



## SCHOOL PROFILE 2025-2026

American Nicaraguan School (ANS), is a private, non-profit, coeducational multicultural institution, founded in 1944. ANS is composed of students from more than 30 different nationalities. Providing a rigorous academic program through an American curriculum with classes taught in English. The School is governed by a seven member Board of Directors, with six members elected by the American Nicaraguan School's parents, and one member appointed by the U.S. Embassy. The school community includes members of the diplomatic corps, foreign and local businesses, and international assistance groups working in Nicaragua.

Located on a 26-acre campus in Managua, Nicaragua, ANS has undergone major facilities renovations over the last several years in primary and secondary, with the new high school building inaugurated in 2011. Facilities also include two soccer fields, a track, a regulation size swimming pool, and a multipurpose covered athletic area. Technology and media resources include a 28,531-volume lending library, the largest of its kind in Nicaragua, and high-speed wireless Internet access across campus. ANS is accredited by Cognia (For-

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Director General

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Primary Principal

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merly - AdvancED) the world leader in certification and accreditation of educational institutions that seek excellence, and by the Nicaraguan Ministry of Education (MINED).

ANS offers dynamic and innovative learning opportunities through a U.S. standards-based curriculum, designed to foster depth of understanding anchored in the school's six core values. ANS operates as a Primary School division (Pathways early learning for three- & four-year-olds to Grade 5) and a Secondary School division (Grades 6-12). ANS also offers inclusion services through personal-

ized learning plans for students with exceptional needs. While English is the language of instruction through all grade levels at ANS, students take Spanish class starting in Kindergarten. In secondary they are given the option of French or Chinese as an additional language. Secondary students can opt to complete the Nicaraguan national diploma program in addition to the U.S. diploma. Rigorous and engaging coursework includes a senior year Capstone Project and an offering of 19 Advanced Placement courses. Courses are designed and delivered in alignment to standards across school divisions. The American Education Reaches Out (AERO) framework includes English language arts and mathematics standards aligned to Common Core State Standards; social studies through the four dimensions of the C3 Framework (college, career, and civic life); scientific practices through the NGSS standards; National Core Arts standards for visual and performing arts courses. Standards-based assessment practices reflect a school-wide commitment to the growth mindset, encouraging transfer of learning as meaningful contributions to society.

## ANS Mission

The mission of the American Nicaraguan School is to provide an innovative and dynamic education so that our students realize their full leadership potential, achieve academic excellence, and make meaningful and ethical contributions to a global society.

## ANS Vision

We define learning as the agency to honor your curiosity and engage in the rigor of authentic and complex problems, working together to find solutions in an inclusive and collaborative community. We believe that when we have agency and rigor, our learning transcends time and space, taking us out into a future we create together.



## Academic Calendar

The 2025 - 2026 school calendar consists of two semesters with 180 total days of classroom instruction. The first semester begins in the middle of August and finishes in the middle of December; the second semester begins in the middle of January and concludes in the beginning of June.

### Unweighted /Weighted Grading System and Ranking\*

93-100	A	=4.00
90-92	A-	=3.75
87-89	B+	=3.25
83-86	B	=3.00
80-82	B-	=2.75
77-79	C+	=2.73
73-76	C	=2.00
70-72	C-	=1.75
67-69	D+	=1.25
63-66	D	=1.00
60-62	D-	=0.75
40-50	F	=0.00

AP Courses = GPA Factor + 1.00 with minimum grade 73 and 3, 4 or 5 in AP Exam.

\*ANS does not rank its students

## Advanced Placement Program

### AP Exam Results 2025

9-12th students are enrolled in AP classes	70%
Total number of exams:	383
Students received AP Scholar Awards	31
Students received AP Scholar with Honor	14
Students received AP Scholar with Distinction	21

### AP Course Offering

AP US History	AP Spanish Language & Culture
AP Comparative Government & Politics	AP World History Modern
AP English Language & Composition	AP Computer Science Principles
AP English Literature & Composition	AP Calculus AB
AP French Language & Culture	AP Drawing
AP Chinese Language & Culture	AP 3D Art & Design
AP Human Geography	AP 2D Art & Design
AP Macroeconomics	AP Statistics
AP Spanish Literature and Culture	AP Psychology
	AP Biology
	AP Physics

## Enrollment

Pathways - 12th Grade	933
Pathways (PK3 & PK4)	69
Primary School	419
Middle School	193
High School	252
Class of 2024	59

## Diversity

Asian	5.14%
European	1.61%
Latin American (exc. Nic)	3.54%
Nicaraguan	73.53%
USA & Canada	16.07%
Dual citizens (U.S./Nicaraguan)	27.68%

Over 90% of our student body voluntarily participate in community service groups.

