The American College of Sofia

School Profile 2026-2027

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School Mission

ACS integrates the values and best practices of American pedagogy with the rich educational traditions of Bulgaria and Europe. We seek to develop critical thinking, lifelong intellectual curiosity, leadership, and collaboration among multi-talented students of various social, cultural, economic, and geographic backgrounds. English is the primary language of instruction.

The American College of Sofia (ACS) is the oldest American educational institution outside the U.S. Founded in 1860, the College was closed in 1942 when Bulgaria entered WWII and re-opened in 1992 after the end of the communist regime.

Entry is based on admission exam ranking. Only middle school applicants with a 5.00 GPA and above are admitted to the exam.

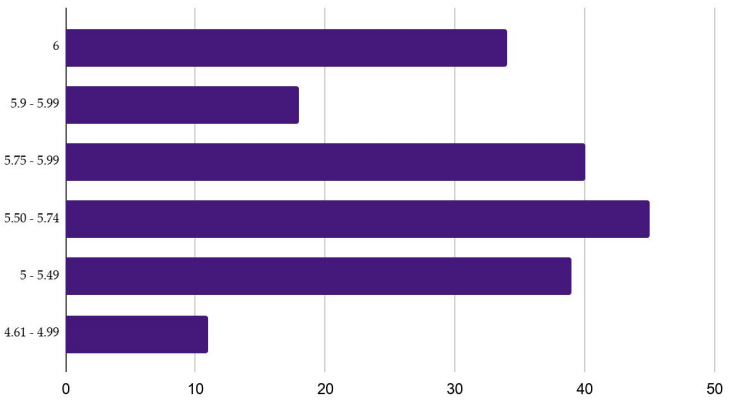
27% of students receive financial aid, including nine per year who receive merit & need-based full scholarships.

947 Students	120 Faculty
26 International Students	37 International Faculty
4060 Alumni Since 1997	93 Advanced Degrees

Our Grading Scale

Excellent 6	Very good 5	Good 4	Passing 3	Failing 2
100% - 91.5%	91.4% - 80.5%	80.4% - 70.5%	70.4% - 59.5%	59.4% - 0%

Class of 2027 GPA in junior year



ACS grades comparison

ACS	USA 1-4	IB	A-Level
5.9 - 6.0	3.94 - 4.0	42	A*A*A
5.8	3.87	40	A*AA
5.7	3.8	38	AAA
5.6	3.74	36	AAB
5.5	3.67	34	ABB
5.4	3.60	32	BBB

Accreditation

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Partnerships

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Graduation Requirements

In Grades 9 & 10, Bulgarian and international students follow almost the same ACS curriculum. In Grades 11 & 12, the Bulgarian students follow the Bulgarian Diploma Program. International students are admitted into the two-year IB Diploma Programme. Students earn an American High School Diploma by passing their ACS classes in one of the above programs, and completing their Creativity, Activity, & Service (CAS) Portfolios. Typically, 100% of students earn the American Diploma and the Bulgarian or IB Diploma.

Bulgarian, US & IB Diploma Requirements

Bulgarian Students

Grade 9-10	Grade 11-12
Bulgarian	Bulgarian & US Diploma Programs
English	
Mathematics	
Foreign Languages	
Physical Education	
Chemistry	
Biology	
Physics	Bulgarian
History	English
Philosophy	Foreign Languages
Geography	Civics
Music	Mathematics
Art	Physical Education
IT	**Profile Subjects**

International Students

Grade 9-10	Grade 11-12
English	IB Diploma Programme
Mathematics	
Foreign Languages	
Physical Education	
Chemistry	
Biology	English A: Lit., SL,HL
Physics	Language B: SL,HL
History	Language *ab initio*: SL
Philosophy	Economics, History: SL,HL
Geography	Biology, Chemistry: SL,HL
Music	Physics: SL,HL
Art	Maths AI, AA: SL,HL
IT	Theory of Knowledge
US History	Extended Essay

Bulgarian Diploma Profile Subjects for Grades 11 & 12

All profile courses are taught at an advanced honors level

Subject/ Profile	Humanities	Foreign Languages	Maths	Software & Hardware Sciences	Natural Sciences	Entrepreneurship
English	■	■	■	■	■	■
Bulgarian	■	■				
History	■					
Mathematics			■	■		■
Foreign Languages		■				
Physics			■			
Informatics			■	■		
Information Technologies				■		■
Biology					■	
Chemistry					■	
Entrepreneurship						■



