



# School & Academic Profile 2007-2008

## PAN AMERICAN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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### Member of:

Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)  
Association of American Schools in South America (AASSA)  
Association of American Schools in Brazil (AASB)

School Code: **910-675**

### School Administrators:

Robin Rugg - Superintendent  
Marta F. da Silva - Director of Brazilian Studies  
Tim Kuhns - Secondary Principal (6-12)  
Jennifer Kierstead - Elementary Principal (K-5)  
Jennifer Marshall - Guidance Counselor  
Kevin Flurry - Director of Development  
Telma Baldacci - Director of Operations  
Linda Sousa - Executive Secretary

## WHERE OUR GRADUATES HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED

Perhaps the ultimate measure of quality high school education is the success of its graduates. Approximately 98% of each year's graduates enroll in colleges and universities in the U.S. and around the world. The \* denotes university acceptances 2004-2007.

### United States:

Amherst College  
Arizona State University \*  
Azusa Pacific University  
Bethel College \*  
Biola University \*  
Boston University  
Boston College  
CALPOLY San Luis Obispo  
Cedarville University \*  
Columbia University \*  
Crown College \*  
Drexel University \*  
Duke University  
Emory \*  
Fresno Pacific University \*  
Florida Institute of Technology \*  
Gordon College \*  
Georgetown University \*  
Harvey Mudd College

James Madison University \*  
John Brown University \*  
Johns Hopkins University  
Johnson and Wales \*  
Master's College \*  
Michigan State University \*  
Moody Bible Institute \*  
New York University \*  
Northeastern University \*  
Nyack College  
Penn State University \*  
Philadelphia Biblical University \*  
Purdue University \*  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Rutgers \*  
Stanford University  
St. Mary's College \*  
Texas Tech University  
Trinity International University \*  
Trinity University (TX) \*

University of California Berkeley \*  
University of California Los Angeles \*  
University of Florida  
University of Illinois  
University of Notre Dame \*  
University of Massachusetts  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh \*  
University of Richmond  
University of Southern California \*  
Wake Forest University  
Wheaton College (IL) \*  
Yale University

### International Universities:

Canada  
Ryerson University \*  
Trent University \*  
Europe  
American University in Paris \*

Technical University Delft \*  
Japan  
International Christian University \*  
Korea  
Handong Global University \*  
Seoul National University \*  
Singapore  
Nanyang Technological University\*

### Brazilian Universities:

ESPM \*  
FAAP \*  
Faculdade de Engenharia Industrial FMU \*  
Fundação Getúlio Vargas  
IBMEC \*  
Pontifícia Universidade Católica \*  
Univ. Presbiteriana Mackenzie \*  
Universidade de São Paulo \*

## SCHOOL STATISTICS

### Class of 2007

28 students from 4 nations  
14 Native/native proficiency

SAT Scores for Class of 2007	CR	Math	WR
Native English (14)	586	601	577
Non-Native English (6)	470	567	432

### GPA Distribution for Class of 2007

4.00+	7%
3.5 - 3.99	43%
3.0 - 3.49	29%
2.5 - 2.99	11%
2.0 - 2.49	7%
Below 1.99	3%

### Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations 2007 (score of 3 or above/total)

There were a total of 35 AP exams taken in May 2007. Pass Rate: 86%

Calculus AB 5/5  
English Literature 2/3

English Language/Composition 6/8  
US History 6/6

Chemistry 3/4  
Biology 8/9

## SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

Pan American Christian Academy, commonly known as PACA, is a nondenominational, college-preparatory, Christian, American school located in São Paulo, Brazil - a city with a metropolitan population of about 22 million (São Paulo is the largest business, industrial, and cultural center of South America). PACA students reflect the multinational community from which they come. Today the school serves the children of mission organizations, diplomatic, business and professional families with a dual curriculum program (American and Brazilian). PACA's enrollment averages 320 students: 140 in grades K-5, and 180 in grades 6-12. Our student body is approximately 30% North American, 30% Brazilian, 22% Korean, and 18% other nationalities.

Our 8.9 acres of campus and facilities, place PACA in a class with the best international schools in South America. Our maintenance and service crew provide excellent care to our 22 classrooms, science laboratory, library, media center, computer center, learning lab, gymnasium, regulation-size athletic field, outside courts, cafeteria, playgrounds and a 25-meter swimming pool.

English is the language of instruction. All students follow an American Curriculum and receive an American high school diploma. Students may concurrently take course work taught in Portuguese to earn a Brazilian diploma. The current faculty of 33 are all degreed and certified. The student-faculty ratio is approximately 10:1.

