

SCHOOL PROFILE

MISSION AND VISION

The **Mission** of Colegio Interamericano is to prepare global citizens with the knowledge, skills and values to lead and improve a rapidly changing world.

The **Vision** of Colegio Interamericano is to be recognized as the best dual-diploma, internationally accredited school in Guatemala.

OUR VALUES

“The Pillars of Character” is a program that teaches moral character and is composed of six ethical values: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. Each of the six character traits are used to help create a positive learning environment for students and a culture of kindness, making our school a safe and welcoming atmosphere for students to learn.

HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL

Colegio Interamericano is a non-profit, nonsectarian day school founded by alumni of the American School of Guatemala in 1976. In 1979, the *Fundación Educativa Guatemala*, composed of parents and other members of the school community, was established with the main goal of developing and sustaining educational institutions in Guatemala. *Fundación Educativa Guatemala* is the owner of the school property and in charge of all capital development projects. *Fundación Educativa Guatemala* appoints the Board of Directors.

FACILITIES

The campus is located on 15.5 acres, 63,308m² of beautiful terraced land and divided into five distinct areas: Early Childhood Education, Elementary School, Middle School, High School and Administration. There are 121 classrooms, 8 science laboratories, 5 computer labs, a two-story library, an amphitheater and two cafeterias. Among the sport and recreation areas, the school has two synthetic soccer fields, two covered basketball and volleyball courts, early childhood and elementary playgrounds and multiple student’s common areas.

The qualities that have attracted families are:

- Family-like atmosphere
- Individualized student attention
- Average class size 20
- Bilingual program
- USA curriculum
- Dual Diploma program
- Integrated technology
- Accredited by Guatemalan Ministry of Education and USA

ENROLLMENT

Total enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year:

1,365 students	Early Childhood	Elementary	Middle School	High School
	360	420	285	300
				Class of 2021: 72

Nationalities of our student population	Guatemalan	Korean	U.S. American	16 other countries
	80%	9%	3%	8%

FACULTY

Our educational community combines the experience and cultural background of local teachers and international teachers. The majority of our teachers are Guatemalan citizens and native Spanish speakers. Approximately 90% of these local teachers are also proficient in English.

172 full time faculty members	Local	Foreign fellows	Staff with advanced degrees in area of instruction
	73%	25%	75%

SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021

Level	Local Teachers	International Teachers	# of teachers	Educational Assistants
Early Childhood	16	8	24	15
Elementary (grades 2-5)	23	13	36	22
Middle School	18	9	27	
High School	22	10	32	
Total	79	40	119	37

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM

ECE	PROGRAMS	
	Creative Curriculum (Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten)	Guided reading and writing (Kindergarten - Grade 1)
	Aligned with TS Gold or Common Core Standards	Spanish (Kindergarten - Grade 1)
	Specials (Art, Music, Technology, P.E.)	Second Step- making friends, managing emotions, solving problems
	Bilingual Education	Play based philosophy.
	English Immersion	

ELEMENTARY PROGRAM

ELEM	PROGRAMS	
	Guided reading & writing	Singapore Math (Grade 2 - 5)
	All aligned with Common Core Standards	<i>Estudios Sociales / Spanish</i>
		Specials (Art, Music, Tech, P. E.)
		Balanced Literacy
		Bilingual Education
		Digital Skills and Values curriculum

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

MS	PROGRAMS	
	Values Class	Study Skills and Executive
	Singapore Math	Enrichment Program
	NJHS	Student Council
		Community Service
		Bilingual Education
		BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)
		Google Classroom
		Digital Skills and Values curriculum

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

The curriculum for High School (Grades 9-12) follows a rigorous university preparation program, which meets the graduation requirements for both the United States and Guatemala.

- 4 years of English
 - 4 years of Mathematics
 - 2 years of History
 - 4 years *Estudios Sociales* (History of Central America)
 - 1 year of Humanities
 - 4 years of Science
 - 4 years of Spanish
 - 4 years of Fine Art (Choirs, Band or Visual Arts)
 - 4 years Physical Education
 - 4 years technology
 - 1 year of research and projects
- Our four-year curriculum meets or exceeds the entrance requirements of all major colleges and universities.
 - Seniors are required to complete a major research project for the Guatemalan Ministry of Education, *Seminario*.
 - In addition to our already-robust curriculum, we offer AP classes in:

CLASSES	
Human Geography	Biology
World History	Microeconomics
Psychology	Macroeconomics
Statistics	Spanish Literature and Culture
Calculus	Spanish Language and Culture
English Literature and Composition	Seminar
English Language and Composition	Research
Chemistry	Art and Design
Physics	

HS	PROGRAMS	
	Values Class	Study Skills Class
	Enrichment Program	NHS
		Student Council
		Community Service
		Bilingual Education
		Digital Skills and Values curriculum
		BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

COUNSELING

Colegio Interamericano has five counselors: one for each division and a Guidance and College Career Readiness Counselor for grades 9-12. The main goal of the Counseling Department is to provide students with experiences and opportunities that directly contribute to their self-understanding; to have a better relationship with their environment; and to take responsibility for their own actions and decisions.

