

# Kaplan Aspect Philadelphia

The Philadelphia Kaplan Aspect School offers a newly remodelled facility with an extensive library of self-study material to be used in school. The self-study material includes access to the school's video lab with over 25 TVs and VCRs/DVDs, to the computer lab with over 10 computers and to a second computer lab with free Internet access for international students.

Philadelphia is a diverse city, rich in American heritage and the Arts. Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell are just a few examples of the wonders Philadelphia has to offer students. Boutiques, museums, restaurants, and the diverse culture create a feeling that Philadelphia is home to anyone who visits. Philadelphia is the home of over ten highly competitive universities including the University of Pennsylvania.

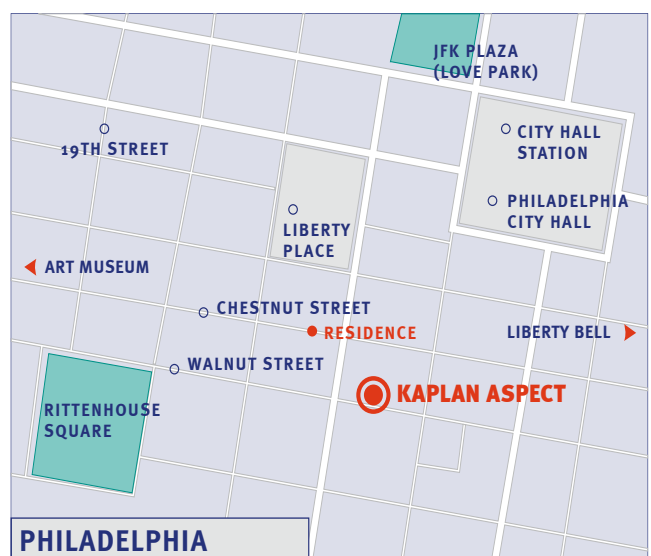


Kaplan Aspect school

Kaplan Aspect Educational Programmes in the USA are accredited by the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training.



Kaplan Aspect is a member of AAIEP (American Association of Intensive English Programs), TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) and NAFSA (Association for International Educators).



Kaplan Aspect Philadelphia  
1528 Walnut Street, 1st Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19102  
USA

## School Facilities

### Classrooms

The Philadelphia Kaplan Aspect School has 10 classrooms. All of our classrooms are clean and spacious with plenty of room for our students to spread out. The classrooms are equipped with tables and chairs – ideal for group and pair work exercises - with a whiteboard for the teacher's presentations.

### Multimedia and IT centre

In the Philadelphia Kaplan Aspect School there is a computer lab, with over 12 PCs for students to use.

### Library

Our lending library has a wide variety of textbooks, dictionaries, specific-skill texts and reference materials for students to use for additional practice. We also have multimedia self-study materials (CDs, DVDs and CD ROMs of FOCUS, North star, Kaplan Aspect) for students to borrow and use during their structured study hours.

### Student Lounge

We have a student lounge with free internet access. There is also a microwave and refrigerator for student use.

### Cafeteria

There is no cafeteria in the school, but cafés such as Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts, and Bistros are all in walking distance from Kaplan Aspect. In the school itself there are vending machines, a microwave, a refrigerator and a lounge with seating where students can eat their lunch and snacks.

### Sports facilities

Near to the school there are sports facilities such as playing fields for baseball, soccer, hockey and American football and a swimming pool.

### Gym facilities

Students can join independent gym facilities, such as the following:

Rittenhouse Square Fitness Club is located 5 blocks from the school and offers monthly membership; Spinning; Basketball courts; and yoga. All cardio and weights are also available.

Sweat Gym is located blocks away from the school on 23rd and Walnut. It offers cardio classes, personal training, weight rooms, and yoga. Membership is required.

### Activities/Social Programme

Kaplan Aspect Philadelphia provides a varied calendar of free-time activities. The activities are lead by a member of the Kaplan Aspect staff and will help you to meet new people and discover the city.



Student lounge



Study English in Philadelphia

## Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to the Kaplan Aspect School, which is located on the 1528 Walnut Street, 1st Floor, at 10am. Your first day will be a Monday unless there is a national holiday on the Monday - in which case your first day will be Tuesday.

