

# HELLENIC AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION ATHENS COLLEGE – PSYCHICO COLLEGE

## School Profile 2018-2019

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CEEB School Code 738200

Enrollment: Total 4827: PreK. to 12

Athens College High School: 516 Graduating class: 145

Psychico College High School: 674 (Gr. 10-12) Graduating class:218 (103 I.B.)

Middle Schools: **1219** (Gr. 7-9) Elementary Schools: **2106** (Gr.1-6) PreK & Kindergarten: **292** Faculty: Total: **527** 

High School Faculty: **171** Overall student: faculty ratio 9:1

### **The Schools**

The Hellenic American Educational Foundation (HAEF), founded in 1925, is a non-profit educational institution for Greek students, and seeks to incorporate in its programs the best standards and practices embodied in Greek and American education. HAEF graduates have held distinguished positions in government, academia, the sciences, the arts, business, and banking, both in Greece and abroad.

A hallmark feature of the HAEF since its founding has been its extensive scholarship program, which allows deserving students the opportunity to attend our institution irrespective of their families' financial situation. As Stephanos Delta, the program's founder, said, "The education our school offers should not become a privilege of the wealthy." The number of need-based scholarship recipients exceeded 800 in 2017-18, with a total of 4,000,000 euro.

The HAEF is comprised of two highly competitive sister schools, Athens College and Psychico College. Each has an elementary school (Demotic), a middle school (Gymnasium), and a high school (Genikon Lykeion). Under the umbrella of HAEF, Athens College has operated since 1925, the Psychico College Elementary since 1980, and the Psychico College Middle School and High School since 1999. Students join the school in Grade 1 through a lottery system, and through competitive entrance examinations for a number of places in Grades 2-12. Students are admitted to the "Ioannis M. Karras" Model Kindergarten after a readiness evaluation and an interview of the parents.

At the upper school level, both Athens College and Psychico College offer the Greek national curriculum, while Psychico College also offers the full International Baccalaureate Bilingual Diploma Program for Grades 11 and 12. Students in either school can apply to enter the IB upon completion of Grade 10. The IB Program has been in operation since the academic year 1996-97.

In its constant effort to improve the quality of learning and teaching in its schools, HAEF has instituted the College Online - Course Management System, which enables students and teachers to enhance the effectiveness of their work through its Knowledge Base, Digital Tools, and Collaboration Mechanism. HAEF is also a member of the European Foundation for Quality Management and a test center for various external university admission exams, such as SAT, BMAT, Oxford Admissions Tests, and GCE. Finally, every year twelve Fulbright Fellows are welcomed to the school to strengthen the ties between the Foundation and the United States and to provide a cross-cultural educational experience.

### **Facilities and Location**

The Middle Schools, High Schools, Kindergarten, Department of Special Programs (offering courses in Foreign languages, Music, and Athletics) and Adult Education Program are located on a 37-acre campus in Psychico, about four miles from central Athens. The Psychico campus includes 230 classrooms and labs in 12 academic buildings, and a main library with 70,000 volumes, 300 periodical titles, an on-line public access catalogue, subscription to several English language databases, 144 computers for individual student use, for research projects and the teaching of information skills. The Informatics Center (IC) promotes innovative digital educational content and offers a haven for teamwork, creativity and discovery to young children, teenagers and educators throughout the academic year. The IC facilities include a 200 capacity auditorium, with video wall conferencing and 3D projection equipment for 3D Educational libraries as well as Multi Media Labs, equipped with state of the art 3D printing, milling machine, laser cutter equipment, Web TV, music technology and robotics infrastructure. Our campus also hosts an indoor swimming pool, a fully equipped athletics center and a modern 830-seat theater. The academic and athletic facilities of the Elementary Schools are located on a 46-acre campus ten miles northeast of central Athens in Kantza.

## The Curriculum

**The Greek National Curriculum** awards the Greek high school certificate (Apolytirio of the Geniko Lykeion) at the end of Grade 12. Students choose a specialization at the end of Grade 10 in one of two areas: 1) humanities, or 2) math and pure science. At the end of Grade 11 students choose one of three areas: 1) humanities, 2) math and science, or 3) economics and computer science. In Grades 10, 11, and 12, the minimum passing grade is 9.5 (out of 20). The final grade for each subject is an average of the two semester grades (50%) and the final exam (50%). The Apolytirio average is based on the GPA of Grade 12 subjects, which are up to 15 in total.

