



ATHENS COLLEGE

Hellenic-American Educational Foundation

Kindergarten • Elementary • Junior High • High

ATHENS COLLEGE • PSYCHICO COLLEGE • KINDERGARTEN J. M. CARRAS

1925

MISSION

Founded in 1925, Athens College – the Hellenic-American Educational Foundation (HAEF) is a non-profit educational institution that incorporates the best standards and practices in Greek and American education. The College strives to shape responsible global citizens and future leaders, nurtured by the intellectual heritage and liberal educational values of Greece and the United States.

SCHOOLS

The Hellenic-American Educational Foundation (HAEF) is the umbrella institution for “J.M. Carras” Kindergarten and two highly competitive sister schools, Athens College and Psychico College. Each has an elementary school, a junior high school, and a high school. Students can enroll in the schools in Grade 1 directly from the Kindergarten or through a lottery system. Competitive entrance examinations for a limited number of places are offered for Grades 2-11.

Both Athens College and Psychico College are accredited by the Greek Ministry of Education and follow the Greek National Curriculum. The kindergarten, elementary, and junior high schools are accredited IB World Schools for the Primary Years Program (PYP) and Middle Years Program (MYP), respectively. Psychico College also offers the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IB DP) in Grades 11 and 12. Students in either school can apply to enter the IB DP upon completion of Grade 10.



"The education our school offers should not become a privilege of the wealthy."

-Stephanos Delta, Athens College Founder

A hallmark feature of the College since its founding has been its extensive scholarship program, which allows deserving students the opportunity to attend our institution irrespective of their families' financial situation. The number of need-based and merit scholarship recipients in 2023-2024 was **551**, with a total value of **€4,156,689**

ACADEMIC CALENDAR AND STUDENT RANKING

Grades 9-12 use a semester calendar, with term 1, term 2, and year-end grades reported. The IB system provides predicted grades for the fall of the senior year, whereas the Greek High School system does not. Our school **does not** rank students.

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Student Enrollment

Total Pre-K to 12	4424
Pre-K & K	276
Elementary Schools	1654
Junior High Schools	1218

Athens College High School

Total	557
Graduating	159

Psychico College High School

Total	719
Graduating	263
(121 IB DP, 142 HS)	

Faculty

Total # of Faculty 575

Student to Faculty Ratio 8:1

**70% of teachers hold
Master's or PhD degrees**

Academic Departments

English Language & Literature
Greek Language & Literature
German
French
History & Social Sciences
Information Technology
Mathematics
Art
Music
Natural Sciences
Physical Education

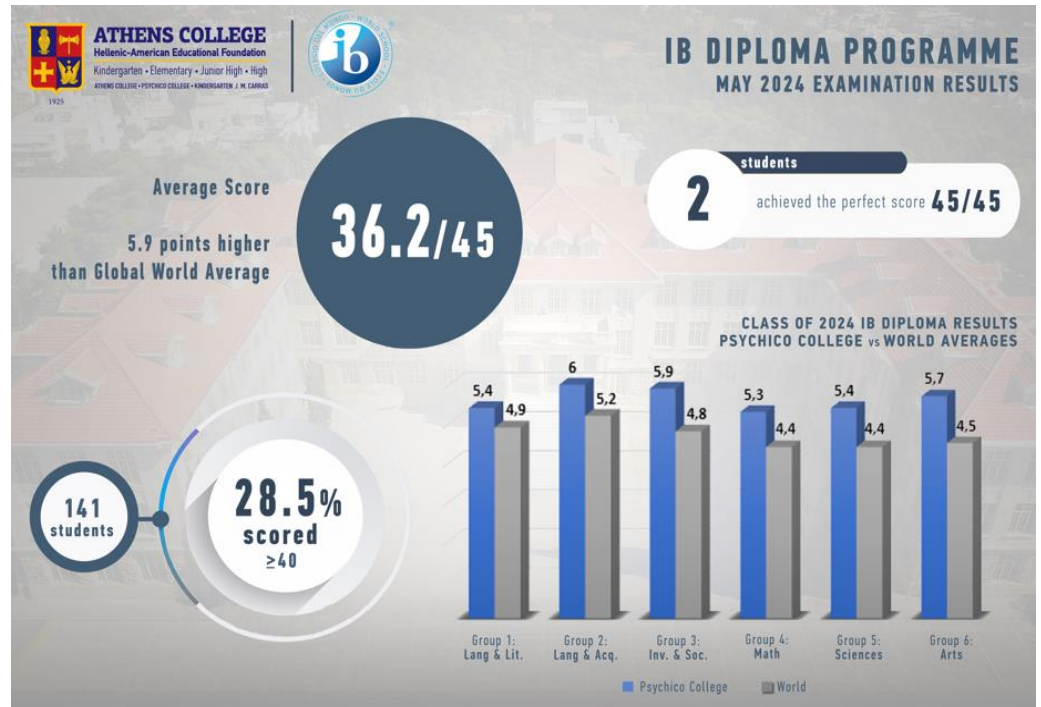
IB DP Course Offerings

Modern Greek A: Literature SL/HL
Modern Greek A: Language & Literature SL/HL
English A: Literature HL
English A: Language & Literature SL/HL
English B HL
French B SL
German B SL
Spanish B SL
Spanish Ab Initio SL
Business Management SL/HL
Economics SL/HL
History SL/HL
Philosophy SL/HL
Psychology SL/HL
Social & Cultural Anthropology SL/HL
Global Politics SL/HL
Biology SL/HL
Chemistry SL/HL
Computer Science SL/HL
Physics SL/HL
Environmental Systems & Societies SL/HL
Mathematics: Analysis & Approaches SL/HL
Mathematics: Applications & Interpretation SL/HL
Film SL/HL
Music SL/HL
Theatre SL/HL
Visual Arts SL/HL
Dance SL/HL

CURRICULUM

Students following the Greek National Curriculum are awarded the Greek High School Certificate ("Apolytirion" of the Genikon Lykeion) at the end of Grade 12. Students in this program take advanced courses in one of four areas of concentration: Humanities, Math and Science, Health Sciences, or Economics and Computer Science. In Grades 9-12 the minimum passing grade is 10/20. The final grade for each subject is the average of the two semester grades (50%) and the final exam (50%). The "Apolytirion" average is based on the grade point average of Grade 12 subjects.

