



**HELLENIC AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**  
**ATHENS COLLEGE – PSYCHICO COLLEGE**

**School Profile 2010-2011**

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*Enrollment: Total: 3877 Gr. 1 to 12*

*Athens College High School: 497    Psychico College High School: 506 (Gr. 10-12)*  
*Graduating class: 147                      Graduating class: 180 (131 I.B.)*

*Middle Schools: 1071 (Gr. 7-9)*

*Elementary Schools: 1803 (Gr.1-6)*

*Faculty: Total: 438*  
*High School Faculty: 184*

*Overall student: faculty ratio 9:1*

## **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. 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 is its extensive scholarship program which allows deserving students the opportunity to attend our institution irrespective of their families' financial situation.

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 Gymnasium and Lykeion 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 4, 7, 10, and IBYr1.

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 Diploma Program for Grades 11 and 12. Students in either school can choose to enter the IB upon completion of Grade 10. The IB Program has been in operation since the academic year 1996-97.

A total of 327 students will graduate from the two programs this year. Last year, 57% of the graduating students entered Greek institutions of tertiary education, and another 43% went to universities in North America, the UK or elsewhere in Europe.

In its constant effort to improve the quality of learning and teaching in its schools, the 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. As a result of its innovations in the use of technology and in the development of new teaching methods and approaches, HAEF has been selected to be a Pathfinder School as part of the Microsoft Partners in Learning Innovative Schools Program, joining an elite community of innovative schools from around the globe. HAEF has also been validated as an organization "Committed to Excellence" by the European Foundation for Quality Management.

## **Facilities and Location**

Grades 7 - 12, 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 in Psychico, about four miles from central Athens. The Psychico campus includes 250 classrooms in 7 academic buildings, and a main library with 70,000 volumes, 300 periodical titles, a CD-ROM network, an Internet server and an on-line public access catalogue. There is also an indoor swimming pool, a fully equipped athletics center and a modern 830-seat theater. The elementary schools are located on a 46-acre campus ten miles northeast of central Athens in Kantza, in up-to-date academic and athletic facilities.

## **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 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 grade 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 GPA (grade point average) 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, 94% were admitted to Greek institutions of tertiary education. A number of these were also admitted to and chose to attend universities abroad, primarily in the United Kingdom and the United States, and English-language universities in Greece.

The HAEF schools have the following academic departments: English, Modern Greek, Ancient Greek, 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 students who received the IB Diploma, 96.7% went on to institutions of higher education in the United Kingdom, Europe and the United States.

**Academic Calendar:** Grades 1-9 use a trimester calendar with term 1, 2, 3, exam and year-end grades reported. Grades 10-12 use a semester calendar, with term 1 (09/11-01/20), 2 (01/21-05/20), 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.

### **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.

There are more than twenty clubs and activities available to students, with Forensics, 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 “ΑΘΗΝΑΙΟΣ” and “PRO[S]KLISI” Greek magazines, the “As You Like It” and Punchline English magazines, the “NEA TOY KOΛΛΕΓΙΟΥ” Greek newspaper, and the IB Visions. 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, and the WWF.

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 (2009, 2010)

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

<i>American University</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Stanford University</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Babson College</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Syracuse University</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Barnard College</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Temple University</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Beloit College</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Tufts University</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Bennington College</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>University of Michigan at Ann Arbor</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>Bentley University</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>University of California, Davis</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Boston University</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>University of Chicago</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Emerson College</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>University of Portland</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Georgetown University</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>University of Pennsylvania</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>George Washington University</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>University of New Hampshire</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Gettysburg College</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>University of Rochester</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Harvard University</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>University of South Florida</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Johns Hopkins University</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>University of Southern California</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>New York University</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>University of Virginia</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Northeastern University</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Vassar College</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Parsons School of Design</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>Villanova University</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Princeton University</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Wheaton College (MA)</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Rhode Island School of Design</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Wesleyan University</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Roger Williams University</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Worcester Polytechnic Institute</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>School of the Art Institute of Chicago</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Yale University</i>	<i>2</i>