



Campus

The campus was built on a 14,500-square-meter hilltop area at the Çekmeköy campus on the Anatolian side of Istanbul.

With its architecture, the school was awarded the “Concept–Visionary Architecture” prize at the Iconic Awards 2013, one of Germany’s prestigious award programs. With easily accessible outdoor break areas, inner courtyards, spacious terrace gardens within the buildings, skylights, and most importantly an architectural design that allows natural daylight at every point, it provides a bright, spacious, and energetic environment for working and learning.

Designed with all student needs in mind, the campus includes classrooms, each digitally equipped and featuring interactive smart boards and projection systems.

Students benefit from six modern science laboratories—two each for physics, chemistry, and biology—and are able to learn their courses through hands-on practice.

In addition to these classrooms, the campus offers a fine arts center consisting of a ceramics studio, a multi-purpose classroom, two large music rooms, and two study rooms for student use. In the 360 m² SAC X-Zone, designed as an innovation, entrepreneurship, and co-working space, various activities are organized to instill an entrepreneurial mindset, innovation, and a spirit of collaboration in students.

The 590-seat conference hall and the 63-seat theater hall on our campus enable our students to express themselves confidently in front of audiences and to develop public speaking skills.

The library, with a capacity of 28,000 books, continues to grow richer through the recommendations of students and teachers.

Within our total capacity of 840 students, our students receive education in classrooms of 24 students each.



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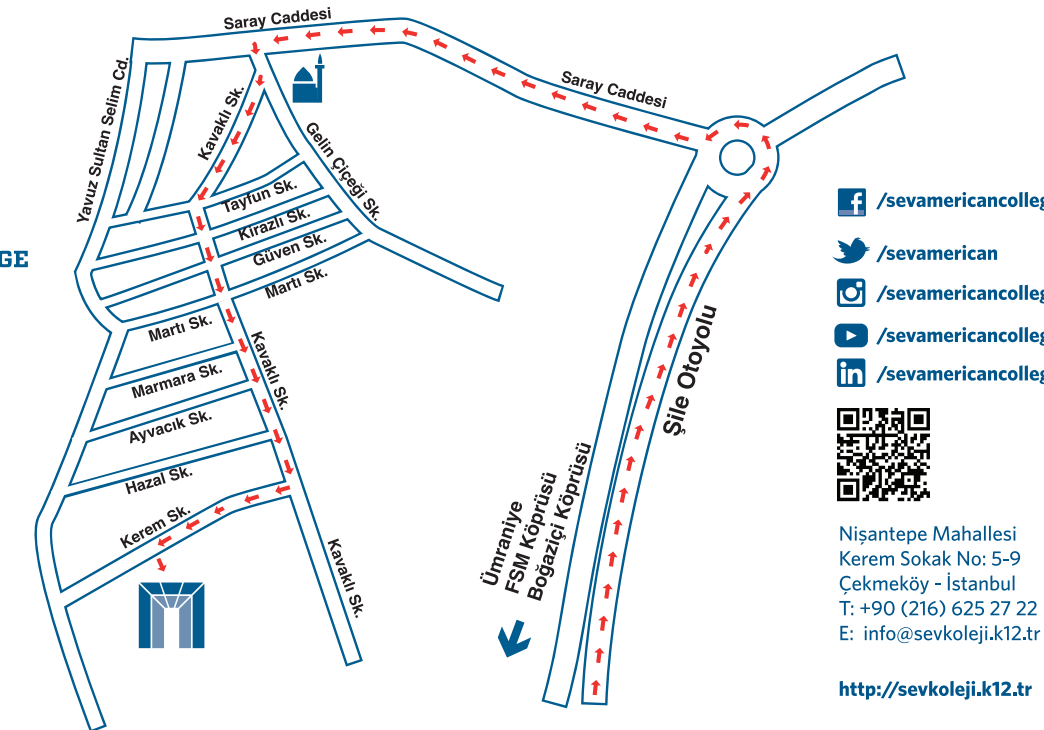
About SEV

The Health and Education Foundation was established in 1968 by graduates of Üsküdar American Academy, İzmir American Collegiate Institute, Tarsus American College, and Talas American Middle School. Grounded in the principle of serving a developing Türkiye, the foundation works to develop and sustain long-established educational institutions that, by embracing international education standards in an evolving and changing world, educate individuals who stand out through their academic excellence and social awareness.

