



ATHENS COLLEGE

Hellenic-American Educational Foundation

Kindergarten • Elementary • Junior High • High

ATHENS COLLEGE • PSYCHICO COLLEGE • KINDERGARTEN J. M. CARRAS

School Profile 2023-2024

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Enrollment: 4610 total, Pre-K & Kindergarten to 12

Athens College High School **534**
Graduating Class **152**

Psychico College High School **734**
Graduating Class **270** (**129** High School
& **141** IB DP)

Middle Schools **1206** (Grades 7-9)
Elementary Schools **1862** (Grades 1-6)
Pre-K & Kindergarten **274**

Total number of Faculty **941**
Overall student: faculty ratio **4.9: 1**

Facilities & Location

The Middle Schools, High Schools, Kindergarten, Department of Special Programs (offering courses in Foreign Languages, Music, and Athletics) and the 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. The main library has a collection of approximately 100,000 volumes, in Greek and English, 300 current titles of print and electronic journals/magazines and newspapers, databases, with e-books and general information articles. The Library is equipped with 144 computers and laptops used by students for projects and the Research Skills and Information Literacy course. The Informatics Center (IC) promotes innovative digital educational content and offers a haven for teamwork, creativity, and discovery to both students and faculty. The IC facilities include a 200-capacity auditorium, with video wall conferencing as well as Multimedia 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 810-seat theater. The academic and athletic facilities of the Elementary Schools are located on a 46-acre campus ten miles northeast of Athens in Kantza.

Academic Calendar

Grades 9-12 use a semester calendar, with term 1, term 2, final exam, and year-end grades reported. The IB system provides predicted grades for the fall of the senior year, whereas the Greek High School system does not.

Ranking

Our school **does not** rank students.

The Schools

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

A hallmark feature of Athens College 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 and merit scholarship recipients in 2022-2023 was **562**, with a total value of **€3,606,474**.

Athens College – HAEF is comprised of two highly competitive sister schools, **Athens College** and **Psychico College**. Each has an elementary school, a middle school, and a high school.

Athens College has operated since 1925, the **Psychico College Elementary** since 1980, and the **Psychico College Middle and High Schools** since 1999. Students join the school in Grade 1 directly from the "J.M. Carras" Kindergarten and through a lottery system, or through competitive entrance examinations for a number of places in Grades 2-11.

At the upper school level, both **Athens College** and **Psychico College** follow the Greek National Curriculum. Since 1996, **Psychico College** has also been offering the 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.

As of January 2019, both secondary school units are authorized IB World Schools for the Middle Years Program (MYP). The MYP is offered in Grades 7-10 along with the Greek National Curriculum, and in Grade 10 students receive IB-validated grades upon completion of the MYP Personal Project.

As of May 2022, the “J.M. Carras” Kindergarten, Athens College, and Psychico College Elementary Schools are officially authorized as IB World Schools for the Primary Years Program (PYP). The PYP is offered as a program for kindergarten and primary school children (ages 3-12) along with the Greek National Curriculum.

In its constant effort to improve the quality of learning and effectiveness of teaching in its schools, Athens College has instituted the use of Learning Management Systems (MS Teams and ManageBac platforms).

Athens College is a test center for various external university admission exams, such as SAT, BMAT, Oxford Admissions Tests, and Cambridge University Pre-Interview Assessment. Finally, up to thirteen Fulbright scholars join the school every year to strengthen ties between our school and the United States by providing a cross-cultural educational experience to students and faculty.

The Curriculum

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

The Greek National Curriculum

awards the Greek high school certificate (Apolytirion of the Genikon Lykeion) at the end of Grade 12. Students choose a concentration 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 the four areas: 1) Humanities, 2) Math and Science, 3) Health Sciences, or 4) Economics and Computer Science. In Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12, the minimum passing grade is **10/20**. The final grade for each subject is an average of the two semester grades (50%) and the final exam (50%). The Apolytirion average is based on the GPA of Grade 12 subjects.