Standardized Test Scores

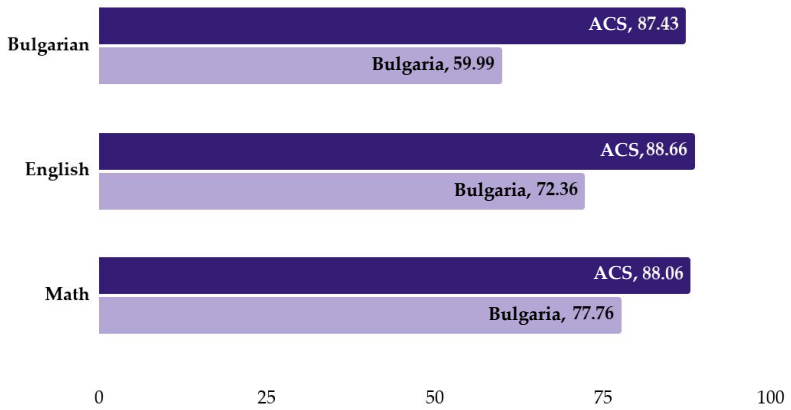
SAT Scores

School Year	2023 - 2024		2024 - 2025		2025 - 2026		2026
	Fall 2023	*Spring 2024*	*Fall 2024*	*Spring 2025*	*Fall 2025*	*Spring 2026*	*Fall 2026*
SAT (exams)	**(152 exams)**	**(141 exams)**	**(172 exams)**	**(117 exams)**	**(179 exams)**	**(145 exams)**	**(99 exams)**
Average Score	**1372**	**1340**	**1366**	**1330**	**1346**	**1325**	**1374**
SAT Math	704	698	705	678	696	685	708
SAT EBRW	668	641	661	652	652	640	666

National Exams 2027 Scores Comparison (average grades)

All Bulgarian students are required to take Bulgarian & one to three other national exams. The following are results of the Class of 2026.

SAT scores for 110 students in the class of 2026.

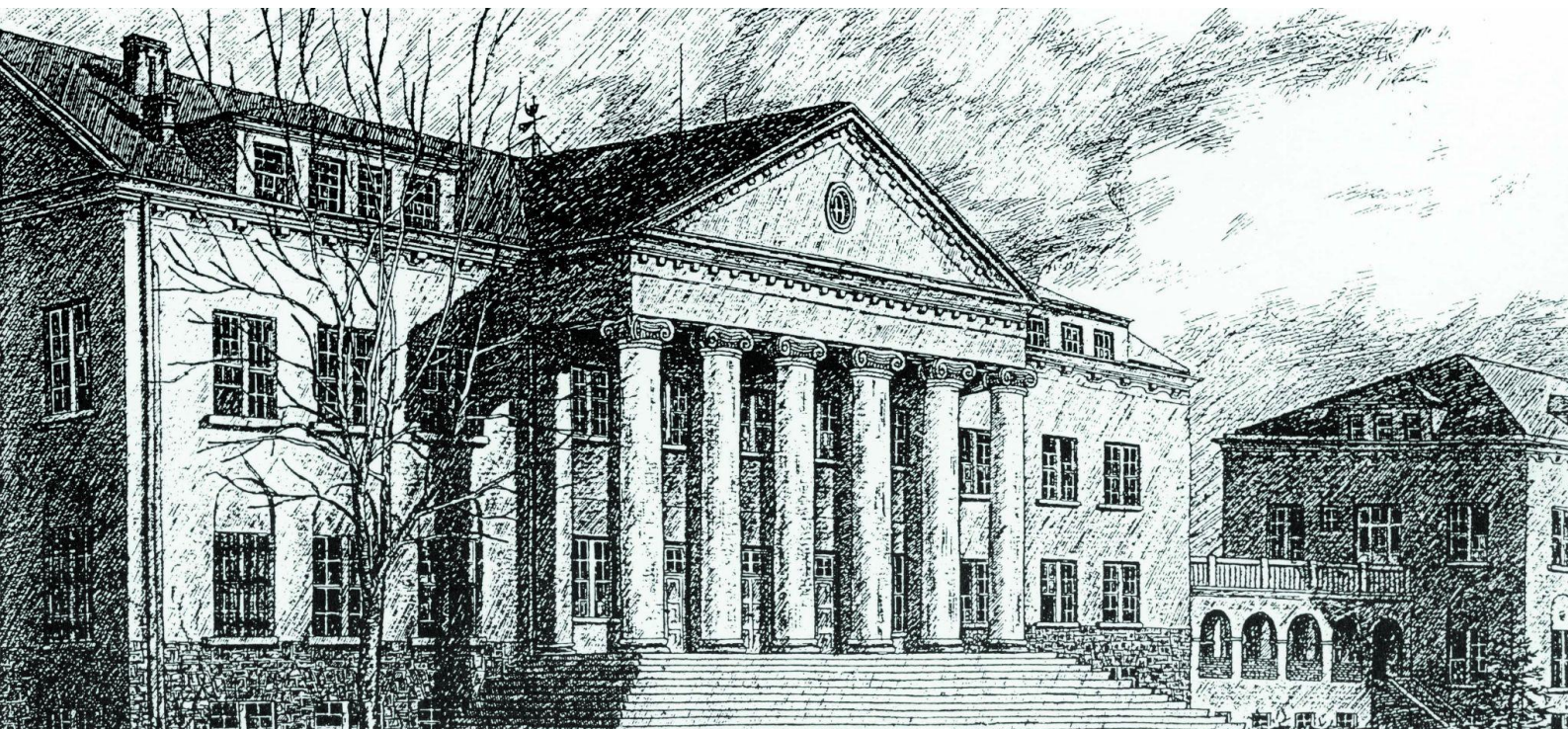


Highest SAT Score: 1580
Highest Math Score: 800
Highest EBRW Score: 800

SAT Middle 50%: 1330 - 1480
EBRW Middle 50%: 640 - 720
Math Middle 50%: 670 - 770

