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American School Debuts Full-Unit Writing 2 Course



American School is pleased to release a full-unit Writing 2 course. The course builds on the writing skills developed in Writing 1 and fosters a student's ability to write grammatically correct, unified, coherent and well-researched essays and research papers. In the process students analyze various types of sources for their central ideas and claims, reliability and basic literary elements. Proper citation, documentation, paraphrasing and summarizing in avoidance of plagiarism are stressed. Please note that students in this course are automatically enrolled to complete the unit exams in an online format. Students may opt out of online exams and complete the exams in a paper-based format by contacting the Student Service Department. Additionally, students must earn a passing grade on Exam 4 before Exam 5 will be accepted and must earn a passing grade on Exam 9 before Exam 10 will be accepted. Thank you for your cooperation, and we hope you will enjoy having Writing 2 as part of your accredited high school program.

Four Revised Courses Now Available to Students

In addition to releasing a new Writing 2 course, our Curriculum Department has been busy revising and updating many other courses. Since the last *All American* newsletter, four updated courses have been released.

First is General Science. This paper-based course is a popular choice for students who wish to take a science elective or who need to make up a credit to graduate on time with their classes.

We also have a revised paper-based Physical Science course. Students will study matter and energy and learn a bit about chemistry and physics along the way.

Next is an updated version of Speech: How to Talk More Effectively. This paper-based course is a required subject in our General High School Diploma Program and may be taken as an elective by students in our College Preparatory Program. Public speaking is a skill everyone can use, and this course is a great way to improve your communication skills.

Finally, we are pleased to release a new version of our paper-based Food Study course. If you're curious about food and nutrition, consider adding this course to your high school diploma program or take it individually for enrichment or to recover credit.

Keep connected to our blog and social media sites to be the first to know when a new course is released!

Parchment Policies and Procedures Update



Since American School started using Parchment, we have sent 220 transcripts, including 72 in the last month alone. We are pleased to offer this service but wish to inform you of some pricing changes involving Parchment. There are now six different price points which are based on whether a person is a current student or alumnus, asking for an eTrans or paper transcript, or adding on Express Mail for paper transcripts. Please refer to the Parchment web site for the pricing information that best suits your situation. You should also refer to the Parchment web site and its customer support section if you are having difficulty with any Parchment service. Our staff is trained to assist you with registering your account and ordering transcripts, but Parchment's staff can provide detailed help for a wider variety of issues. Thank you for your cooperation and for allowing us to serve you.

Eve Tselepatiotis Presents at USDLA Conference

American School recently attended the USDLA National Conference in St. Louis, and **Eve Tselepatiotis** of our Curriculum Department gave a presentation titled Mobile Learning: Successful Strategies for Expanding and Enhancing Learning Opportunities. The official description of the presentation was as follows: "Mobile learning has changed 21st Century education. Educational institutions and educators must meet challenges with strategies to enhance and expand learning opportunities for students. How can mobile learning improve success within your school? Learn to navigate this new educational landscape with successful strategies to evaluate and choose effective mobile options". The presentation was well-attended and well-received, and we are happy to be associated with the great organizations such as the USDLA.



American School Continues Busy Convention Schedule



American School is in the midst of its busiest convention schedule yet. In April we attended the MPE Conference in Kansas City for the first time and made return visits to the OCHEC Conference in Oklahoma City and the ISCA Conference near Chicago. In May we attended the THSC Conference near Dallas, the FWAHS Expo in Fort Wayne, and the FPEA Convention in Kissimmee, Florida. In June we visited the California Homeschool Convention near Los Angeles and the WHO Convention in Puyallup, Washington. We will conclude our summer by attending conventions in Louisiana, Arizona, Texas and Georgia in July. Keep checking our blog and social media pages to see where we are headed next!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dorothy Allen, Katherine Gennie and Maria Meintanis (left, top to bottom) recently joined the Double Decade Club as employees who have 20 years of continuous service. **Phil Bonadurer and Kimball Wright** (right, top to bottom) are already members of that group. Both of them celebrated their 30th anniversaries this spring. Turn the page for more employee anniversary pictures.



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In addition to the five employees pictured on the previous page, we are also pleased to honor **Lisa Lustro** (top left) for 15 years, **Crystal Burrell** (top right) for 10 years and **Lisa Butts** (bottom middle) for 5 years of employment. Add it all up, and these employees have 150 years of service to our students. We are grateful for their work and wish them many more years of success.



All of us at American School wish you an outstanding summer. As a reminder, we are open year-round and are ready to serve you every weekday this summer with the exception of July 4 and Labor Day, which is September 5. While some people take it easy in the summer, we're continuing to work hard for our students. Soon we'll officially launch our middle school program. More information about it may be found at www.americanschool.org/middleschool and you can contact us at the email address below for more information. We're also holding our annual scholarship meeting in June and will have profiles of this year's winners in the July-August *All American* newsletter. We'll resume our normal newsletter schedule in the fall. In the meantime, check our blog and social media pages for the latest updates!

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