

# HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

**School and Community:** Founded in 1945, CAC is a non-profit, independent, co-educational day school enrolling students in Pre-K through 12th Grade. Located in Ma'adi, a residential suburb of Cairo, Egypt, the school is an educational and cultural center for the large expatriate community. The high school serves 277 students representing 38 nationalities.

**Faculty:** The high school employs 36 faculty members, with 25 holding masters and 4 holding doctoral degrees. The student/faculty ratio is 8:1.

**Curriculum and Calendar:** The college-preparatory curriculum includes 31 IB courses and 1 AP course. Enrollment in the IB Diploma program is available to all students; however, students may not take more than four HL exams. The school calendar consists of two semesters beginning in mid-August and mid-January with a total of 176 instructional days. Classes meet every other day for 85 minutes.

**Graduation Requirements:** Students must complete a minimum of 25 credits to graduate. Specific requirements are: English 4.0; Social Studies 3.0; Mathematics 3.0; Science 3.0; World Languages 2.0; Visual, Performing, & Practical Arts 2.0; Physical Education 1.5; Health .5.

**Co-Curricular Activities:** CAC offers an extensive co-curricular program with over 50 activities. CAC hosts a Model United Nations (MUN) conference and participates annually in The Hague International MUN. Varsity athletic teams compete in the International Schools Athletic Association (ISAA) with competitions held in the Middle East and Europe.

**Week Without Walls:** All high school students participate in a week-long experiential learning program that allows them to participate in service, cultural, and adventure opportunities in Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, and throughout Egypt.

**Policy on Class Rank:** Due to the transient nature of our international community, CAC does not rank students.

**Limit on College Applications:** Seniors are limited to 10 applications. When universities receive an application from a CAC student, they can be certain this is a serious applicant.

## Testing Restrictions on International Students & US Citizens Abroad:

In recent years, and particularly this year, CAC students have had less access to SAT/SAT Subject and ACT tests because of fewer test dates abroad, fewer sites offering the test, score cancellations, technology difficulties, and higher fees. We ask that all higher education institutions take this into account when evaluating our students' applications.

## COVID-19

Please read the addendum on Page 3 to learn how COVID-19 has impacted CAC.

## Class of 2020 – GPA distributions

Quintile	GPA	# of students
1	3.82 – 4.36	12
2	3.59 – 3.82	13
3	3.25 – 3.59	13
4	2.83 – 3.25	13
5	1.83 – 2.83	12

Grade Scale and Weighting: Grades are reported on an "A" to "F" system based on percentages earned. IB Higher Level and AP courses receive an additional weighting of 0.3.

Grade	Percent	Non-weighted	Weighted
A+	97-100	4.3	4.6
A	93-96	4.0	4.3
A-	90-92	3.7	4.0
B+	87-89	3.3	3.6
B	83-86	3.0	3.3
B-	80-82	2.7	3.0
C+	77-79	2.3	2.6
C	73-76	2.0	2.3
C-	70-72	1.7	2.0
D+	67-69	1.3	1.6
D	63-66	1.0	1.3
D-	60-62	0.7	1.0
F	0-59	0.0	0.0

## International Baccalaureate Results

	2017	2018	2019	2020
% of IB Diploma candidates	53%	60%	58%	57%
Pass rate	95%	93%	96%	92%
CAC average score	32	32	32	35
World average score	30	30	30	31

## ACT & SAT Scores Class of 2018

(includes native and non-native English speakers)

	Mid-50 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	CAC Mean
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	550 – 670	615
Mathematics	540-700	631
ACT English	25 - 30	27
ACT Math	24 - 30	27
ACT Reading	19 - 32	26
ACT Science	24 - 29	26



**Head of School:**  
Dr. Jared Harris

**Principal:** Mr. Jerry Duggan  
**Assistant Principal:** Ms. Rachel McCall  
**IB/AP Coordinator:** Mr. Niall Williams

**IB Code:** 0708 CEEB Code: 648-300

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## SCHOOL MISSION

Cairo American College (CAC) inspires all students to learn, explore, and have fun. We build character and motivate our students to positively contribute to their communities.

# UNIVERSITY MATRICULATIONS

## United States

American University (7)  
Art Center College of Design  
Barnard College  
Baruch College  
Baylor University  
Bentley University (3)  
Berklee College of Music  
Biola University  
Boston University (6)  
Bowling Green State University  
Brigham Young University (3)  
BYU, Idaho  
Carleton College  
Champlain College  
Christopher Newport University  
Coastal Carolina University  
Colby-Sawyer College  
Columbia University  
Concordia University Wisconsin  
DePaul University (4)  
East Los Angeles College  
Emerson College  
Fordham University  
Harvard University (2)  
Houston Baptist University  
Hult International Business School (2)  
Illinois Institute of Technology  
Ithaca College  
James Madison University  
Kansas State University  
Knox College  
Lawrence University  
Lewis & Clark College  
Loyola Marymount University  
Loyola University Chicago  
Lynn University (2)  
Marion Military Institute  
Marist College  
Maryland Institute College of Art  
Michigan State University  
New York University (4)  
Northeastern University (6)  
Northern Virginia CC (2)  
Norwich University  
Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences  
Occidental College  
Pennsylvania State University (6)  
Pennsylvania State University - Altoona  
Pepperdine University  
Pratt Institute  
Princeton University  
Purdue University (3)  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Sacred Heart University  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
School of Visual Arts  
Snow College  
St. Edward's University  
St. Lawrence University  
Stanford University  
Suffolk University (2)  
SUNY Albany  
Syracuse University  
Taylor University (2)  
Temple University  
Texas A&M University  
The George Washington University (6)  
The New School (2)

