American Nicaraguan School
Elementary Frequent ly Asked Questions

How can I get in touch with the Elementary School?
Please call 278-0029 ext 16 or 278-5013, or email elementary@ans.edu.ni

Does the school have a website?
Yes. http://www.ans.edu.ni

Is there a school newsletter?
Yes, the school produces a bullet in which is distributed every Wednesday at dismissal time. The bullet in is also available on the school's website.

What are the School's vacation / holiday dates?
Please refer to the calendar posted on our website
http://www.ans.edu.ni/Calendar/2008-2009_Calendar_ENG.htm

Does the School provide lunch?
Students may bring their lunch or bring money to purchase food items on sale at school. Food items include ANS has a Chicken, Pizza, Sandwiches, Ice Cream, Pastries.

Does the school offer transportation?
Transportation is provided through a private service regulated by the school. Parents/Guardian can make arrangements for this service directly with the transportation company at # 260-1579 or 863-9686.
Cost: Round Trip $40.00 monthly
One trip $20.00 monthly
More than one student Discount $5.00

Are students required to use uniforms?
Yes. Uniforms can be purchased at the Students Store in ANS or at the following addresses: Casa del Uniforme: Fte. Colegio Teresiano Carretera a Masaya Km 4 - Tel. 278- 7349 and Tricotextil: Metrocentro. Modulo 03 - Tel. 271-9320

Does the school offer a safe environment?
We have guards at the entrances to the school campus. During the regular daily schedule there is only one entrance to the school offices and classrooms.

Is religious instruction a par t of the school's regular curriculum?
No, ANS is not a religious school. However for those interested in participating, weekly after school catechism classes organized by mothers are usually available.

What documents are required for admission?
Please refer to the admissions sect ion of our web site:
http: / /www.ans.edu.ni/ Admissions/ Admissions.html

Is the school diploma recognized *in the U.S.?*
Yes. *ANS is* the only school in Nicaragua accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and School (SACS). *The School is also* authorized by the Nicaraguan Ministry of Education and recognized by the Department of Overseas Schools, US State Department.
How many students per class? And how many sect ions are per grade?
Early childhood classes, Nursery *through Grade 2, generally average 1 8 - 20 students, Grade 3 to 1 2 classes average 20 - 23 students. These are general guidelines, not strict class limits.*
What are the School Hours?
Nursery (K3) 8: 00 am – 12: 00 noon
Pre-Kinder (K4) 7: 05 am – 12: 00 noon
Kinder (K5) *to 5th Gr.* 7: 05 am – 1: 55 pm
Gr .6th – 12th 7: 05 am – 2: 05 pm
What is the make-up of the student body in terms of nationalities? *The 2007 - 2008 student population consisted of 29 nationalities as follow s:*
US 40%
Host 38%
Others 22%
Does the school have extracurricular activities? *I s there a separate charge for these activities?*
The school offers soccer, volleyball, basketball, swimming and chess as extracurricular activities. *School* teams are divided by age and gender.
These extracurricular activities have no cost, except for Swimming with a cost of U$25.00 per semester. Please visit the P.E. Office for more information and for enrollment purposes.
How are parents informed w hen an extracurricular game or athletic activity is cancelled?
The P.E. Office will contact you, or *your child* will be allowed to *call you.*
What time is after - school tutoring? Elementary teachers are available for tutoring on Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 2: 05 to 2: 45 pm. After – school tutoring is a school program based on strengthening the students learning. It is not a time for student homework to be supervised.

Who can tutor my child?
Parents wishing to hire a private tutor should first consult with the child's

teacher(s) and school counselor. I f it is agreed that the child needs tutorial assistance the parent can contact the elementary school office for names of possible tutors.

Do you offer any services for students with special learning needs?

Yes, limited Special Education services are available for students with learning disabilities. For more information please speak with the elementary office.

Where I can find a lost object?

There is a lost and found cabinet located in the hallway outside the elementary office. Please contact the Elementary School secretary if you need to recover a lost item.

How do I let the school know that my student is going to be absent?

Please call the elementary office at 278-0029 ext 16 or 278-5013

My son/ daughter will miss a test. Can it be re- scheduled for another day?

To re-schedule a test or other activity the teachers needs the approval of the Principal. The Principal's decision will be based on whether the absence or late arrival is justified or unjustified.

What do I need to do to pick up my child early from school?

Please stop by the Elementary Office where the secretary will give you 2 early dismissal passes, one must be given to the teacher to release the student from class and the other must be given to the gate security guard. I f you do not present this pass the student will not be allowed to leave campus even when accompanied by an adult.

What is the procedure to follow to request student's homework?

Please call the Elementary Office to request the student's homework.

What school supplies w ill my child need? Where do I buy them?

School supplies packages are prepared during the summer months and will be available for purchase at the cashier's office starting the last week of July. Parents may also purchase these supplies elsewhere.

Can I choose / change my child's class or teacher?

Class lists are prepared by the Elementary Principal with teacher input. It is not possible for *parents to request* specific teachers or change of class assignments.

How can I communicate with my child's teacher?

Please visit www.ans.edu.ni to contact instructional staff.

Where can I find out about school cancellations or early dismissals?

Every effort will be made to contact parents via phone in case of an unscheduled early dismissal or school closing. Announcements will be placed on the school's web site and via some local TV stations.