age By October 1st	ASH	IB	Dutch System	British System
10	Grade 5	Primary 6	Groep 7	Year 6
11	Grade 6	MYP1	Groep 8	Year 7
12	Grade 7	MYP2	Brugklas	Year 8
13	Grade 8	MYP3	2e Klas	Year 9

## ASH PHILOSOPHY

We believe there is potential in everyone. We integrate learning of concepts, skills, attitudes and character in a diverse, inclusive, and caring community. Independent exploration, personal motivation through choice, facilitated collaboration and overall wellbeing help ignite our passions and inspire our path in life.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

We activate the joy of learning with a unique variety of opportunities from which to learn. Through on-site and off-campus curricular and co-curricular experiences, our students equip themselves with knowledge, skills and attitudes to help spark their interests and develop their passions. As they pass through the middle school milestones of exploring ideas, challenging thinking and practicing self-advocacy, they develop a broader sense of themselves and their place in the world.



#LearningThatMatters

Grade 7 students, in their quest to solve real-world and mathematical problems involving the four operations with rational numbers, have rewritten a chocolate chip cookie recipe for a given number of servings and put their computations to the test in the Home Economics room.

#JoyfulLearningEnvironments

Each year, our middle school students venture off campus to explore the Netherlands through safe, fun and engaging experiences that strengthen our school community and develop understanding about our host country.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM

With enough flexibility to experiment and tailor their learning, our middle school students are confident and able to pursue their unique interests and learn in a way that is relevant to them. We embrace various types of learning experiences, including classroom learning, project-based learning, experiential learning, field work, and virtual collaboration.

ASH is accredited by NEASC, founded on the principle that self-reflection and candid feedback are essential to ongoing educational success. Our curriculum is guided by the Common Core Standards to ensure transferability for our students and their families, as well as to provide a K-12 framework for learning outcomes.

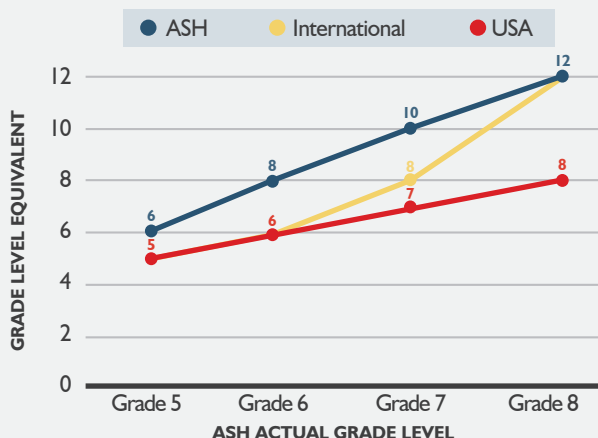
## MIDDLE SCHOOL SUBJECTS AND CO-CURRICULARS

<b>CORE ACADEMIC SUBJECTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Language Arts</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science</li> <li>• Social Studies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modern Language</li> </ul>
<b>ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Music</li> <li>• Physical Education (PE)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health</li> <li>• Art</li> <li>• Dynamic Theater</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wellbeing</li> <li>• Home Economics</li> <li>• Design Technology</li> <li>• Information Technology</li> </ul>
<b>CO-CURRICULARS, CLUBS, AND ACTIVITIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swimming</li> <li>• Soccer</li> <li>• Basketball</li> <li>• Volleyball</li> <li>• Tennis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baseball</li> <li>• Golf</li> <li>• Cross-country</li> <li>• Track and Field</li> <li>• Cheerleading</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Musical</li> <li>• Drama</li> <li>• Music Lessons</li> <li>• Role Playing</li> <li>• Abstract Art Exploration</li> <li>• Swedish</li> <li>• Chinese</li> <li>• Literature and Writing</li> <li>• Girl Scouts</li> <li>• Homework Club</li> </ul>

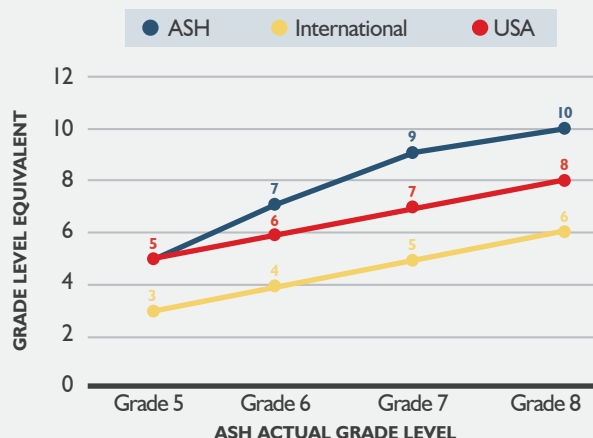
## MAP TESTING

Measures of Academic Proficiency and Growth (MAP) is a computerized assessment that charts students' academic performance and growth over time. Students are tested twice yearly in math and reading to provide teachers with individual student and classroom testing data in support of planning and instruction to meet curricular and individual student goals. MAP tests also serve as an external reference point for our program by providing comparison data from the USA and other international schools.

