



Gateway to ACS Athens

English Our Way

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ENROLLMENT
DEADLINE:

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*Mondays and Thursdays, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
March 5 - May 21, 2012*

Develop your skills and confidence in using the English language as you explore school life and culture at ACS Athens.

This program is designed for students who are non-native speakers of English and who seek entrance to the ACS Athens Middle School and Academy. Two instructors, who are experienced members of the ACS Athens faculty, will work with students in two groups (Middle School and High School), which will often come together for large group activities. Classes will be structured so that students are active participants who will be called upon to use the English language as they engage in a wide variety of individual and group activities. Students will develop their English speaking, writing, reading, thinking and listening skills as they learn about life at ACS Athens and explore issues related to the theme of what it means to be a responsible global citizen in a changing world. Students' performance will be assessed throughout the course in a number of different ways. Recommendations for admission to ACS Athens will be made on the basis of successful performance on a final assessment at the end of the course.

TUITION: 500 euros

The Institute for Innovation and Creativity is an initiative of the American Community Schools of Athens.



Learning Outcomes

Students will develop their mastery of the following skills and attitudes:

Language Skills

Oral/Aural Skills

- Learn to listen by showing respect
- Learn to communicate in appropriate ways
- Learn to communicate about different topics
- Learn to form an opinion and defend it orally
- Learn appropriate thematic vocabulary
- Learn appropriate subject-specific vocabulary
- Learning correct pronunciation

Approaches to Learning

Attitudes

- Being a good listener
- Being civil
- Being respectful of peers, adults, school property, the environment
- Learn turn-taking skills
- Learn cooperative learning skills
- Learn to work in groups
- Learn to appreciate the community
- Learn organizational skills
- Learn to meet academic obligations
- Learn to be life-long learners

Writing

- Learn to compose coherent units of meaning with a beginning, middle and end
- The sentence
- The paragraph
- Learn to form an opinion and defend it in writing
- Learn to engage in process writing individually and as a group
- Learn to produce a response
- Learn to produce a reflection
- Learn to complete different forms of journals and to write about their own thinking and learning

Reading

- Learn sound-letter correspondence
- Learn some basic reading techniques as:
 - Finding the main idea of a text
 - Making inferences
 - Reading for meaning
 - Analyzing texts
 - Thinking critically about a text

