The American Nicaraguan School (ANS) is a private, non-profit, coeducational institution founded in 1944, with grades from Nursery (Kindergarten age 3) through Grade 12, and composed of students of almost 30 different nationalities. ANS provides 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 business, Nicaraguan government, and international assistance groups working in Nicaragua.

**Facilities**
Located on a 26-acre campus in Managua, Nicaragua, ANS is preparing its students for today’s world, as well as the one they will encounter in the future. A new High School building was constructed using many features that will enable technology integration and reinforce the necessary skills for the 21st century. The school offers: internet-ready classrooms and wireless access, a library/media center, a technology center, video conferencing facilities, science laboratories, a fine arts, drama, and music department, and extensive athletic facilities, including a multi-purpose covered athletic area with a capacity for 3000 people. 22 Middle School classrooms have been equipped with air conditioning as part of the school’s commitment to improve its facilities over a 15-year period.

**Grades**

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**Academic Calendar**
The calendar consists of two semesters with 194 total days of classroom instruction. The first semester commences mid August and finishes in mid December; the second semester commences in the middle of January and concludes in the middle of June.

**Grading System and Ranking**
The school uses both letter (A, B, C, D, F) and percentage grades. The minimum passing grade is a D (60%). Grade weighting is applied to Honors and AP classes. The Elementary School also uses a Standards-based grading system in grades K3 to 3rd.

* The American Nicaraguan School does not rank its students.

**English Language Institute**
ANS houses a 16-level English Language Institute (ELI) specializing in English as a Foreign Language. Classes are offered on Saturday and weekday afternoons and evenings. Approximately 4000 students attend courses on both the Managua and Leon campuses.

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**ANS Mission**
The ANS mission is to provide its multicultural student community with a US-accredited college preparatory program, based on democratic and universal values, that develops critical and ethical individuals capable of realizing their leadership potential by making meaningful contributions to society.

**ANS Quick Facts**
Pre K - 12th Grade Enrollment: 968  
Early Learning Enrollment: 160  
Elementary Enrollment: 320  
Middle School Enrollment: 199  
High School Enrollment: 289  
Class of 2014: 74

27% U.S. Citizens, 56% Nicaraguan, 6% Asia Pacific, 5% Latin American, 3% European and 3% other nationalities

Over 90% of our student body voluntarily participates in community service groups.
Curriculum
The curriculum is comparable to that offered by college-preparatory schools in the United States and also includes the Nicaraguan Bachillerato program. English is the language of instruction at all academic levels. Spanish is the required subject of study throughout the system, and English-Spanish bilingualism is a major curricular objective. Most graduates successfully enter colleges and universities in the United States. Student Services maintains a College Guidance Center that contains the range of resources necessary to assist students with career decision making and postsecondary planning. Advanced-Placement (AP) classes are available to students. These classes are first-year college courses that students can take for college credit. We have recently inaugurated our Global Studies Academy in the High School program. In addition, a global studies curriculum is planned for implementation throughout the school, PK-12. High School students who complete the requirements of the Academy are eligible to receive a Certificate of Global Studies upon graduation from ANS.

Early Learning Center
The ELC provides your child with the right combination of play and structured instruction centered on a research based early education approach. We impact our students’ lives educationally, emotionally and socially by providing a strong foundation for their educational career.

Elementary
The Elementary student body, comprised of over 300 children, comes from all ends of the globe. We work together with parents, teachers, and children to form a partnership and provide the students with the best possible educational experience. Every day we strive to fulfill our school mission by helping our children become leaders with innovative and ethical minds, making meaningful contributions to society. We accomplish this by exposing them to a variety of fun and meaningful activities throughout their school career at ANS.

The social, emotional, and academic development of our students is important to us. Students receive weekly lessons in Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, Math, Spanish and weekly specials that include Music, Art, Technology and PE. We treat all areas equally and we help students reach their goals through the many and varied school and community activities: a full elementary counseling program, the Student Council (STUCO) that provides leadership for our student body by organizing service activities on our campus, Fall Festival, Muffins with Moms, Winter Performance, Book Fair, Donuts with Dads, Kermesse, and much more. More than 200 children participate in the wide variety of after-school activities that we offer.

Middle School Course Offerings
English: English 6 - 8; Honors English 8; Journalism 8.
Mathematics: Math 6; Pre-Algebra 6; Math Blaster 1; Pre-Algebra 7; Math Blaster 2; Algebra 8; Beyond Math; Honors Algebra 8.