The IB Diploma Program (The

International Baccalaureate) is a two-year course (Grades 11 and 12) taught in English with an additional component of History, Modern Greek Language & Literature, and Physical Education 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 the three Greek subjects. All students who enroll in this program intend to apply to universities abroad.

High school students wishing to pursue tertiary education in Greek universities have to sit highly competitive national examinations (“Pan-Hellenic Exams”) in four subjects depending on their chosen field of study. Last year, of the students graduating from the **Greek Genikon Lykeion** of both **Athens College** and **Psychico College**, **224** sat the Pan-

Hellenic exams and submitted applications. Of those, **219** were admitted to Greek public institutions of tertiary education (admit rate of **98%**). A number of last year's graduates were also admitted to and chose to attend universities abroad, primarily in the United Kingdom, the United States and Canada, but also in other European countries, as well as private institutions in Greece.

Of the **147** students who concluded the **IBDP**, **138** enrolled in institutions of higher education in the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, and several European countries with some decisions still pending from different European Universities.

Athletics, Clubs, and Activities

In addition to the Physical Education program, which is part of the Greek National Curriculum, the school teams participate in regional and national school tournaments.

The "A" Association (since 1937) is the interschool athletic club of **Athens College – Psychico College** whose purpose is to encourage and advance fair play and good sportsmanship amongst students. The club aims to cultivate a sense of team spirit and to provide support to our School's sports activities both within the College and outside. Criteria for admissions include: previous athletic distinctions, the candidate's strong academic performance as well as his/her ethos, and espousal of the above-mentioned principles.

More than twenty clubs and extracurricular activities are available to students, with Forensics, Model United Nations, UNESCO, and the Drama Club among the most selective. Students may also choose to write for the school's many publications, including the Greek magazines, "ΑΘΗΝΑΙΟΣ" and "ΠΡΟ[Σ]ΚΛΗΣΗ"; the English magazines, "As You Like It," "Punchline," and "IB Visions," and the Greek Newspaper "ΝΕΑ ΤΟΥ ΚΟΛΛΕΓΙΟΥ." The senior class also publishes the Student Yearbook, "ΘΗΣΑΥΡΟΣ".

Additionally, students participate in philanthropic activities such as Community Service Day, and volunteer with the "Floga Cancer Society", the Greek Red Cross, the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), and refugee-support organizations in recent years.

The annual three-day school fair, "Panigyri", is the culminating event of the various school activities; presentations by clubs, fundraising events, musical and theatrical performances attended by the school and the Athenian community.

Students in Grades 10-12 participate in four public speaking contests: the "Howland", "25th of March", and the "Three Hierarchs" in Greek and the "Delta" speech writing contest in English. They are among the school's most prestigious events.

North American College Matriculation (Classes of 2022 and 2023)

