

American School Foundation of Monterrey

Monterrey, Mexico



Since 1928, Monterrey's oldest American-style school pairs a U.S. diploma track with the Mexican bachillerato near Huasteca Canyon.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	69/100
Academic outcomes	71/100
University placement	69/100
Prestige & heritage	70/100
Alumni network	69/100
Facilities	72/100
Transparency	63/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

A ****212,000m²**** campus with ****945 trees**** gives the American School Foundation of Monterrey physical scale that few city schools can match, and that scale matters here. ASFM is not a boutique international school trading on a polished image; it is a **big, settled institution** with ****2,399 students****, long roots in Monterrey and enough breadth to offer a genuine school experience rather than a narrow academic conveyor belt. Founded in 1928, it is the city’s oldest American-style school, and the dual academic proposition is clear: an American programme alongside the Mexican bachillerato, with IB in the mix and instruction in English and Spanish. For families who want a school that keeps doors open across Mexico and abroad, that combination puts ASFM firmly on the shortlist.

The practical attraction is breadth. High School offers ****43 electives****, the libraries hold 35,919 books in elementary and 17,483 items in middle and high school, and the sports provision is extensive enough to support both elementary and secondary teams. The school also publishes a striking community-service culture, with ***more than 21,000 hours*** recorded, and says over ****93%**** of students take part in CCE sports fields. This is a ***large-scale, full-service*** school with the infrastructure to keep able, busy students occupied well beyond the core timetable. Its accreditations — Middle States, IB World School, AASSA and SEP — add useful external validation and place it securely in the established international tier rather than the newcomer market.

Parents do, however, need to want the realities that come with size. A school of this scale brings opportunity, but also less intimacy; families hunting for a ***small, hand-held environment*** need to look elsewhere. ASFM suits students who thrive when there is room to choose, compete and participate: academically ambitious children who want an American-style education, bilingual families who value English and Spanish, and teenagers who benefit from a broad extracurricular menu rather than a narrowly exam-driven culture. The average annual day fee across the full age range is ****MXN 366,872****, which places it in the expensive bracket for Monterrey. That buys history, breadth and institutional heft. It does not buy obscurity: this is a ***serious local heavyweight***, and it works best for families who want exactly that.

STRENGTHS

- Dual exit routes: American curriculum and IB Diploma.
- English-Spanish instruction suits bilingual or returning families.
- Founded 1928; established Monterrey international-school presence.
- 2,399 students and 17 nationalities offer broad peer mix.

TRADE - OFFS

- Large enrolment, 2,399 students, may feel less personal.
- Day school only; no boarding for relocations.
- Campus sits in Monterrey, not a quieter satellite town.

ADMISSIONS

ASFM is a non-religious day school in San Pedro/Monterrey for ages 3-18, so the main entry points are inferably early years, elementary, middle school and high school. It offers an American programme with two senior exits: AP and the IB Diploma. Publicly available material confirms scale — 2,399 students on a large campus — but does not set out year-by-year admissions intake. As with many K-12 schools of this type, places are likely to depend on space in the relevant grade rather than a single annual intake.

The school does not publish, in the material provided here, a detailed admissions calendar, testing format, interview process or financial-aid/bursary scheme, so parents should not assume standardised deadlines or a published scholarship route. Nor does it spell out any distinctive selective hurdle beyond the fact that it is a private, nonprofit international school offering instruction in English and Spanish. In practical terms, families will need to check directly with ASFM for current application windows, required assessments and whether any fee assistance is available.

WTS RATING 

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