

American Schools¹

A friend of yours attended an American high school for a year. In the first lesson of the new term he has brought some photographs with him.

1. Watch the slide show and state your first impressions.
2. Choose one task from each activity.

Speaking

- Read the information in photo 3 carefully and prepare a convincing speech for your fellow students to make them interested in your extracurricular activity.
- The sign in photo 2 is an official one. The school board has launched a competition for a new sign about the same topic in which you want to take part.

Design your own sign and defend it in front of the jury.

- Reflect on your thoughts on how to be successful and justify your ten steps to success.

Mediation

- Some German pupils have just arrived at an American high school and are having problems understanding the following school rules. Choose either photo 1 or 5 and present the main facts in German.

Reading

- Study the rules in photo 4 carefully and compare them to the ones your school has got. Decide on an appropriate form in order to present your findings.
- Look at photo 7. What does it tell you about successful studying? Reflect on your own learning and make a list of useful tips for convincing presentations.

Writing

- Comment on the statements that are shown in photo 10 or 11. (You are expected to write 250 words.)
- Photo 9 shows the final steps before graduation.

Finally Graduation Day has come. You have been selected to deliver the farewell speech. Reflect on your time at school. (You are expected to write 250 words.)

GOOD LUCK!

¹ for students of grades 9 – 12