

# Glossary Of AAS Acronyms

Descriptions from each organization's website

<b>A/OPR/OS</b>	<p><b>US State Department Office of Overseas Schools</b> <a href="http://www.state.gov/m/a/os">http://www.state.gov/m/a/os</a></p> <p>The mission of the Office of Overseas Schools is to promote quality educational opportunities at the elementary and secondary level for dependents of American citizens carrying out our programs and interests of the U.S. Government abroad.</p> <p>Our efforts are to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries by upgrading educational institutions which serve to demonstrate American educational principles and methods employed in the United States.</p> <p>AAS is a member of this organization.</p>
<b>AAIE</b>	<p><b>Association for the Advancement of International Education</b> <a href="http://www.aaie.org">http://www.aaie.org</a></p> <p>AAIE is a dynamic global community that provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and research concerning development in the field of international education, and school leadership and advance international education through participation with educational institutions and associations worldwide.</p> <p>AAS is a member of this organization.</p>
<b>AISH</b>	<p><b>Academy for International School Heads</b> <a href="http://www.academyish.org">http://www.academyish.org</a></p> <p>The Academy for International School Heads is a non-profit, member-based professional organization, dedicated to support professional development and advocacy, founded in 1999 by 15 organizations and individuals.</p> <p>AAS is a member of this organization.</p>
<b>ASCD</b>	<p><b>Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development</b> <a href="http://www.ascd.org">http://www.ascd.org</a></p> <p>ASCD is the global leader in developing and delivering innovative programs, products, and services that empower educators to support the success of each learner. Comprising 140,000 members—superintendents, principals, teachers, professors, and advocates from more than 138 countries—the ASCD community also includes 56 affiliate organizations. The nonprofit's diverse, nonpartisan membership is its greatest strength, projecting a powerful, unified voice to decision makers around the world.</p> <p>The association provides expert and innovative solutions in professional development, capacity building, and educational leadership essential to the way educators learn, teach, and lead.</p> <p>AAS is a member of this organization.</p>
<b>CAS</b>	<p>Creativity, Action, and Service extracurricular activity (IB diploma requirement)</p>
<b>CEESA</b>	<p><b>Central and Eastern European Schools Association</b> <a href="http://www.ceesa.org">http://www.ceesa.org</a></p> <p>The Central &amp; Eastern European Schools Association (CEESA) was founded as a result of the growth of American and International Schools in Central and Eastern Europe. In many cases, the schools were geographically isolated from each other and from the main stream of American and International Education. CEESA was formed to broaden the horizons of schools and to promote professional growth.</p>

	<p><b>Central and Eastern European Schools Association (CEESA) continued</b></p> <p>Each year, CEESA sponsors teachers' and administrators' conferences and institutes to foster professionalism, scholarship, understanding as well as student activities.</p> <p>The Association sponsors student activities, focusing on a variety of academic and non-academic areas, and a full schedule of sports events.</p> <p>CEESA also sponsors special interest institutes, distributes reports, materials and information and hosts over 25 list-serves for our members.</p> <p>AAS is a member of this organization.</p>
<b>CIS</b>	<p><b>Council of International schools</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.cois.org">http://www.cois.org</a></p> <p>The Council of International Schools is a membership community committed to high quality international education. It focuses its activities, among others, on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accreditation</li> <li>• Educator recruitment</li> <li>• International Student Awards</li> <li>• University guidance</li> </ul> <p>AAS is a member of this organization.</p>
<b>ECIS</b>	<p><b>European Council of International Schools</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.ecis.org">http://www.ecis.org</a></p> <p>ECIS is the leading collaborative global network promoting and supporting the ideals and best practices of international education. It is the source for International Education.</p> <p>ECIS leads in addressing significant current and future educational and global issues in support of its world-wide membership of schools and affiliates through developing collaboration and professional growth, promoting innovation and modelling.</p> <p>AAS is a member of this organization.</p>
<b>GPA</b>	Grade Point Average
<b>IBO</b>  DP MYP PYP	<p><b>International Baccalaureate Organisation</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.ibo.org">http://www.ibo.org</a></p> <p>The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.</p> <p>To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment. These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DP: Diploma Programme. AAS offers this programme in HS.</li> <li>• MYP: Middle Years Programme. AAS does not offer this programme in MS.</li> <li>• PYP: Primary Years Programme. AAS offers this programme in ES.</li> </ul> <p>AAS is a member of this organization.</p>