The Health and Education Foundation aims to carry its strong heritage from the past into the future across all of its institutions in the fields it serves. It brings together Üsküdar American Academy, İzmir American Collegiate Institute, Tarsus American College, and the Private Üsküdar SEV Primary School, İzmir Private SEV Primary School, and Tarsus Private SEV Primary School, which were established in 1997, under one umbrella. In addition to its educational institutions, SEV Publishing—known to most as Redhouse Publishing and distinguished by its 150-year lexicography tradition as well as publications across many different fields—is another institution of the Health and Education Foundation.

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Michael Wilkinson
Head of School

Message from the Head of School

As SEV American College (SAC), we are delighted to welcome you all as we celebrate our eleventh year. In a short period of time, we have grown rapidly. As of September 2025, we have reached a student population of over 600 with more than 100 teachers. With the support, heritage, and culture we receive from the Health and Education Foundation to which we are affiliated, as well as from our sister schools, we continue on our path.

Our school has a world-class sports complex, an outstanding IT infrastructure, and a dedicated staff and faculty committed to their work and to education. Global thinking, social awareness, and respect for others and the environment are among our core values. At the heart of our mission is providing our students with the highest quality education by emphasizing the development of the English language and delivering many components of our curriculum in English. We aim to continue placing our students in prestigious universities both in Türkiye and abroad.

As SAC continues to move forward, we will keep working to strengthen and enhance learning opportunities in the classroom while enriching extracurricular activities. We are firmly committed to aligning our IB Program with the accreditation standards set by the Council of International Schools (CIS) and to further strengthening the already solid Ministry of National Education curriculum. With our modern campus, innovative educational approach, achievements in technology, and distinctive cultural, athletic, and artistic activities, we hope to take the reputation our school has earned even further.

As the Head of School of SAC, I feel pride, honor, and excitement in following in the footsteps of the respected and distinguished leaders who have guided our school and in having the opportunity to lead SAC on its next journey. I look forward to coming together with you on this journey.

Our Mission

The mission of SEV American College is to enable our students to recognize their individual competencies and to develop the self-confidence they need for what they require. In this direction, supporting our students in achieving social success is among our primary goals. Contributing to the development of our students' sense of environmental responsibility and self-confidence is also among our core missions.

We aim to educate our students as individuals who are as proficient in English as their native language, well educated, who adopt lifelong learning as a principle, communicate effectively, and aspire to lead a high-quality life in every respect. With this understanding, growing the SEV American College family with individuals who have gained the skills, attitudes, and responsibility required to serve their country and humanity, and moving forward "with the strength of the past, into the future, all together," form the foundation of our educational philosophy and our perspective on life.

Rooted In The Past, Moving Forward Together!

The Health and Education Foundation (SEV) established SEV American College by blending the knowledge and expertise gained from its schools with nearly a century and a half of history with a pioneering and innovative perspective in line with the needs of the 21st century.

The accumulated knowledge and experience of three high schools with approximately 150 years of history form the cornerstones of the new high school.

In an educational environment where students are encouraged to have a voice, make choices, and take decisions in matters concerning themselves and their futures, teachers and students together share the responsibility of carrying SEV American College even further.



Teaching Staff

Our academic staff is formed through a rigorous process of research and interviews conducted in Türkiye and the United States, under the leadership of SEV American College Head of School Michael Wilkinson, School Principal Akın Metli, and a team of experienced educators.

Seventy-two percent of our English Department faculty consists of native English-speaking teachers.

Nineteen percent of our teaching staff are foreign nationals. The teaching and administrative staff of SEV American College closely follow global developments in the effective use of technology in education, aiming to share these with our students and to strengthen academic processes through technological applications carried out together with them.

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)

The IB DP (International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme), a pre-university education and teaching program, is recognized as a symbol of international academic excellence. SEV American College offers the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme option. Our school completed the required applications and, following a preparation period of as little as one year, received official authorization in May 2016, becoming an IB World School.

