American School Debuts Online Diploma Programs

American School is pleased to announce the launch of two online diploma programs which will add to its 118-year tradition of offering students the accredited high school courses they need at a cost they can afford.

“We’re excited to offer online diploma programs to students who prefer to learn that way,” American School President Gary R. Masterton said. “This is a watershed moment in American School’s long and glorious history.”

American School’s **General High School Program** is designed for students who plan to earn their high school diplomas and then enroll in a two-year college or enter the workforce in the field of their choice. Students in the online General High School Program will complete a total of 18 units of credit—12 required and 6 electives—and upon completion of all graduation requirements receive the regionally accredited American School diploma. The 12 required units of credit include:

- English 1
- English 2
- English 3
- English 4
- Economics (1/2 unit course)
- Government (1/2 unit course)
- United States History
- Health
- Integrated Math 1
- Integrated Math 2
- Pre-Algebra
- Environmental Science
- Life Management Skills (1/2 unit course)
- Thinking and Learning Strategies (1/2 unit course)

Popular electives for students in the General High School Program include business, career and technical education courses, among others.
American School’s **College Preparatory Program** is designed for students who plan to earn their high school diplomas and then enroll in a four-year college or professional school. Students in the online College Preparatory Program will complete 18 units of credit—13 required and 5 electives—and upon completion of all graduation requirements receive the regionally accredited American School diploma. The 13 required units of credit include:

- English 1
- English 2
- English 3
- English 4
- Economics (1/2 unit course)
- Government (1/2 unit course)
- United States History
- Health
- Algebra 1
- Algebra 2
- Geometry
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Life Management Skills (1/2 unit course)
- Thinking and Learning Strategies (1/2 unit course)

Popular electives for students in the College Preparatory Program include fine arts and world language courses, including ten world language courses offered through a partnership with Rosetta Stone, among others.

While American School is excited to offer online diploma programs, it has no plans to discontinue its popular paper-based courses and diploma programs which have helped more than three million students around the world graduate from high school.

“We know that many students will be excited to earn their American School diplomas online, but at the same time, we know that many students prefer to learn through more traditional means such as reading a book and mailing us their exams,” Masterton said. “We’re happy to be of service to both groups. In that sense, we’re a one-stop shop for anyone who is interested in earning an accredited high school diploma.”

To enroll in an online diploma program, visit [www.americanschool.org/enroll](http://www.americanschool.org/enroll) or call 866-260-7221.

American School is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools/Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools (MSA-CESS), Ai (Accreditation International) and NCPSA (the National Council for Private School Accreditation) and is recognized by the State of Illinois as a non-public high school.
American School Adds Eleven Online Courses

Just a week after announcing our online diploma program, American School introduced eleven online courses that students may take as part of their online high school diploma programs or on an individual basis to make up credits or supplement an existing homeschool program.

The new online courses are:

- Integrated Math 1
- Integrated Math 2
- Creative Writing 1
- Introductory Astronomy
- Gothic Literature
- Mythology and Folklore
- Philosophy
- Hospitality and Tourism
- International Business
- History of the Holocaust
- Theater, Cinema and Film Production

Visit [www.americanschool.org/courses](http://www.americanschool.org/courses) for descriptions of all of our courses, including the 11 listed above.

American School Adds Online Exams in Eleven Paper-Based Courses

American School recently released online exams for eleven paper-based courses, including:

- Carpentry
- Chemistry
- Introduction to Computers
- English 2 Composition and Grammar
- General Science
- Office Procedures
- Physics
- Writing 2 (Units 1-4)
- Physiology & Health (2014 Edition)
- United States History (2014 Edition)

We are happy to offer our students these hybrid courses which combine the rich experience of learning through a textbook and study guide with the convenience of doing exams online.

Enrollment Page Adds Applications

American School’s How to Enroll page, available at [www.americanschool.org/enroll](http://www.americanschool.org/enroll), is the place to go if you’re interested in becoming our student. The enrollment page hosts online and printable PDF applications for our new online diploma programs, our traditional paper-based diploma programs and our Independent Study Program which serves students at resident schools who need to take individual courses for credit recovery purposes. Besides those three options, there is a special application for those who do not attend a local public or private high school but who wish to take individual courses, such as our new online world language courses powered by Rosetta Stone, for enrichment purposes. That application is available on the How to Enroll page as well.

We encourage you to discard any old applications you may have and visit the How to Enroll page for the most recent enrollment applications. We look forward to having you as our student!
Rachel Weathersby Has Designs on a Bright Future

The All American likes to feature students or graduates talking about American School in their own words. In this issue, 1997 graduate Rachel Weathersby shares her experiences and fills us in on what she’s doing now.

I was compelled to search your organization online and was delighted by the excellence you’re still seeking the famous alumni you have. I’m so so proud to have attended this school, which saved me from a dreadful school system. I had so many problems in one of the most segregated school systems in America! American School allowed me to get accepted into Parsons School of Design and FIT. I didn’t graduate, but I chose my own path by design, starting my own company, Mme. Weathersby, which is on zappos.com, Burlington Coat Factory, and also in many other retailers. We are now in Los Angeles and are engaged in the Hollywood industry, where we have A-list actresses and countesses who wear Mme. Weathersby. I thank American School for giving me freedom to choose my own path without the archaic rules and regulations of an outdated school system.

We are happy to be of service to Rachel and students like her and are proud of her success after she earned her American School diploma. For more information about her business, visit www.mmeweathersby.com.

Shulamit Ran Dashes Toward Finish Line of Distinguished Career

In June, American School graduate Shulamit Ran, the Andrew MacLeish Distinguished Service Professor of Music at the University of Chicago, will retire after 40 years of service, including 12 years as artistic director of Contempo. To celebrate her accomplishments, the University held a series of special events in mid-April, including a public screening of a documentary film on the history of Contempo and a performance featuring some of Ran’s notable works, including Mirage, Glitter, Doom, Shards, Memory and Shirim L’Yom Tov (Four Festive Songs).

We are proud to have Shulamit among our graduates and are especially pleased that she chose to share her love of music and knowledge with four decades of students.

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