

HELLENIC AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

ATHENS COLLEGE – PSYCHICO COLLEGE

School Profile 2008-2009

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Enrollment: Total: 3693 Gr. 1 to 12

Athens College Lykeion: 501 Psychico College Lykeion: 457 (Gr. 10-12)

Graduating class: 149 Graduating class: 145 (95 I.B.)

Middle Schools: 1049 (Gr. 7-9) Elementary Schools: 1686 (Gr. 1-6)

Faculty: Total Faculty: 437

Combined Lykeion Faculty: 167

The Schools

The Hellenic American Educational Foundation (HAEF) was founded in 1925 as 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.

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). Under the umbrella of HAEF, Athens College has operated since 1925, the Psychico College elementary since 1980, and the Psychico College Gymnasium and Lykeion since 1999.

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 International Baccalaureate Diploma 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.

A total of 294 students will graduate from the two programs this year. Last year, 64% of the graduating students entered Greek universities and technical colleges, and another 36% 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 in Kantza. A summer camp is offered on the premises of Kantza. The upper schools, along with the Department of Special Programs (offering courses in French, German, Music, and Athletics) and the Adult Education Program, are located on a 37-acre campus about four miles from central Athens. The upper school campus in Psychico 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 indoor swimming pool, a fully equipped athletics center and a modern 830-seat theater.

The Curriculum

The Greek National Curriculum awards the Greek school-leaving 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 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 12 subjects, which are up to 13 in total.

Geniko Lykeion students have external national “final” examinations (“Panhellenic” final exams) in six to seven out of all their subjects. Performance at these exams becomes part of a formula that determines entrance to Greek Universities. The competition and pressure on students preparing for these exams is very high. Last year, of the 206 students graduating from the Greek Geniko Lykeion, 95% were admitted to Greek universities and technical colleges. A number of these were admitted to and chose to attend universities abroad, primarily in the United Kingdom and the United States, and English-language universities in Greece.

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 supplement taught in Greek. Students are awarded the full equivalent of the Greek Apolytirio through a combination of passing and being awarded the IB Diploma by the IBO and the passing of 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 are planning to attend universities abroad. Last year, of the students who received the IB Diploma, 96% went on to institutions of higher education in the United Kingdom, Europe and the United States.

North American College Placement (2007, 2008)

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

Babson (5)

Barnard (1)

Baruch CUNY/Hunter College CUNY (1)

Berklee College of Music (2)

Boston College (1)

Boston University (11)

Brandeis (2)

Brown (2)

Carnegie Mellon (1)

Columbia (1)

Cornell (1)

Emerson (1)

George Washington (1)

Georgetown (2)

Harvard (3)

Illinois Institute of Technology (1)

Johns Hopkins (1)

McGill University (Canada) (1)

Menlo (1)

MIT (1)

NYU (1)

Parsons (1)

Pratt (2)

Princeton (1)

Rollins (1)

Ryerson (1)

Smith (1)

Suffolk (1)

SUNY Maritime College (1)

Tufts (2)

University of Michigan at Ann Arbor (3)

University of Southern California (1)

Wheaton (1)

WPI (2)

Yale (1)