Geniko Lykeion students wishing to pursue tertiary education in Greek universities have to sit national examinations ("Panhellenic") in four subjects depending on their chosen field of study. The competition and pressure on students preparing for these exams is very high. Last year, of the **187** students graduating from the Greek Geniko Lykeion of both Athens College and Psychico College, who sat the Panhellenic exams and submitted applications, **176** were admitted to Greek public institutions of tertiary education (92%). A number of last year's graduates were also admitted to and chose to attend universities abroad, primarily in the United Kingdom and the United States, but also in other European countries, as well as private institutions in Greece.

The HAEF schools have the following academic departments: English, Greek Language, History & Social Sciences, Information Technology, Mathematics, Music, Natural Sciences, and Physical Education.

**The IB Diploma Program (The International Baccalaureate)** is a two-year course (Grades 11 and 12) taught in English with a History, Greek Language, Greek Literature and Physical Education component taught in Greek. Students are awarded the full equivalent of the Greek Apolytirio through a combination of being awarded the IB Diploma by the IBO and passing three out of the four subjects mandated by the Greek State, i.e. History, Greek Language and Greek Literature. All students who enroll in this program intend to apply to universities abroad. Last year, of the 148 students who received the IB Diploma, 148 went on to institutions of higher education in the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada and several European countries.

Academic Calendar: Grades 9-12 use a semester calendar, with term 1 (09/11-01/20), 2 (01/21-05/20), final exam, and year-end grades reported. The IB system provides for predicted grades in the fall of the last year, whereas the Geniko Lykeion system does not.

Ranking: Our school does not rank students.

## Athletics, Clubs, and Activities

In addition to the Physical Education program which is part of the curriculum, students participate in team sports and track and field. The school teams participate in regional and national school tournaments.

More than twenty clubs and extracurricular activities are available to students, with Forensics, Debate, Model United Nations, and UNESCO among the most selective. Students also may choose to write for one or more of the school's many publications: the "A $\Theta$ HNAIO $\Sigma$ " and "PRO[S]KLISI" Greek magazines, the "As You Like It" and Punchline English magazines, the "NEA TOY KOA $\Delta$ E $\Gamma$ IOY" Greek newspaper, and the "IB Visions." The senior class publishes the Student Yearbook, " $\Theta$ H $\Sigma$ AYPO $\Sigma$ ". Finally, the Drama Club's performances are of professional standards, winning many prizes in Pan-Hellenic competitions.

Many students also participate in philanthropic activities such as Community Service Day, and volunteering with the Floga Cancer Society, the Greek Red Cross, the WWF, and refugee-support organizations in recent years.

The annual three-day school fair, Panigiri, is the culminating event of the various school activities: presentations by clubs, fund-raising activities, and musical and theatrical performances are attended by the school and the Athenian community.

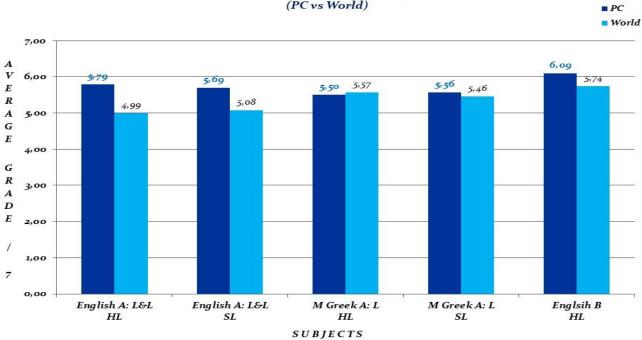
Students in Grades 10-12 participate in 4 public speaking contests, three of them in Greek and one in English. They are among the school's most prestigious events.