Science: Earth & Space Science 6; Life Science 7; Physical Science 8.
Social Sciences: Ancient History 6; The History and Geography of Nicaragua 7; U.S. History 8.
Foreign Languages: Spanish 6-8; Spanish Language Learner (SLL); Spanish Seminar; French 8; Chinese 8.
Physical Education: PE 6-8.
Other Courses: Art 6-8; Music 6-7; Band 8; Discover Music 8; Guitar 8; Drama 6-8; Technology 6-8; Study Skills 6-7.

High School Course Offerings
English: World Literature; Honors World Literature; American Literature; AP English Language; British Literature; AP English Literature.
Mathematics: Algebra I (8th Gr); Geometry; Honors Geometry; Algebra II; Honors Algebra II; Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry; Statistics; Calculus; Honors Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry and AP Calculus AB & AP Calculus BC.
Science: Biology; Environmental Science; Chemistry; Honors Chemistry; Physics; AP Physics.
Social Sciences: Ancient World History; Modern World History; U.S. History; AP US History; Nicaraguan History; Nicaraguan Geography; Nicaraguan Civics; Economics; AP Economics; Global Studies; Sociology; Philosophy; Religions; AP Human Geography; AP European History; AP Comparative Government/Politics.
World Languages: Spanish Literature 9-12 (for native speakers); Honors Spanish Literature 9-11; AP Spanish Literature; Spanish Language Learners (SLL) 1-4; AP Spanish Language; French 1-3; AP French Language; Chinese 1-4; AP Chinese.
Technology: Digital Yearbook; Microsoft Office; Google Apps; Cloud Media; Introduction to Programming; Graphic Design
Physical Education: PE 9-10
Other Courses: Art 1 & 2; AP Studio Art; Drama; World Film Studies; Entertainment Perspectives; Play Production; Discover Music; Band; Guitar; AP Music Theory; College Advisory; Academic Workshops.
US Diploma Requirements
Modern Language: 4 years
English: 4 years
Science: 3 years (including Biology, Chemistry, and Physics)
Mathematics: 4 years
History: 4 years (including U.S. History and Economics)
Physical Education 2 years
Fine Arts: 1 Semester
Elective Courses: 4 years

Nicaraguan Bachillerato
Spanish: 5 years
English: 5 years
Science: 5 years
History: 5 years
Physical Education: 4 years
Fine Arts: 1 semester
History of Nicaragua: 1 semester
Geography of Nicaragua: 1 semester
Civics: 1 semester
Philosophy: 1 semester
Sociology: 1 semester

Alumni Association
The American Nicaraguan School has an alumni community of more than 2,700
former students. Through our on-line database, we strive to create and maintain a
channel of communication for alumni on our school website. ANS offers support to class
reunion committees, sponsors alumni social events, and welcomes all former students to
return to visit the school campus.

Standardized Tests:
Twice a year, Elementary, Middle School
and 9th graders take the MAP test,
Measurement of Academic Progress. 10th
and 11th grade take the PSAT in October.
Most Juniors take the SAT and All seniors
take the SAT. ANS is a certified testing
center for the SAT, ACT, GRE, LSAT and AP
exams.

University Acceptances:
Over 90% of each graduating class pursues
post secondary education, at school around
the globe, primarily at four year U.S.
institutions. As the list is extensive, not all
are mentioned.

USA
American University
Babson College
Boston College
Brandeis University
Brown University
U. of California - Berkeley
U. of California - Los Angeles
Carnegie Mellon U.
University of Chicago
Columbia University
Cornell University
Duke University
Elon University
Emory University
University of Florida
Georgetown University
Harvard College
John Hopkins University
Loyola University - New Orleans
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
University of Miami
University of Michigan
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
U. of Notre Dame
U. of Pennsylvania
Princeton University
Purdue University
Rice University
Stanford University
U. of Texas - Austin
Tulane University
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Villanova University
Wake Forest University
Yale University

ASIA
Korean Adv. Inst. of Sci. & Tech
National Chengchi University
National Taiwan University

CANADA
U. of British Columbia
Emily Carr Inst. of Art & Design
HEC - Montreal
St. Thomas University
University of Toronto
University of Victoria
York University

EUROPE
American U. of Paris
American U. of Rome
Europea de Madrid
Jacobs U. Bremen
Stockholm University
Universita Bocconi - Milano
Université Paris IV - Paris - Sorbonne
University of East London
University of Warwick

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