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When grown
up I am
going to be
a doctor

and I am
going to be...
Um...mm...
like her!

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American Community Schools of Athens (ACS)



ACS Athens is an international school, embracing American educational philosophy, principles and values.

ACS Athens provides a student-centered environment where individuals excel academically and develop intellectually, socially and ethically to thrive as healthy, responsible members of global society.

ACS Athens' vision has been developed through the years, since its establishment in 1945, but was recently redefined and recapitulated as part of its re-accreditation process. The holistic educational experience is built on the strengths, desires and dreams of individual students.

For a new student who comes through the gates of ACS Athens, whether he or she is coming from a local Greek school or from an international environment, it is not hard to realise that these are more than gates of a school campus; they are gates to a different mentality, a different philosophy, a different education, a different culture; they are the gates to the future. A student's expectations will be met not by only being in a better school; mostly by being a part of this school community, by participating in its processes and by playing an active role in designing and implementing innovative academic programmes.

Since 2005, ACS Athens has embarked on a journey towards innovation with the sole purpose of offering revolutionary educational programmes and services to its main constituents, its students.

By year 2010, ACS Athens will be offering its students exclusive online courses, designed and implemented in collaboration with top US universities, a cutting edge approach to distant learning. ACS Athens' visionary Institute of Critical & Creative Thinking was created to offer college level courses to qualified high school students in a challenging academic environment integrating theory and practice.



Faculty and staff development continues to be at the top of the school's priorities with more opportunities for Academic Leadership programmes offered to faculty and administrators.

Curriculum differentiation and enrichment for high performing students is a part of the school's educational experience. Various academic courses are challenging students to prove they are capable to absorb advanced material and perform under higher standards, providing motivation for educational excellence, setting the groundwork for academic scholarships in higher education institutions.

All these are innovative approaches, designed to outline the leadership standard every student has to meet upon graduating ACS Athens. Working towards this goal, the office of Academic & Student Services, through counseling and college advising, utilises inventive methods of getting students accepted into top universities, by migrating student profiles and portfolios to a full digital format. By inviting and soliciting visits by more American and European universities, students are exposed to more choices and academic options than before, preparing themselves more wisely and effectively. By organising a University Fair on campus next school year, ACS will establish itself as the gateway to higher education in Greece.

As international education becomes more and more attractive in Greece, ACS Athens remains committed in providing all necessary leadership qualities to its students. Providing meaningful, student-centred, knowledge-driven, internationally focused and civic oriented education, ACS Athens is bound to prepare tomorrow's leaders with *Ethos*, responsibility towards humanity and eagerness to share wisdom with the community.

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