<p><b>ISS</b></p>	<p><b>International Schools Services</b>  <a href="http://www.iss.edu">http://www.iss.edu</a></p> <p>For over 55 years, ISS has been dedicated to supplying international schools with everything they need to provide their students with a world-class education. Headquartered in Princeton, New Jersey, USA, ISS offers only the best in staff recruitment, job placement, school supplies and other services that help position your school for success.</p> <p>AAS is a member of this organization.</p>
<p><b>MAP</b></p>	<p><b>Measures of Academic Progress</b>  <a href="http://www.nwea.org/products-services/assessments/map%C2%AE">http://www.nwea.org/products-services/assessments/map%C2%AE</a></p> <p>Understanding each student's academic level gives teachers the power to help them excel. MAP® computerized adaptive assessments are the tools that make it possible – providing educators with the detailed information they need to build curriculum and meet their students' needs, one child at a time.</p>
<p><b>NAIS</b></p>	<p><b>National Association of Independent Schools</b>  <a href="http://www.nais.org">http://www.nais.org</a></p> <p>The primary purpose of the Association is to serve and strengthen independent schools of the United States and affiliated schools around the world by helping them maintain high quality and standards, preserve their independence to serve effectively the free society from which that independence derives, and provide access to students through the principles of diversity, choice, and opportunity</p> <p>AAS is a member of this organization.</p>
<p><b>NEAS&amp;C</b></p>	<p><b>New England Association and Schools and Colleges</b>  <a href="http://www.neasc.org">http://www.neasc.org</a></p> <p>The New England Association of Schools and Colleges serves the public and educational community by developing and applying standards, assessing the educational effectiveness of pre-school, elementary, middle, secondary, and postsecondary educational institutions. Processes of self-evaluation and peer review utilizing the Association's goals assure and improve the quality of institutions, which seek and hold NEASC accreditation. It also endeavors to inform public discourse about educational improvement. The association and its Commissions provide leadership within the education community in developing standards and applying peer review.</p> <p>AAS is a member of this organization.</p>
<p><b>NWEA</b></p>	<p><b>North West Evaluation Association</b>  <a href="http://www.nwea.org">http://www.nwea.org</a></p> <p>NWEA is a not-for-profit dedicated to helping kids live their dreams. Data is our tool -- gathered through our assessments, validated by research and brought to life by our 4,000 partners -- with our professional development as support.</p> <p>AAS is a member of this organization.</p>

<p><b>OSAC</b></p>	<p><b>Overseas Schools Advisory Council</b>  <a href="http://www.state.gov/m/a/os/c6971.htm">http://www.state.gov/m/a/os/c6971.htm</a></p> <p>Since 1967, leading American business firms have helped bring educational excellence to American children attending schools overseas through the Overseas Schools Advisory Council (OSAC). The Department of State established OSAC to seek the advice of American leaders from the business, foundation, and educational communities in pursuing the goal of assuring quality education for American children attending Department-assisted schools overseas, which are known as American overseas schools. OSAC is one of the longest standing advisory committees in the Federal Government and is subject to review and renewal every two years under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.</p> <p>AAS is a member of this organization.</p>
<p><b>PSS</b></p>	<p><b>Pupil Support Services</b></p> <p>AAS team comprised of the Services Coordinator (PSSC), psychologist, resource and related services specialists, ESOL teachers.</p>
<p><b>SA</b></p>	<p><b>Search/Search Associates</b>  <a href="http://www.searchassociates.com">http://www.searchassociates.com</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help highly qualified and carefully screened candidates obtain positions in some of the best international schools worldwide</li> <li>• Assist international schools in finding the best available teaching and administrative talent</li> <li>• Guide international schools with senior administrative searches.</li> <li>• Advise schools in a variety of areas including governance, crisis intervention, school planning and design, strategic planning, financial planning and post-secondary counseling for students</li> </ul> <p>AAS is a member of this organization.</p>
<p><b>TOK</b></p>	<p>Theory of Knowledge (IB diploma requirement)</p>