CALENDAR AND DAILY SCHEDULE

The school year has a minimum of 182 student contact days (August to mid-June). For Preschool and Pre-Kinder, each school day is from 8:00 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. For Early Childhood Education and Elementary, each school day is from 8:00 a.m. to 2:20 p.m. Early Childhood Education and Elementary classrooms are self-contained through grade 5.



For grades 6-8 each school day is from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and is divided into a 90-minute block rotation schedule. For grades 9-12, each school day is from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and is divided into a 80-minute block rotation schedule.

EXTRACURRICULAR AND SPORTS PROGRAM

We offer a well-organized extracurricular activities program:

Association of American Schools in Central American – AASCA					
Basketball	Soccer	Track and Field	Volleyball	Cultural ECAS	
Arts	Sports and wellness	Languages	Academics	STEM	Leadership
Drawing Painting Photography Fashion design Film club Drama Cooking	Move&Grow Yoga Meditation Zumba Jazz TaeKwondo Chess Cheer	French German Korean Sign Language	Math club MathCounts Knowledge Bowl Model UN Destination Imagination	Kaleidoscope Robotics Gnius Club Science Club	Scouts Interact Student Council Girl Life NJHS NHS

For a full list of activities refer to interamericano.edu.gt

GRADING SYSTEM

Early Childhood and Elementary Education present Standards-Based grading and reporting. The remainder of the school, Middle School and High School use the grading system below.

The Guatemalan Ministry of Education requirement for a passing grade is 60 out of 100 points in each subject.

Grades	Quality point	Grade point equivalent
100-95	A	4.00
94-90	A-	3.7
89-87	B+	3.3
86-84	B	3.0
83-80	B-	2.7
79-77	C+	2.3
76-74	C	2.0
73-70	C-	1.7
69-67	D+	1.3
66-64	D	1.0
63-60	D-	0.7
Bellow 60	F	0.0

STANDARDIZED TESTS

Students are administered a variety of tests to evaluate achievement, ensure accountability and inform instruction for educators.

- PSAT and SAT
- AP (Advanced Placement) Exam
- MAP (Measures of Academic Progress)
- P.A.A. (*Prueba de Aptitud Académica*)
- ELASH (English Language Assessment System for Hispanic)

MEASURES OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS- (MAP)

The MAP test is a computer-based assessment tool that provides valuable data for Mathematics, Reading, Language and Science. The test is given to all students from grades 1 to 9. The test is administered two times each academic year, once in the Fall and again in the Spring. Student data is regularly evaluated and used to track academic progress, determine curriculum effectiveness, and help further differentiate individualized instruction. Particular attention is focused on comparisons to normative data, as well as student growth from one testing period to the next. We test in Mathematics, Reading, Language usage, Science and Spanish.

All teachers have received training on how to access student scores and interpret results.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

We currently offer 17 AP courses in High School. Advanced Placement courses receive a weighted grade added to their final class average, not a GPA boost. Students who score 4 or above in an AP exam can earn university credits at certain universities.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Colegio Interamericano establishes minimum requirements for graduation from High School. These requirements should be seen as minimum and support regulations established by Colegio Interamericano Board and are aligned with the national graduation requirements for *Bachillerato en Ciencias y Letras* of the Ministry of Education in Guatemala.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE

All of our graduates pursue degrees of Higher Education. Approximately 60% attend Guatemalan universities, and the remaining 40% study abroad. Here is a sample list of colleges and universities that have granted admission to Colegio Interamericano students:

Acadia	Loyola University Chicago	Texas Tech
Augustana College	Marquette University	The Hague University
Baylor University	Michigan State University	Thompson Rivers
Bocconi University	Northeastern University	Trinity Western University
Boston University	Northern Kentucky	University of British Columbia (Canada)
Bristol University Bristol University Vet school	Northwestern University	University of Denver
Carroll University	Notre Dame University	University of Illinois at Chicago
California College of the Arts Central Michigan University	Ohio University	University of North Carolina Wilmington
Chapman University Columbia College (Canada)	Otis College of Art and Design Penn State University	University of Miami University of Navarra
DePaul University Dominican University of California	Purdue University School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC)	University of Pennsylvania University of South Florida
Emerson College Florida International University Florida Institute of Technology	University of San Diego SCAD The Savannah College of Art and Design Suffolk University	University of Washington Seattle Campus Universidad Anahuac, Cancun (Le Cordon Bleu) Universidad Francisco Marroquin (GT)
Grinnell College	SUNY Stony Brook Syracuse University	Universidad de Palermo(Gato Dumas) Universidad de San Carlos (GT)
IE University	Tecnológico de Monterrey (MX)	Universidad del Valle de Guatemala
ESADE	Texas Christian University	Universidad Rafael Landívar (GT)
Illinois Tech	Temple University	Universidad del Istmo (GT)
Iowa State University	Texas A&M	Xavier University
Laurentian University		Yale University

ACCREDITATION

Colegio Interamericano is fully accredited as a PK-12 school through Cognia and the Guatemalan Ministry of Education.

EXAMINATION BOARD

College Board and Advanced Placement Program

MEMBERSHIPS

- Association of American Schools in Central America (A.A.S.C.A)
- National Association for the Education of Young Children (N.A.E.Y.C.)
- Association for the Advancement of International Education (A.A.I.E.)
- Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (A.S.C.D.)
- Tri Association (International Schools of Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean)

CONTACTS

NAME	POSITION
Sharon Canadine	General Director
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