



# SCHOOL PROFILE

## *The American International School of Bamako 2011-12*

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The American International School of Bamako (AISB) is an independent, coeducational, private day school which offers a full U.S. educational program from pre-kindergarten (age 3) through grade 12. The School was established in 1977 to serve the needs of American and international community students seeking an English-language education. The school year is divided into 2 semesters. AISB also operates a satellite campus in Sadiola, Mali for the AngloGold mining company.



### ORGANIZATION

A 9-member Board of Directors governs the School, with 7 members elected by the AISB Association. There is also an appointed representative of the U.S. Embassy and the school director serves on the Board as a non-voting member. Membership in the Association is automatically conferred on the parents or guardians of children enrolled in the School and to all professional staff.

### ACCREDITATION

AISB is fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. AISB is also an authorized SAT, ACT and PSAT testing site and offers approved Advanced Placement high school courses.

### ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for the 2011-2012 school year is projected at just over 200, including U.S. citizens and more than 30 other nationalities.



### CURRICULUM

AISB offers a full U.S. educational program from pre-kindergarten (age 3) through grade 12. The curriculum is similar to that of other American International Schools.

Classes use up-to-date American textbooks and teaching materials from the United States and around the world. In addition to the regular and Advanced Placement academic courses, French, ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), Technology, Music, Drama, Art, and Physical Education classes are offered. The School has a purpose-built library with 10,000 volumes for reference work and for supplemental reading. There is an 20-station Mac computer lab in the Elementary and a 16-station Mac Mini computer lab in the Secondary plus a 15 station mobile Mac Lab. The science lab also has a 5-station mini-hub of personal computers.

### FACULTY

The faculty includes a full-time school director, a secondary principal, a guidance counselor, and 25 full-time and 2 part-time teachers, including 19 U.S. citizens and 8 teachers of other various nationalities. All professional staff members have university degrees or teacher certificates and more than half the faculty hold Master's degrees.



## ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES PROGRAMS

An athletic program and a wide variety of extra-curricular and club/service activities are available for AISB students. The extra-curricular PK-12 activities, organized by the After-School Activities Coordinator, are offered in 4 sessions throughout the year. After-school activities include: a wide variety of sports including rock climbing, music, arts and crafts, and African drumming and dance. Athletics and academic activities like, Model United Nations, are geared for participation in WAISAL, the West African International Schools Activities League. There are three dynamic student government organizations representing the high school, middle school and elementary levels. Community service activities are a regular, planned part of the upper elementary and secondary programs.

## ADMISSION

Admission is based on previous school records, age, and a personal interview. Students may be required to provide both testing documentation or take basic entrance examinations during the admissions process. AISB does not provide special needs services –other than ESOL and possibly learning support– and is normally unable to accept special needs children. Admission is open to students of all nationalities and is based on the following: -full completion of application forms and fee paid - educational history -personal interview/entrance tests.

## TUITION

### 2011-2012 tuition rates:

Pre-Kindergarten 3 (3 years)	\$ 4,000.00
Pre-Kindergarten 4 (4 years)	\$ 4,500.00
Kindergarten – Grade 5	\$16,300.00
Grade 6 – Grade 9 (Middle School)	\$17,400.00
Grade 9 – Grade 12 (High School)	\$17,700.00

### Additional Costs:

One-time registration fee	\$ 350.00
One-time capital development fee	\$ 4,500.00
Returning student capital dev. fee	\$ 300.00
ESOL classes (or other needs)	\$ 1,800.00
Transportation services	\$ 1,800.00

*\*For the 2010-2011 school year, approximately 97% of the School's income is derived from regular day-school tuition and fees.*

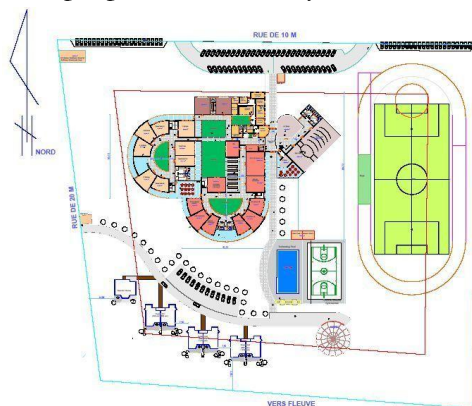
For more information or to register, please check our website at [www.aisbmali.org](http://www.aisbmali.org), contact the registrar by e-mail at [registrar@aisbmali.org](mailto:registrar@aisbmali.org), or by telephone at (223) 2022 47 38.

## CALENDAR

The school year of approximately 175 days is comprised of 2 semesters divided into 2 quarters each. School runs from late August until mid-June. Three long holidays occur during the year, one in October, one in December and one in April. The school day begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m., except for Fridays when school finishes at 1:30pm. Grades are issued at the end of each quarter.

## NEW PURPOSE-BUILT FACILITY

To meet the growing demand for an expanded purpose-built facility here in Bamako,



AISB has moved into its new facility this April 2011. Each of the three divisions, Early Learning, Elementary and Secondary are centered around green spaces. The separate outdoor play areas consist of landscaped grounds with playground equipment and athletic fields.



The new campus includes spacious classrooms for all primary grades including an Early Learning Center with separate classrooms for 3, 4

and 5 year olds. It contains a secondary campus with two science labs, student lounge areas, lockers, etc. The Shared Arts section comprises of two computer labs, library and performing and visual arts facilities. The new campus includes a kitchen for lunch service, a wirelessly connected campus on five hectares all overlooking the Niger River. Phase 2, not yet started, will include teacher housing, a swimming pool, and additional recreation facilities.