Pan-American School

SCHOOL PROFILE 2026-2027

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Mission

Preparing internationally-engaged individuals, committed to the pursuit of excellence, who make meaningful contributions to their country and the global community.

Vision

A leading bilingual World School in Central America.

Values

Excellence | Responsibility
Solidarity | Honesty | Respect

Curriculum

Pan-American School provides a rigorous, bilingual English-Spanish curriculum designed around student-centered, inquiry-based learning. As Costa Rica's first IB Continuum School, PAS incorporates the IB Primary Years, Middle Years, and Diploma Programme frameworks while also meeting requirements for its U.S.-accredited high school program and Costa Rican national education. The curriculum emphasizes critical thinking, communication, research, service, and preparation for university study. Classes are 70 min long on 7 day rotation block schedule with extra time allotted for HL hours.

International Baccalaureate

In Grades 11 and 12, students participate in the IB Diploma Programme curriculum and may pursue either the full IB Diploma or individual IB certificates. The full Diploma includes six academic subjects as well as the IB Core: Theory of Knowledge (TOK), the Extended Essay, and Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS). IB courses provide internationally recognized academic preparation and external assessment.

Costa Rican MEP Requirements

Students may also earn the Bachillerato en Educación Media issued by Costa Rica's Ministerio de Educación Pública (MEP). PAS works within the IBO-MEP recognition agreement, which allows qualifying IB coursework and examinations to validate certain Costa Rican national academic requirements. PAS reports that its students have been able to obtain the MEP diploma through this pathway since 2016.

Credits to Graduate

Under Costa Rican Educational Law, students whose end-of-course mark falls below passing requirements is granted up to two official re-sit exam periods—known as Convocatorias—to demonstrate mastery and earn course credit. Successful completion yields credit for the course on the official transcript.

Global Online Academy

Global Online Academy (GOA) is a collaborative online learning network that gives students access to specialized, rigorous courses beyond their school's regular curriculum, with a strong focus on global perspectives, discussion, and project-based learning.

Language Tutorials

IB Language Tutorials provide individualized instruction that allows students to study an IB-approved language not offered through the school's regular course schedule.

High School Teacher Degrees

3	21	2
Bachelor's	Masters	Doctorate

Number of Nationalities in High School

+40 NATIONALITIES

67% Costa Rican students	11% Other Countries
13% Costa Ricans with Dual Nationality	9% Students from USA

Entire School

560 students ELC through Grade 12

High School

163 High School students

Class of 2027

51 students in the Senior Class

High School CoCurricular Activities

- National Honor Society
- Science National Honor Society
- National Art Honor Society
- Leaders in Service
- Band
- Theater
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Track & Field

Course Offereings 2026-2027

9TH & 10TH MYP

- English
- Spanish
- Estudios Sociales
- Individuals and Societies
- Science
- Mathematics
- Personal Project
- Physcial & Health Education
- Design

11TH & 12TH DP

- Spanish A: Language & Literature
- Spanish A: Literature
- English A: Language & Literature
- School Supported Self-Taught (SSST)
- English B
- Spanish B
- Spanish Ab Intio
- History
- Gestión Empresarial (in Spanish)
- Digital Society
- Geography
- Economics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Sports, Exercise and Health Science
- Mathematics: Applications & interpretation
- Mathematics: Analysis & approaches
- Visual Arts
- Music

IB CONTINUUM
CONTINUUM DE L'IB
CONTINUO DEL IB

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CARBONO NEUTRAL

MINISTERIO DE EDUCACIÓN PÚBLICA
GOBIERNO DE COSTA RICA

Seniors Taking Full IB Diploma

Graduating Class	Total Students	Full DP	Average Score
Class 2026	19	14	30
Class 2025	35	24	30
Class 2024	43	24	30
Class 2023	27	14	30

SAT Data 2023-2026

Year	Total Students	Reading & Writing	Math	Average Score
SAT 2025-26	27	581	553	1134
SAT 2024-25	24	582	563	1145
SAT 2023-24	30	607	594	1201

University Acceptances from 2023-2026

Canada
Concordia University, Montreal
Dalhousie University
Lakehead University
McGill University
McMaster University
Queen's University
Simon Fraser University
University of Alberta
University of British Columbia, including Okanagan Campus
University of Guelph
University of Manitoba
University of Saskatchewan
University of Toronto
University of Victoria
University of Waterloo
York University

China
Beijing Normal University
East China Normal University
Jilin University
Nanjing University
Renmin University of China
Sichuan University
Tongji University
Wuhan University
Zhejiang University

Costa Rica
EARTH University
Escuela Libre de Derecho
Escuela Superior de Música Costa Rica
Tecnológico de Costa Rica (TEC)
UCIMED
ULACIT
ULEAD
UNIBE
Universidad de Costa Rica (UCR)
Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica (UNA)
Universidad Veritas

France
EDHEC Business School
INSA Lyon
Polytechnique de Paris — exact institution requires clarification

Italy
Gypsy Musical Academy, Torino
Istituto Europeo di Design

Mexico
Anáhuac University
Tecnológico de Monterrey
Universidad de las Américas Puebla (UDLAP)

Netherlands
HAN University of Applied Sciences
University of Amsterdam
University of Groningen
Utrecht University
Vrije University

Spain
CEU — institution/campus unspecified
CUNEF Universidad
ESADE
IE University
Ramon Llull University
Saint Louis University, Madrid Campus
UDIT — Universidad de Diseño, Innovación y Tecnología
Universidad de Navarra
Universidad Europea
Universidad Francisco de Vitoria

United Kingdom
Imperial College London
King's College London
Queen Mary University of London
SOAS University of London
University of Birmingham
University of Bristol
University of Edinburgh
University of London
University of Manchester

United States
Alvernia University
Arizona State University
Babson College
Baylor University
Beloit College
Binghamton University (SUNY)
Boston College
Boston University
Brown University
Caldwell University
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Clark University
Clemson University
Colorado State University, Fort Collins
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
DePaul University
Drexel University
Duke University
Duquesne University
Elon University
Emory University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida International University
Florida Southern College
Florida State University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia State University
Gonzaga University
Graceland University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Illinois State University
Indiana University Bloomington
Iowa State University
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University
Knox College
Liberty University
Louisiana State University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University New Orleans
Lynn University
Maryville University
Miami Dade College
Michigan State University
Michigan Technological University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Notre Dame of Maryland University
Nova Southeastern University
Ohio Northern University
Ohio University
Pace University
Parsons School of Design
Pennsylvania State University
Purdue University
Purdue University Northwest
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rollins College
Rutgers University–New Brunswick
Salem State University
San Diego — institution unspecified
San Diego State University
Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD)
Seton Hall University
Siena College
Simmons University
St. Edward's University
St. John's University, New York
Stanford University
Stetson University
Stony Brook University
Syracuse University
Texas A&M International University
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
Texas Tech University
The Ohio State University
Trinity University
Tulane University
University at Buffalo (SUNY)
University of California, Berkeley
University of Central Florida
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Hawai i at Mānoa
University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy
University of Houston
University of Indianapolis
University of Iowa
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of Massachusetts Boston
University of Miami
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
University of Missouri
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Portland
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
University of Tampa
University of Texas at Austin
Upper Iowa University
Valdosta State University
Valencia College
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Tech
Washington State University
West Virginia University
Western Michigan University

World Wide Distribution