## North American College Matriculation (Class of 2017 and 2018)

Over the past two years, graduates have enrolled at the following universities and colleges in the United States of America and Canada

1	Olin College of Engineering	1	American University
1	Pace University	2	Babson College
3	Pomona College	1	Barnard College
1	Pratt Institute	4	Bentley University
2	Princeton	4	Boston College
1	Purdue University	5	Boston University
1	Rice University of Art and Design	4	Brown University
1	Ringling College	1	Bryn Mawr University
1	Skidmore College	1	Cal Tech
1	Stanford University	1	Carnegie Mellon University
1	Suffolk University	1	College of the Holy Cross
7	Tufts University	3	Columbia University
1	U British Columbia (Canada)	1	Cooper Union
1	U Chicago	2	Cornell University
1	U Maryland College Park	2	Duke University
1	U Massachusetts Amherst	1	Emory University
1	U Miami	1	Florida International University
1	U Michigan	1	Fordham University
1	U Minnesota	1	George Washington University
1	U Pennsylvania	4	Georgetown University
2	U Southern California	1	Georgia Tech
2	U Toronto (Canada)	1	Hamilton University
1	U Washington	1	Harvard University
1	UC Berkeley	1	Hofstra University
1	UC Irvine	2	Johns Hopkins University
1	UC LA	5	McGill University (Canada)
1	UC San Diego	3	MIT
1	Vanderbilt University	9	New York University
1	Williams College	1	New York University - Abu Dhabi
2	WPI	4	Northeastern University
4	Yale University	4	Northwestern University

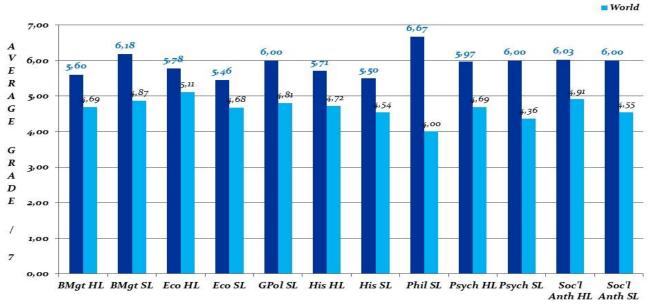
## International Baccalaureate Exam Results Psychico College Averages vs. World Averages Class of 2018



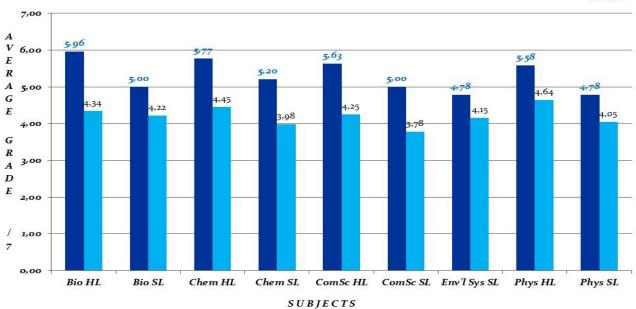


#### Distribution of Average Grades in SOCIAL SCIENCES (Group 3) PC vs World

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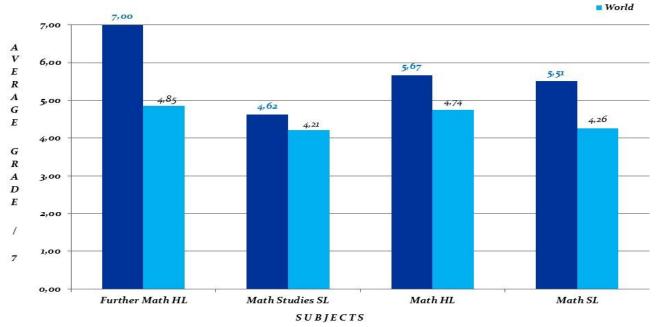


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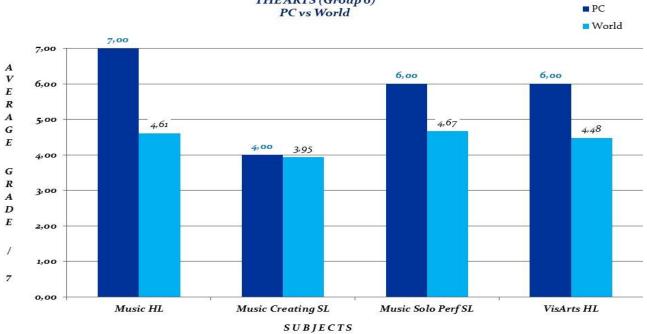
## Distribution of Average Grades in EXPERIMENTAL SCIENCES (Group 4) PC vs World

Distribute of Average Grades in MATHEMATICS (Group 5) PC vs World



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#### Distribution of Average Grades in THEARTS (Group 6) PC vs World