

HELLENIC AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
ATHENS COLLEGE – PSYCHICO COLLEGE

School Profile 2003-2004

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Enrollment: Total: 3216 Gr. 1 to 12

Athens College Lykeion: 556

Psychico College Lykeion: 333 (Gr. 10-12)

Graduating class: 205

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Middle Schools: 893 (Gr. 7-9)

Elementary Schools: 1434 (Gr. 1-6)

Faculty: Total Faculty: 367

Combined Lykeion Faculty: 154

The Schools

The Hellenic American Foundation (HAEF) was founded in 1925 as a non-profit educational institution for Greek students. It is governed by a Board of Directors in Athens and a Board of Trustees in the U.S., and it seeks to incorporate in its programs the best standards and practices embodied in Greek and American education.

The HAEF is comprised of two sister schools, Athens College and Psychico College, each of which has a demotic (elementary school), a gymnasium (middle school), and a lykeion (high school). At the upper school level, Athens College offers the Greek national curriculum, and Psychico College offers the same Greek curriculum as well as the full diploma International Baccalaureate Program for Grades 11 and 12. Students in either school can choose to enter the IB at the end of grade 10. The IB Program has been in operation since the academic year 1996-97. Under the parent organization (the HAEF), Athens College has operated since 1925, the Psychico College elementary since 1980, and the Psychico College Gymnasium and Lykeion since 1999.

A total of 303 students will graduate from the two programs this year. Last year, 71% of the graduating students entered Greek universities and technical colleges, and another 28% went to universities in N. America, the UK or elsewhere in Europe.

Facilities and Location

The elementary schools are located on a 46-acre campus ten miles northeast of central Athens. The upper schools, along with the Department of Special Programs (offering courses in GCE, French, German, Music, Athletics, and also a summer program) and the Adult Education Program, are located on a 37-acre campus about four miles from central Athens. The upper school campus includes 246 classrooms, a main library with 65,000 volumes, 300 periodical titles, a CD-ROM network, an Internet server and an on-line public access catalogue. There is also a science building with labs, an open-air swimming pool, a fully equipped athletics center and a modern 840-seat theater.

The Curriculum

This year's graduating students had two choices at the end of grade 10:

The Greek National Curriculum awards the Greek school-leaving certificate (Apolytirio of the Eniaio Lykeion) at the end of grade 12. Students choose a specialization at the end of grade 10 in one of three areas: 1) classics and humanities 2) math and pure science/pre-medicine 3) math and technology (splitting in grade 12 into: a. technology and production or b. technology and information technology). In grades 10, 11, and 12, students must have a minimum of 9.5 (out of 20) in order to pass each year. The final grade for each subject is an average of the two semester grades (50%) and the final internal or external national exam (50%). The Apolytirio average is based on the GPAs (grade point averages) of grade 11 (30%) and grade 12 (70%) together unless the GPA for grade 12 is higher than that of grade 11. In that case the Apolytirio grade is based 100% on the marks from grade 12.

The final grades from the last two years become part of a formula for determining admission to Greek universities; therefore, students have external national "final" examinations in most of their subjects. The competition and pressure on students preparing for these exams is very high. Last year, of the 193 students graduating from the Greek Lykeion, 99% were admitted to Greek universities and technical colleges; 1% were admitted to and chose to attend universities abroad, primarily in the United Kingdom and the United States.

The IB Program (The International Baccalaureate) is a two-year course (grades 11 and 12) taught in English with a Greek history, language and literature supplement. All students are awarded the full IB Diploma from Psychico College (based on external exams) rather than a Greek Apolytirio. All students who enroll in this program are planning to attend universities abroad. Last year, of the students who received the IB diploma, 97% went on to institutions of higher education in the United Kingdom, Europe and the United States.

North American College Placement (2002, 2003)

Over the past two years, graduates have enrolled at the following universities and colleges in North America:

Babson College

Bentley College 5

Boston University 4

Brown University 9

College of the Holy Cross 2

Cornell University

Duke University

Haverford College

Mass. Institute of Technology

New York Univ. (Florence)

Princeton University

Tufts University 6

University of Pennsylvania 2

University of N.Carolina (Charlotte)

Yale University 2

Wheaton