Your course will begin with an all-day introduction, which will include:

- Student ID Photos and Collect Documents
- Welcome New Students
- Tour of the Kaplan Aspect School and of the Neighbourhood
- Orientation Folders, Enrolment Agreements, Student Visa Information
- Break
- Placement Tests

Please bring the following with you:

- Passport and I-94 form (Green piece of paper you will receive upon arrival to the USA)
- I-20 form (Certificate of Eligibility), if required
- Proof of Health Insurance, if required
- Your address in the USA
- Course Payment/Voucher, if available
- All your Kaplan Aspect documents and a pen and paper for notetaking purposes.

At the end of the day you will receive information about your class schedule, classroom number, study level, elective course, and the hours you are to attend class. You will be assigned the most appropriate class for your level of English.

## Local Information

### Transport - buses and trains

Philadelphia's transportation system is known as SEPTA (Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority). Students can reach the school by commuting in on the Blue and Orange Subway Lines, the Regional Rails, and/or the bus system.

### Banks and Post Office

The nearest post offices are located on 2970 Market Street and 1713 S. Broad Street.

### Restaurants and cafés

Kaplan Aspect Philadelphia is located a block away from some of the finest restaurants in the city as well as some of the best pizza places. You can walk up and down Walnut Street to pick your favourite!

### Department stores and supermarkets

There are many shops like The Fresh Grocer or Wawa located just a few blocks away. Trader Joe's is located on 2121 Market Street. Whole Foods is located on South and Pennsylvania Avenue. Small convenience stores can be located on almost every block - Philadelphians love food!

### Telephone and Internet Café

Intermezzo café and lounge offers free high-speed Internet access. It is open from 7am until late. There are also many other internet cafés nearby.

### Church / Mosque

There are many different religious institutions including churches and mosques in Philadelphia.

### Cost of Living

Approximate prices in USD

Sandwich	\$6.50
Lunch	\$8
Hamburger	\$2.50
Meal in restaurant	\$15-20
Tea/Coffee	\$2-3

Tickets:  
2 Tokens for \$2.60



The famous Liberty Bell



Enjoy a truly international learning environment



Computer with free Internet in the lounge



The Kaplan Aspect lounge is a perfect place to enjoy your lunch

## Sample Activities Schedule

Please note that this is a sample programme and activities may change. See a current activities schedule at: [www.kaplanaspect.com](http://www.kaplanaspect.com)

### Week one

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Welcome new students!</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Shopping</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Movie night</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Tours of The University of Pennsylvania</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Weekend trips to New York City and Washington D.C</b>

### Week two

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Visit to Martha's Vineyard</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Movie night</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Shopping</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Visit to Ritz Movie Theatres</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Tours of Independence Mall &amp; Historic sights</b>

## The Team

### Kaplan Aspect School Philadelphia

#### Center Director:

Dr. Erika Blumenthal

Erika is the school Director who will handle serious customer service issues.

#### Associate Manager:

Megan Byrne

Megan Byrne can help students sign in and out to while maintaining 22 hours of study. She also will assist students with obtaining library materials.

#### English Programs Manager:

Suzanne Curran

Suzanne should be contacted if you have questions about your course, home stay, and school/programme concerns.

#### Kaplan Aspect Student Advisor:

Mauro Zamora

Mauro Zamora will help students with the same issues as Megan Byrne.

#### International Student Service Coordinator:

Rachel Feuerhammer

Rachel is the student's main resource while studying at the Kaplan Aspect Philadelphia. Whether it is dealing with F1 Questions, concerns, re-enrollment and interest in any student run activities, Rachel will be more than willing to help!

## Course Information

### Courses

- Vacation English
- General English
- Intensive English
- TOEFL iBT and Academic English
- iGMAT/iGRE
- General Academic Year
- Intensive Academic Year
- General Academic Semester
- Intensive Academic Semester

### Services

- University Placement

## Transfer Information

### Kaplan Aspect transfers

If you have booked a Kaplan Aspect transfer, you will give us details of your arrival time, and a driver will be sent to meet you at the arrivals gate of Philadelphia airport. You will receive a document to confirm this before you leave home. The Kaplan Aspect transfer service must be booked and paid for in advance.

### Independent Transfers

#### From Philadelphia city centre to the school:

Take I-95 South to the Philadelphia International Airport Exit or I-76 East following signs for the Philadelphia International Airport

If you would like to arrange your own airport transfer on arrival, you can call the following company. The company can arrange pick ups within 15-20 minutes and you can pay the company directly:

#### Airport Transportation Company

Lady Liberty, +1-215-724-8888



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