



LEGISLATION OF FOREIGN SCHOOLS IN SPAIN AND THE HOMOLOGATION PROCESS

Aquinas American School is an international educational center authorized by the Community of Madrid with the center code 28074505. Studies at AAS are fully recognized under Spanish academic legislation, and the school is authorized to provide education under the United States system for both Spanish and foreign students, complemented with the subject of Spanish Language and Culture from the Spanish educational system.

Royal Decree 806/1993, regarding the teaching regulations of foreign schools in Spain, regulates studies conducted at authorized centers located in Spain that follow a foreign educational system, Spanish language and culture instruction, and, where applicable, instruction in the languages of autonomous communities.

Students who complete Grade 10 at Aquinas American School can have their studies officially recognized (“homologated”) as equivalent to the Spanish Compulsory Secondary Education (ESO) diploma and obtain the corresponding credential. The school offers the possibility of carrying out these administrative procedures on behalf of the family, free of charge.

According to current regulations, students who have not completed any courses at Aquinas American School corresponding to ESO (Grades 7, 8, 9, and 10) must provide the following documents:

- Grades for the course(s) not completed at Aquinas American School.
 - If taken abroad, they must be legalized or carry the Hague Apostille along with a sworn translation.
 - If taken in Spain:
 - Spanish school
 - Grade certificate
 - Foreign school
 - Grade certificate with approval from educational inspection (for Spanish language and culture)

Students graduating from Aquinas American School must homologate their High School Diploma to the Spanish Bachillerato and obtain the corresponding credential to access university in Spain.

The Ministry of Education requires us to submit grades from Grade 7 to Grade 12.

Students entering Grade 11 (1st year of Bachillerato) must have their ESO homologation completed if they want Aquinas American School to process the Bachillerato homologation at the end of Grade 12 (2nd year of Bachillerato).



Students entering Grade 12 (2nd year of Bachillerato) must bring the homologation of Grade 11 (1st year of Bachillerato) if they want AAS to process the Bachillerato homologation. The school offers the possibility of carrying out these administrative procedures on behalf of the family, free of charge.

Documents required if some courses were not taken at Aquinas American School:

Students entering:

- Grade 12 – Homologation of 1st year of Bachillerato
- Grade 11 – Homologation or ESO diploma
- Grade 10 – Grades from Grades 7, 8, and 9
- Grade 9 – Grades from Grades 7 and 8
- Grade 8 – Grades from Grade 7

Grades from Grades 8, 9, and 10 must be legalized or carry the Hague Apostille according to the country of origin and translated by a sworn translator. If taken in Spain, a grade certificate is required. (All documents must be originals.)

A valid copy of the student's ID or passport is also required (if the student is Spanish, a D.N.I.).

For more information, you can consult the Ministry of Education website:
<https://www.educacionfpydeportes.gob.es/servicios-al-ciudadano/catalogo/general/05/051270/ficha/051270.html>