The University of Tampa  
University of Texas, Austin  
University of Texas, San Antonio  
University of Texas, Tyler  
Trinity University  
Tufts University (2)  
UC, Berkeley (5)  
UC, Los Angeles (2)  
UC, Davis  
UC, San Diego (4)  
University of Chicago (2)  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
University of Idaho (3)  
University of Illinois at Chicago  
University of La Verne  
University of Louisiana  
University of Maryland, Baltimore County  
University of Maryland, College Park (2)  
University of Montana  
University of New Mexico  
University of Oklahoma  
University of Oregon  
University of Pennsylvania (3)  
University of Southern California  
University of Tulsa  
University of Wisconsin - Madison  
Virginia Tech (4)  
Wake Forest University  
Washington University  
Western Washington University

## United Kingdom

Brunel University London  
City University, London  
Central Saint Martins College of Art & Design  
City University of London (3)  
Durham University  
Glasgow Caledonian University  
Istituto Marangoni London (3)  
King's College London (4)  
Lancaster University  
Liverpool University  
Newcastle University  
Queen Mary University of London (3)  
Regent's University London  
School of Oriental and African Studies (3)  
The University of Manchester  
The University of Sheffield  
The University of Warwick  
University College Cork  
University College London (6)  
University of Birmingham  
University of Bradford  
University of Bristol  
University of East Anglia  
University of Edinburgh  
University of Glasgow (2)  
University of Greenwich  
University of Kent  
University of Leeds (2)  
University of Manchester Institute of Science & Technology  
University of Plymouth  
University of the Arts London (5)  
University of West London  
University of Westminster  
University of York

## Canada

Capilano University  
Carleton University (2)  
Concordia University (6)  
McGill University (8)  
McMaster University (3)  
Monash University  
Ontario College of Art & Design (OCAD) (2)  
Queen's University  
Ryerson University (3)  
Sherbrooke University  
Trinity Western University  
University of British Columbia (8)  
University of Calgary  
University of Toronto (14)  
University of Toronto, Mississauga Campus  
University of Toronto, Scarborough  
University of Waterloo (4)  
Western University

## Netherlands

Delft University of Technology  
Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam (3)  
Leiden University  
LUC, the Hague  
Universiteit Maastricht  
Universiteit Twente  
Universiteit van Amsterdam (3)  
University College Maastricht  
University College Utrecht  
Wageningen Universiteit  
Willem de Kooning Academy

## Europe

American College of Greece  
CEU San Pablo  
IE University (2)  
Istituto Europeo di Design (2)  
Istituto Marangoni, Milano  
Jacobs University  
John Cabot University  
Les Roches International School of Hotel Management  
Paris College of Art  
Queen's University Belfast  
Technical University of Denmark  
Universita Bocconi (3)  
Universita Campus Bio-Medico de Roma  
Vrije Universiteit Brussel

## Other

American University in Cairo (6)  
Australian Catholic University  
Bahcesehir University  
Hankuk University of Foreign Studies  
National Institute of Technology Delhi  
NYU Abu Dhabi (2)  
Sophia University  
The University of Auckland (2)  
Universidad Del Salvador  
University of Hong Kong (2)  
Waseda University

# CAIRO AMERICAN COLLEGE AND THE CONTEXT OF COVID-19

## **SPRING SEMESTER 2020**

CAC moved to e-learning on March 12th and continued online learning through the remainder of the Spring Semester. At this same time, the Government of Egypt closed international airports and did not fully reopen them until July 1st. As a result, the majority of the CAC community stayed in Egypt during these months. However, around 10% were able to depart Egypt on flights arranged by various embassies. E-learning continued through all of this and no days of school were missed. However, the transition to e-learning did have challenges as the internet infrastructure within Egypt has limitations and outages.

## **FALL SEMESTER 2020**

At the time of publication CAC has returned to school in a blended learning format. Students attend classes on alternate days so that classrooms are never above 50% capacity. Currently all school-based activities and athletics are postponed or cancelled. As the situation changes in Cairo, CAC can return to e-learning, if needed, or move forward into later reopening phases.

## **GRADING**

Both the e-learning and blended learning formats allow teachers to assess learning and mastering of course content. As a result the grading has not changed. Grades were neither inflated nor deflated during COVID-19.

## **STANDARDIZED EXAMS**

Egypt has had a long history of test postponements, cancellations, and score cancellations. The current class of 2021 has only had one opportunity in Grade 11 and 12 to take the SAT exam. All further SAT exams in Egypt have already been cancelled by the College Board for the 2020-2021 school year.

Over the past three years, the ACT moved to computer-based testing at international test centers. There were significant problems with implementing this new format in Egypt and there are currently only 4 test centers with very limited capacity. As a result very few CAC students have had an opportunity to take the ACT exam in recent years.

At the time of publication less than 25% of the Class of 2021 has either an SAT or ACT exam score. This contrasts with previous years where more than 90% of the class has taken at least one of these exams.