The IB DP program offered by Psychico College is one of the most extensive and well-regarded in Europe with students consistently surpassing world grade averages. IB DP students take an additional component in Greek, comprised of three courses (History, Modern Greek Language & Literature, and Physical Education) and are awarded the full equivalent of the Greek "Apolytirion" along with the IB Diploma.



FACILITIES & LOCATION

The Kindergarten, Junior High and High Schools are located on a 37-acre campus in Psychico, about four miles from central Athens. Facilities include:

- 12 academic buildings housing 230 classrooms and labs
- Main Library: 100,000+ volumes in Greek and English; 144 computers; Research Skills and Information Literacy Lab
- Informatics Center (IC): 200-capacity auditorium, with Multimedia Labs, state-of-the-art 3D printing, milling machine, laser cutter equipment, music technology, and robotics infrastructure
- Athletics Facilities: Indoor Olympic-sized pool; track and field facilities; tennis courts; indoor & outdoor basketball courts
- 810-seat capacity theater hosting educational and cultural events

The academic and athletic facilities of the Elementary Schools are located on a 46-acre campus, ten miles northeast of Athens in Kantza.

ATHLETICS & CLUBS

In addition to the Physical Education program which is part of the Greek National Curriculum, the College teams participate in regional and national tournaments. The "A" Association (since 1937), is the inter-school athletic club of Athens College - Psychico College whose purpose is to encourage and advance fair play and good sportsmanship among students. Criteria for admission include: previous athletic distinctions, the candidate's strong academic performance, ethos, and espousal of the principals mentioned above.

A wide range of clubs and extracurricular activities are available to students, with Forensics, Model United Nations, UNESCO, CERN Club, and the Drama Club among the most selective. Students may also choose to write for the school's many Greek, English, French and German publications. The senior class publishes the School Yearbook ("Thisavros"). Students in Grades 10-12 participate in rhetorical and speech writing contests in Greek and English which are among the school's most prestigious events.

Athletics

- * 25% of students participate in competitive sports
- * 42 varsity teams
- * 40 state-of-the-art sporting facilities
- * 25 collaborations with international sports federations

COMMUNITY SERVICE & OUTREACH



The College places heavy emphasis on community service and outreach. Each year our students collaborate with over 100 local and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs), such as the Make-a-Wish Foundation, the Greek Red Cross, the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), and refugee-support organizations. An annual three-day school fair ("Panigyri") is the culminating event of the various school activities with presentations by clubs, fundraising events, musical and theatrical performances attended by the school and the Athenian community.



MATRICULATING STUDENTS AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

High school students wishing to pursue tertiary education in Greek universities have to sit highly competitive national examinations ("Pan-Hellenic Exams") in four subjects depending on their chosen field of study. Of the students who completed the Greek National Curriculum, 98.6% were admitted to Greek public tertiary institutions. National Curriculum graduates also applied and were admitted to universities abroad, primarily in the UK, US, Canada, and Europe, or private institutions in Greece. Of the students who completed the IB Diploma Program, 97% were admitted to higher education institutions in the UK, US, Canada, and various European countries.

NORTH AMERICAN COLLEGE ENROLLMENTS (CLASSES OF 2023 & 2024)

Over the past two years, graduates have enrolled in the following universities and colleges in the United States and Canada

Bard College	1
Barnard College	1
Bentley University	2
Boston College	3
Boston University	1
Brown University	6
Carnegie Mellon University	1
Columbia University	5
Columbia University/Sciences Po	1
Concordia University - Canada	1
Cornell University	2
Davidson College	1
Duke University	1
Emory University	1
Florida Institute of Technology	1
Florida International University	2
Fordham University	8
Georgetown University	4
Georgia Institute of Technology	3
Harvard University	1
Illinois Institute of Technology	1
Johns Hopkins University	1
Lynn University	1
McGill University - Canada	2
Middlebury College	1
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	1
New York University	4
New York University - Adu Dhabi	2
Northeastern University	6
Northwestern University	2
Pennsylvania State University	1

Pratt Institute	4
Princeton University	3
Purdue University	6
Quinnipiac University	1
Rochester Institute of Technology	1
School of the Art Institute of Chicago	1
Stanford University	1
Stevens Institute of Technology	1
The George Washington University	1
The University of Arizona	1
Trinity College	2
Tufts University	5
Tulane University	2
University of Toronto	2
University of California - Berkeley	3
University of California - Davis	1
University of Massachusetts - Boston	1
University of Massachusetts - Amherst	2
Union College	1
University of Calgary - Canada	1
University of Chicago	3
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	2
University of Miami	1
University of Pennsylvania	3
University of Rochester	2
University of Southern California	2
University of Virginia	1
University of Wisconsin - Madison	1
Vanderbilt University	1
Washington and Lee University	1
Yale University	2