FALL MAP 2021 GRADE LEVEL EQUIVALENTS (MATH)



FALL MAP 2021 GRADE LEVEL EQUIVALENTS (READING)





## LEARNING SUPPORT AND ENRICHMENT

Only at ASH, you will find a full-inclusion program supporting every student with great intentionality to meet their emotional, social, physical, and academic needs.

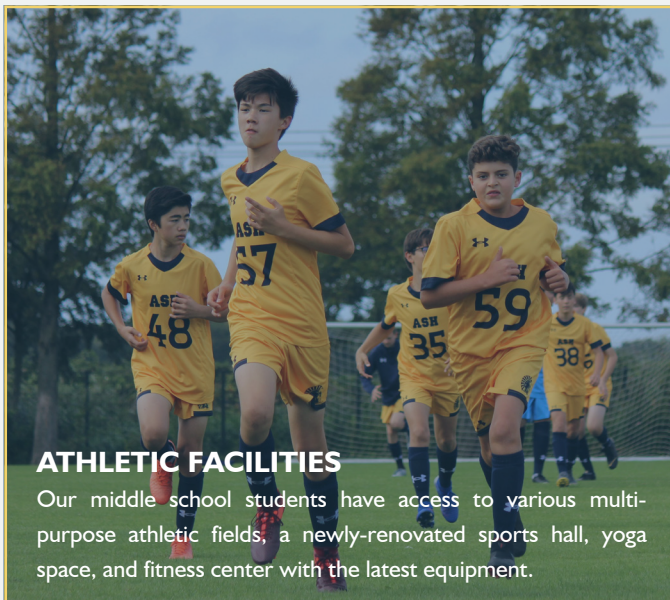
## RESPONSIBLE GLOBAL LEARNERS

At ASH, we learn how to build a better world as we become better human beings. For this, we are guided by our ASH Core Values and learn from and for the world. We embrace everyone's voice, our unique differences and achievements, and service to others. In partnership with the local and global community, we gain an appreciation for unique issues, and gradually develop the skills and attitudes to help identify select social and environmental hurdles that require our attention and support.

## LIFE AT ASH

Our school's home in Wassenaar, a peaceful village on the outskirts of Leiden and The Hague, provides an ideal background for learning, exploring and raising a family. Green and functional, our purpose-built campuses reflect the spirit of our extraordinary school. Our two locations are just a 6 minute walk apart from each other and 72 percent of our students ride their bikes to school along the safe bike paths in our community.

The middle school is located on our main campus where our students benefit from our state-of-the-art learning spaces, including:



### ATHLETIC FACILITIES

Our middle school students have access to various multi-purpose athletic fields, a newly-renovated sports hall, yoga space, and fitness center with the latest equipment.



### PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Middle school students host theatrical and musical performances in our purposely-designed space that seats 480 guests.



### MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Our spacious library helps students develop a lifelong love of reading, and become media-savvy, digital citizens. Students and their families can check out books and make use of all of our databases.



### FOOD SCIENCE AND DESIGN LAB

Our modern classrooms invite hands-on experience and encourage collaboration. After all, we acknowledge that our students need to learn how to use a stove as well as a 3D printer.





### STUDENT WELLBEING

We take the wellbeing of our students to heart and promote the emotional, social and academic growth of all learners. Our counseling team facilitates and guides our student wellness programs, ensuring that everyone learns in a safe, healthy, and supportive environment. The team is an important partner to our learners and strives to ensure their safety and comfort while at school. Our counselors also offer parent workshops and are available for parent consultations.

### A SAFE HARBOUR

Because transitioning to a new school can be daunting, our counselors and student ambassadors support our students and their families during these milestone events, be it upon joining or leaving ASH. For more than 20 years, through our signature A Safe Harbour program, ASH has been curating a customized experience for our new students, families, and staff to help us transition and adapt to learning, working, and living in the Netherlands.

### HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

Parent-Teacher-student conferences and student-led conferences take place throughout the year to ensure that parents are part of their child's learning journey at ASH.

During Open Houses we share information about classes, schedules, and how we work as a school and division. During Parent coffees, we discuss middle school topics and value and promote this opportunity to gather and dialogue.

### PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)

The PTO is a volunteer organization that unites the school and our families in support of the success and well-being of our students. The PTO hosts various activities in the ASH community.

### CHILDCARE

Daycare at ASH is located in the Early Childhood Center campus (ECC) and provided by an external but in-house provider, for children ages 0-3 years old.

We also offer after-school childcare for students ages 3 - 14 who are enrolled at ASH. Our service is available every day after school dismissal until 6.30pm.



### MISSION

We build a better world as we become better human beings, hear and value every voice, keep every promise, and celebrate every achievement.

### VISION

We are determined to create a school where everyone is confident and able to take control of their own learning, and the world is our classroom.

### CORE VALUES

- Communication
- Integrity
- Empathy
- Responsibility
- Respect

### ADMISSIONS INQUIRIES



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