## Certified Testing Center

ANS is a certified testing center for the ACT, AP, PSAT, and SAT Exams. ANS administers MAP Tests from 3rd through 9th Grade.

### U.S. Diploma Requirements (9th -12th Grade)

Spanish:	4 years
Mathematics:	4 years
English:	4 years
Social Studies:	4 years
	(including Economics and History)
Elective Courses:	4 years
Science:	4 years
	(Environmental Science, Biology, Chemistry and Physics)
Physical Education:	2 years
Visual & Performing Arts:	1 Semester

### Nicaraguan Bachillerato Diploma (7th-12th Grade)

In order to obtain the Nicaraguan Bachillerato Diploma, students must earn the following credits "In addition" to the U.S. Diploma requirements:

Geography of Nicaragua	4 Semesters
History of Nicaragua	3 Semesters
Community Values	7th - 12th
Sociology	1 Semester
Philosophy	1 Semester
Physical Education	3 years
Visual & Performing Arts	2.5 years
Class of 2025 obtained Dual Diploma	89%

(U.S. Diploma and Nicaraguan Bachillerato Diploma)



## Class of 2025 University Acceptances

### USA

Arizona State University  
Augustana College  
Bard College  
Barry University  
Baylor University  
Bennington College  
Boston University  
Bowdoin College  
Brandeis University  
Brown University  
Carroll University  
Catholic University of America  
College of William & Mary  
Colorado State University, Fort Collins  
Dean College  
DePaul University  
Drexel University  
Duquesne University  
Fairfield University  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Florida International University  
Florida Southern College  
Florida State University  
Fontbonne University  
Fordham University  
Franklin University  
George Washington University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Gettysburg College  
High Point University  
Holy Cross College  
Hult International Business School, Cambridge  
Iowa State University  
Johnson & Wales University-Providence  
Lindenwood University  
Louisiana State University  
Loyola University Chicago  
Loyola University Maryland  
Loyola University New Orleans  
Lynn University  
Marquette University  
Mercyhurst University

Mount Holyoke College  
Muhlenberg College  
New Jersey Institute of Technology  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern University  
Nova Southeastern University  
Ohio State University, Columbus  
Palm Beach Atlantic University  
Pennsylvania State University, University Park  
Pepperdine University  
Purdue University, West Lafayette  
Quinnipiac University  
Roanoke College  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Saint Joseph's University  
Saint Louis University  
Saint Louis University Madrid Campus  
Saint Mary's College of California  
South Carolina State University  
Southeastern University (Florida)  
Southern Methodist University  
St. Edward's University  
St. Mary's University, Texas  
St. Thomas University (Florida)  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
Texas A & M University-Commerce  
Texas A&M University  
Texas Christian University  
Texas Tech University  
Truman State University  
Tufts University  
Tulane University  
UC Santa Barbara  
UMass Dartmouth  
University of Alaska Fairbanks  
University of California, Irvine  
University of California: Los Angeles  
University of California: San Diego  
University of Chicago  
University of Colorado Boulder  
University of Delaware  
University of Denver  
University of Florida

University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
University of Massachusetts, Boston  
University of Michigan  
University of Mississippi  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
University of North Dakota  
University of Notre Dame  
University of San Francisco  
University of South Florida  
University of Southern California  
University of Texas at San Antonio  
University of Virginia  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Villanova University  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Xavier University

### Nicaragua

UAM

### Canada

Concordia university  
Dalhousie University  
Toronto Metropolitan University  
University of Calgary

### International

Abat Oliba CEU University  
CEU Cardenal Herrera  
CEU de Valencia  
CEU San Pablo  
Charles III University of Madrid  
Czech Technical University of Prague  
Escuela Superior de Diseño  
Florida State University Panama  
IE University (Madrid)  
Universidad Anáhuac Querétaro  
Universidad CEU San Pablo  
Universidad de Navarra  
Universidad Europea