School routine begins at 8:06 am and ends at 3:20 pm. The school calendar follows two semesters: August to December, and January to June.

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

**American Diploma:** Twenty-five credits are required to receive the American diploma.

**American and Brazilian diplomas (Dual):** Required to complete twenty-eight credits. The rigor of meeting requirements for both diplomas limits the choice of electives from which a student can choose.

	American	Dual	
<b>English</b>	4	4	General English 9, English 10-World Literature, English 11-American Literature; English 12-British Literature, AP English
<b>Math</b>	3	4	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Advanced Math/Trigonometry, AP Calculus, Unified Math
<b>Science</b>	2	4	Physical Science, Biology or AP Biology, AP Chemistry or Quimica, Physics
<b>Social Studies</b>	2	4.5	Ancient World History I, Modern World History II, US History or AP US History, US Government, Geografia do Brasil, História do Brasil
<b>Portuguese*</b>	4	4.5	Portuguese Language is taught in 4 levels: Beginner, Intermediate, Special Portuguese, Advanced Portuguese, Redação
<b>Bible*</b>	4	4	Pauline Epistles (9), Old Testament Survey (10), Acts (11), and Understanding the Times (12)
<b>P.E.</b>	2	2	Physical Education or Sports Credit
<b>Fine Arts</b>		1	3D Art, Performing Arts, Art, Yearbook
<b>Electives</b>	4		Music Theory, 3D Art, Speech, Knowledge Bowl, Performing Arts, College Prep Writing, Forensics, Robotics, Yearbook, Geografia Mundial
			Other: Teacher Aide, Study Hall (no credit)
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>28</b>	

\* 1.0 credit for each year of study at PACA

## GRADING SYSTEM AND CLASS RANK

The GPA is computed from final grades in all courses. GPA is calculated by converting grades to total points and dividing by total credits. Grades earned at other schools are not included in the PACA GPA. AP classes receive 1.0 extra grade point and Honors classes receive an extra 0.3. Paca does not rank students.

One unit of credit is granted for satisfactory completion of courses that meet five days a week for 45 minute periods for 200 days. One half unit of credit is granted for successful completion of semester courses that meet for the same amount of time per day and per week for 90 days. PACA has an eight period day.

Numeric Grade	Letter Grade	GPA
98 - 100	= A+	= 4.3
93 - 97	= A	= 4.0
90 - 92	= A-	= 3.7
87 - 89	= B+	= 3.3
83 - 86	= B	= 3.0
80 - 82	= B-	= 2.7
77 - 79	= C+	= 2.3
73 - 76	= C	= 2.0
70 - 72	= C-	= 1.7
69 - 71	= D+	= 1.3
66 - 68	= D	= 1.0
65	= D-	= 0.7

## CURRICULUM DESCRIPTION

### Kindergarten

Students enjoy an all day curriculum designed to develop reading, writing, oral language, math, music, and art skills. Our kindergarten students have opportunities for social interaction to help promote personal responsibility and growth.

### Elementary and Middle School

Our emphasis is on basic skills in reading, language, mathematics, Social studies, science, computers, and physical education. Students will have special activities in sports, music, and drama. We offer a learning lab to assist students with learning disabilities.

### High School

The academic program is college preparatory, designed to prepare students for entry into colleges and universities in the United States, Brazil, and around the world. Advanced Placement and Honors courses challenge students even further. Students have the opportunity to participate in a variety interscholastic sports and co-curricular activities.

### Brazilian High School Diploma

Under the name Escola Cristã Pan Americana, students who enroll in the Brazilian curriculum receive an additional secondary school diploma. Brazilian courses include Química, Artes, Matemática Unificada, Redação, Geografia do Brasil, História do Brasil, and Geografia Mundial. For the Class of 2007, 16 students out of 28 graduated with a Brazilian High School Diploma.

### Advanced Placement Programs

PACA offers Advanced Placement courses to qualified student to enhance and expand their educational experience. The courses offered regularly are: English, US History, Chemistry, Biology, and Calculus.

**Honors Program:** Core courses may become honors courses with permission from the instructor and approval of an in-depth additional assignment. Three Honors Courses is the maximum a student may take within a school year.

**Co-Curricular Activities:** National Honor Society / Knowledge Bowl Tournament / Drama Performance/ Choir Concert / Musicals / Community Service Activities / Student Government / Varsity & JV Sports Programs: Softball (M, W), Volleyball (W), Cheerleading (W), Basketball (M, W), Soccer (M, W), Indoor Soccer (M).