Through this programme, our students are provided with a deep and comprehensive education, geographic and cultural mobility is supported, and students gain an international perspective. Thanks to the International Baccalaureate (IB) system, our students are eligible to apply to many prestigious universities both abroad and in Türkiye and can be one step ahead in the process of benefiting from scholarship opportunities at top universities.

Education at SEV American College

Students follow a bilingual academic curriculum in Turkish and English, studying with Turkish and international teachers in an educational environment shaped by the concept of "dual language–dual culture."

At SEV American College, a five-year high school program is implemented, including one preparatory year. During the preparatory year, an intensive and strong language program is applied. At this level, in addition to English as the primary language, Mathematics and Science courses are also taught in English.

Second foreign language education begins in the preparatory year as well, with options of French, German, or Spanish.

Beyond being a year in which students improve their English, the preparatory class also serves as a pedagogical and psychological preparation period for the following four years. In this year, students begin to develop the analytical and critical thinking skills they will further strengthen in later grades.

After the preparatory year -L9, L10, L11, and L12- Mathematics and Science courses are taught in English, while Social Sciences and Turkish Language and Literature courses are taught in Turkish. In this way, students learn to use both languages fluently, with accurate grammar and a rich vocabulary.



In addition to core subject courses, our educational environment is enriched through extracurricular activities. At our school, a wide range of elective courses—from arts and music to drama and sports—enhance our students' personal development. With facilities such as a 3D printer and a greenbox studio, our students are able to carry out technological projects and integrate these studies into their coursework.

In addition to club activities, our students engage in projects within the scope of social responsibility and take on responsibilities in social issues. Each club's annual plan includes a social responsibility project, ensuring that every student takes part in at least one such project. Beyond this, large-scale, school-wide projects are also carried out, with participation based on the voluntary involvement of students and teachers.

Some of the school events held include: SAC Fest, Halloween Costume Contest, CERN Trip, SOLEA Spanish Day, Would You Play With Me?, Francophonie Week, Academic Integrity Week, Authors at School, Soma Community Service Project, SAC Dance Day, Frühlingsfest, Eureka Day, Sunk Stories, and more.

Some of the clubs at our school include: Photography, Young Entrepreneurship, Latin Dances and Tango, Model United Nations (MUN), Drama, Makers, Public Speaking, Oil Painting, Musical, TEDxSEV American College, Robotics, and others.

SAC participates in the conferences held at our sister school, Üsküdar American Academy, which is the first school in Türkiye to organize a Model United Nations (MUN) conference and to be approved by TIMUN (Turkey International Model United Nations). SAC also hosts to its own SACMUN conference.

At SAC, students have a voice. The Student Council, composed of class representatives, organizes scientific, artistic, and social activities, participates in Parent–Teacher Association meetings, and guides the democratic progress of the school through periodic student surveys.

Akın Metli, PhD
Principal

Message from the School Principal

The Health and Education Foundation, which brings together American Colleges that have existed in Türkiye since the 1800s, also forms the roots of SEV American College (SAC). As the newest member of this family, our school opened its doors to students in September 2014.

Our mission is to provide our students with education of the highest standards in a safe, dynamic, motivating, and multilingual environment—one in which they learn to think internationally, develop respect for themselves, others, and the environment, and are inspired to acquire 21st-century skills.

In line with our mission and goals, the languages of instruction at our school are English and Turkish. Mathematics and Science courses are taught in English. As a second foreign language, we also offer German, French, and Spanish options.

Our school also offers AP Replacements and the IBDP (International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme) option to our students. SAC has a modern campus, a world-class sports complex, a highly successful information technologies infrastructure, and a highly motivated and talented faculty and staff. We invite you to pursue your dreams and goals at our school, which offers all these opportunities.

The SAC X-Zone project development area on our campus enables students to engage in many activities such as Robotics and Maker programs. With their innovative and entrepreneurial mindset, our students have achieved numerous national and international successes.

In line with our school's mission and goals, we aim to educate our students as future leaders who are values-driven, self-confident, capable of effectively speaking multiple languages alongside their native language, possess strong communication skills, and represent a bright future.