



PAN AMERICAN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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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)
 Claudia Kuhnast - Guidance Counselor
 Kevin Flurry - Director of Development
 Telma Baldacci - Director of Operations
 Marcia Teixeira - Executive Secretary

WHERE OUR GRADUATES HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED

The following is a list of some of the colleges and universities to which PACA students have received acceptances from 2005-2009.

United States:

American University
 Bethel College
 Biola University
 Boston University
 Cedarville University
 Colorado School of Mines
 Columbia College
 Cornell University
 Drexel University
 Duquesne University
 Emory University
 Fresno Pacific University
 Florida Institute of Technology
 Florida State University
 Georgetown University
 Georgia Tech
 Houghton College
 John Brown University
 Johnson and Wales
 Master's College

Michigan State University
 Moody Bible Institute
 Northeastern University
 Oklahoma State University
 Penn State University
 Philadelphia Biblical University
 Purdue University
 Rutgers
 Santa Monica College
 St. Mary's College
 SUNY
 Tabor College
 Trinity International University
 Trinity University (TX)
 Tulane University
 University of California Berkeley
 University of California Irvine
 University of Notre Dame
 University of Pittsburgh
 University of Southern California
 University of Maryland

University of Miami
 University of Tampa
 Vanderbilt University
 Villanova University
 Webster University
 Wheaton College (IL)

International Universities:

Canada
 Ryerson University
 Trent University
 Trinity Western University
 University of Alberta
 University of British Columbia
Japan
 International Christian University
Europe
 American University in Paris
 Technical University Delft
 Jacobs University in Germany
Singapore
 Nanyang Technological University

Korea

Handong Global University
 Korea University
 Seoul National University

Brazilian Universities:

Casper Libero
 ESPM
 FAAP
 FEI
 FMU
 Fundação Getúlio Vargas
 IBMEC
 Pontifícia Universidade Católica
 Univ. Presbiteriana Mackenzie
 Universidade de São Paulo
 UNICAMP

SCHOOL STATISTICS

Class of 2009

28 students from 6 nations
 18 Native/native proficiency

SAT Scores for Class of 2009	CR	Math	WR
Native English (18)	626	605	550
Non-Native English (10)	542	590	462

GPA Distribution for Class of 2009

4.00+	25%
3.5 - 3.99	14%
3.0 - 3.49	21%
2.5 - 2.99	18%
2.0 - 2.49	18%
Below 1.99	4%

Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations 2009 (score of 3 or above/total)

There were a total of 67 AP exams taken in May 2009. Pass Rate: 73%

Calculus AB	3/4	Statistics	1/1	English Literature	8/11	World History	1/2
Calculus BC	3/3	Chemistry	4/8	English Lang. /Comp.	11/17	Italian	1/1
Physics	3/3	Biology	8/10	US History	4/6	Chinese	1/1

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 350 students: 170 in grades Pre K-5, and 180 in grades 6-12. Our student body is approximately 30% North American, 30% Brazilian, 21% Korean, and 19% 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 35 are all degreed and certified. The student-faculty ratio is approximately 10:1.

School routine begins at 8:05 am and ends at 3:20 pm. The school calendar follows two semesters: August to December, and January to June. PACA provides a minimum of 200 school days in its calendar year.

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.

Department	American	Dual	Courses
English	4	4	General English 9, English 10-World Literature, English 11-American Literature; English 12-British Literature, AP English Language, AP English Literature
Math	3	4	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Advanced Math/Trigonometry, AP Calculus, Unified Math
Science	2	4	Physical Science, Biology or AP Biology, AP Chemistry or Quimica, Physics
Social Studies	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
Portuguese*	4	4.5	Portuguese Language is taught in 4 levels: Beginner, Intermediate, Special Portuguese, Advanced Portuguese, Redação
Bible*	4	4	Life of Christ (9), Old Testament Survey (10), Church History / Theology (11), and Worldview (12)
P.E.	2	2	Physical Education or Sports Credit
Fine Arts		1	3D Art, Performing Arts, Art, Advanced Art, Yearbook
Electives	4		3D Art, Speech, Knowledge Bowl, College Prep Writing, Forensics, Robotics, Yearbook, Geografia Mundial, Music, College Applications, Drama
			Other: Teacher Aide, Study Hall (no credit)
Total	25	28	

* 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 2009, 14 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 Language, English Literature, 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).