Extra-Curricular Highlights

- **72** Student-Led Clubs
- **56** Elective Courses
- **5** Performing Arts Group
- **5** Athletic Teams



College & University Attendances 2026, 2025, 2024

On average, 92% of ACS seniors apply to non-Bulgarian colleges and universities each year. ACS students from the classes of 2024, 2025, and 2026 attended the following institutions, often having been awarded significant scholarship or financial aid from US institutions.

AUSTRALIA
- Monash University

AUSTRIA
- Central European University Vienna
- IMC Krems
- Johannes Kepler University Linz
- TU Wien
- UAS Campus Vienna
- University of Vienna
- Vienna University of Economics
- Webster University Vienna

BELGIUM
- KU Leuven

BULGARIA
- Medical University Plovdiv
- Medical University Sofia
- National Academy of Music
- New Bulgarian University
- Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"
- Technical University of Sofia
- University of National and World Economy

CANADA
- University of British Columbia
- University of Toronto

CHINA
- The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

CZECH REPUBLIC
- Technical University of Prague

FINLAND
- Aalto University

FRANCE
- École Ducasse
- École Polytechnique
- EDHEC Business School
- ESCP Business School
- Institut Français de la Mode
- Sciences Po
- Syracuse University in Florence

GERMANY
- BIMM University
- Constructor University
- Heidelberg University
- Heinrich Heine University
- Johannes Kepler University Linz
- Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich
- Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg
- RWTH Aachen University
- SRH University
- Technical University of Munich
- Technische Universität Dresden
- XU Exponential UAS

IRELAND
- Trinity College Dublin

ITALY
- Humanitas University
- Istituto Europeo di Design
- Istituto Marangoni
- IULM University
- LUISS Guido Carli
- Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti
- Polimoda
- Politecnico di Milano
- Politecnico di Torino
- Sapienza Università di Roma
- Scuola Politecnica di Design
- Università Bocconi
- Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
- Università di Bologna

NETHERLANDS
- Erasmus University College
- Erasmus University Rotterdam
- HZ UAS
- Leiden University
- Lund University
- Maastricht University
- NHL Stenden UAS
- Radboud University
- Royal Academy of Art
- Tilburg University
- TU Delft
- TU Eindhoven
- University College Utrecht
- University of Amsterdam
- University of Groningen
- University of Twente
- Utrecht University
- Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
- Wageningen University
- Willem de Kooning Academy

POLAND
- Jagiellonian University

ROMANIA
- USAMV Cluj-Napoca

SPAIN
- ESADE Business School
- GBSB Global Business School
- IE University
- Institute of the Arts Barcelona
- Saint Louis University - Madrid Campus
- Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
- Universidad CEU Cardenal Herrera
- Universidad Complutense de Madrid
- Universidad Europea de Madrid
- Universidad Pompeu Fabra

SWEDEN
- Karolinska Institutet
- KTH Royal Institute of Technology
- Lund University
- Stockholm School of Economics

SWITZERLAND
- ETH Zurich
- University of Zurich

UNITED KINGDOM
- Anglia Ruskin University
- King's College London
- Kingston University
- Lancaster University
- Liverpool John Moores University
- Oxford Brookes University
- Queen Mary University of London
- Royal Veterinary College
- The London School of Economics and Political Science
- Political Science (LSE)
- The University of Edinburgh
- The University of Sheffield
- The University of Warwick
- University College London
- University of Bath
- University of Bristol
- University of Cambridge
- University of Glasgow
- University of Liverpool
- University of Manchester
- University of Oxford
- University of Portsmouth
- University of the Arts London

UNITED STATES
- Amherst College
- Baylor University
- Berklee College of Music
- Boston University
- Brown University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Dartmouth College
- Davidson College
- Duke University
- Emerson College
- Fordham University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Grinnell College
- Illinois State University
- Kansas City Art Institute
- Kenyon College
- Minerva University
- New York University
- Northwestern University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Saint Louis University
- The Neighborhood Playhouse School of the Theatre
- Tulane University
- University of California Davis
- University of California Los Angeles
- University of California Santa Barbara
- University of Chicago
- University of Miami
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Richmond
- University of Southern California
- Vanderbilt University
- Washington and Lee University
- Wheaton College
- William & Mary
- Yale University

US - ABROAD
- American University in Bulgaria
- NYU Abu Dhabi (UAE)
- The American University of Paris
- The American University of Rome