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

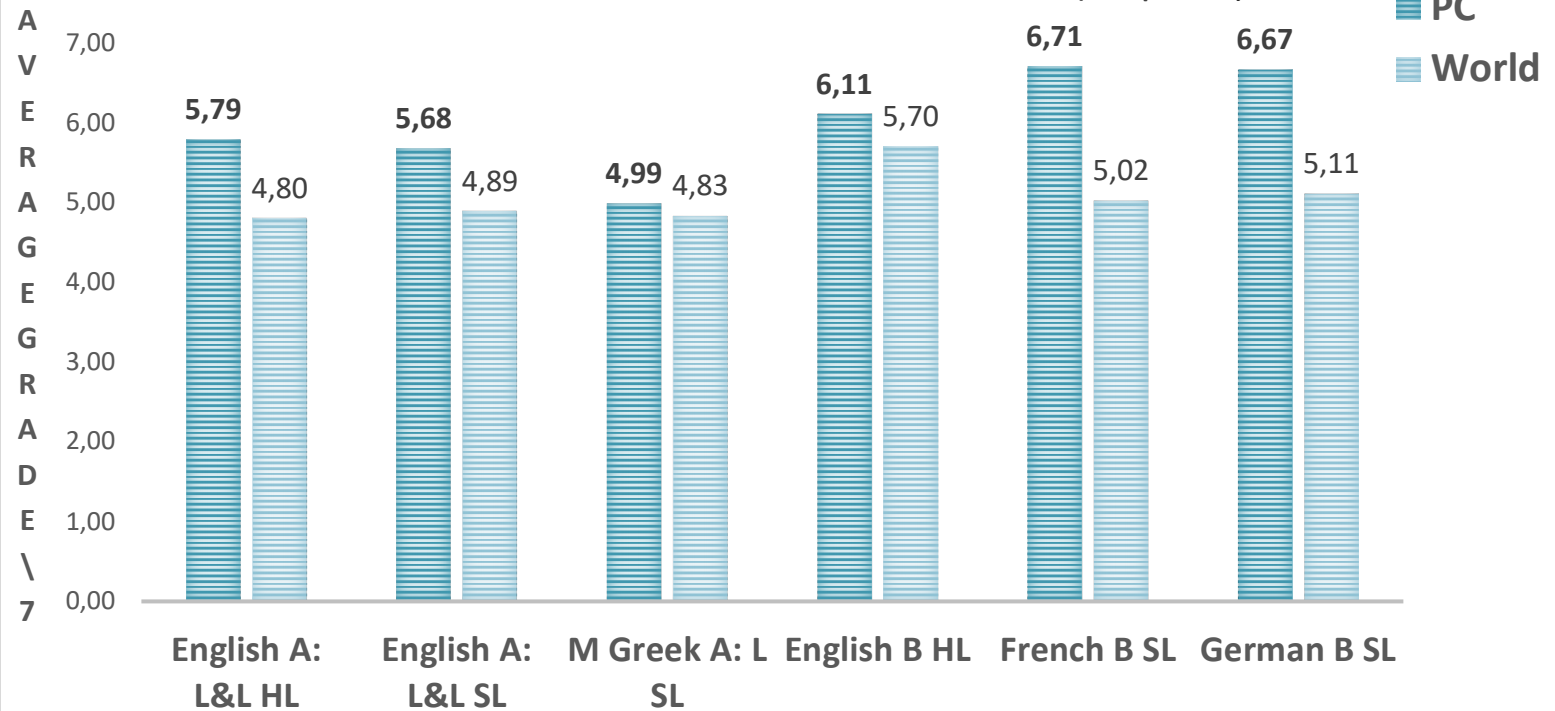
American University	1
Amherst College	1
Bentley University	4
Boston College	1
Boston University	2
Bowdoin University	1
Brown University	5
CalTech	1
Carnegie Mellon University	3
Columbia University	5
Concordia University - Canada	1
Cornell University	2
Davidson College	1
Duke University	1
Florida International University	2
Fordham University	5
George Washington University	1
Georgetown University	3
Georgia Institute of Technology	2
Hofstra University	1
Johns Hopkins University	1
Loyola Marymount University	3
McGill University - Canada	1
MIT	2
New York University	6
Northeastern University	4
Northwestern University	2
Penn State	1
Pratt Institute	3
Princeton University	2
Purdue University	2
Quinnipiac University	1
Rochester Institute of Technology	1
Ringling College of Art and Design	1

School of the Art Institute of Chicago	1
St. Johns University	1
Stanford University	1
Stevens Institute of Technology	1
Swarthmore College	1
Syracuse University	1
The New School - Parsons Paris	3
Trinity College	1
Tufts University	2
Tulane University	1
UC Berkeley	3
UC Los Angeles	4
UC San Diego	1
UC Santa Barbara	1
University of Chicago	3
University of Massachusetts Amherst	1
University of Miami	1
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2
University of Pennsylvania	4
University of Rochester	1
University of San Francisco	1
University of South Florida	1
University of Southern California	2
University of Toronto - Canada	2
University of Virginia	1
University of Wisconsin-Madison	1
Vanderbilt University	1
Vassar College	1
Washington and Lee University	1
Yale University	2

CLASS OF 2023 IB DIPLOMA RESULTS PSYCHICO COLLEGE vs WORLD AVERAGES

2023 Average Grade Distribution

LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE/LANGUAGE ACQUISITION (Groups 1 & 2)



2023 Average Grade Distribution

INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETIES (Groups 3)

