



# School Profile

2025-2026 / CEEB: 910-675

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## SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Pan American Christian Academy (PACA) is a non-denominational Christian school in São Paulo, Brazil. We offer a rigorous, college-preparatory dual curriculum, granting both American and Brazilian diplomas.

Our students are well-prepared for admission to universities in the United States, Brazil, and around the world. We offer Advanced Placement (AP) and Honors courses to provide additional academic challenges. Beyond the classroom, our students are required to participate and complete 120 community service hours throughout their four years of high school.

## SCHOOL DEMOGRAPHICS:

### Avg. Enrollment: 380

*Preschool - Elementary: 190  
Secondary: 190*

### Nationalities: 26

*Brazilian: 45%  
North American: 20%  
Korean: 20%  
Other Countries: 15%*

### Faculty: 55

*All degreed and certified.  
55% hold a Post-Graduate or  
Master's Degree.*

### Student-Faculty Ratio: 7:1

## ACCREDITATIONS:



**English is the primary language of instruction**, and all students follow an American curriculum, earning an American high school diploma.

**Brazilian High School Diploma:** Operating under the name Escola Cristã Pan Americana, students enrolled in the Brazilian curriculum can earn an additional secondary school diploma. Courses include subjects like Matemática Unificada, Redação, Geografia do Brasil, História do Brasil, Geografia Mundial, Filosofia, and Sociologia. An average of 95% of our students graduate with a Brazilian High School Diploma.

**Honors Program:** Core courses may be taken as Honors courses with instructor approval and the completion of an additional in-depth assignment. Students may enroll in up to three Honors courses per school year.

The **school day** runs from 8:00 AM to 3:25 PM, following a two-semester calendar from August to December and January to June. PACA provides a minimum of 200 instructional days each year. Courses meet five days a week for 45-minute periods, and the school operates on an eight-period schedule.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

YEAR	TOTAL EXAMS	# OF SUBJECTS	% SCORING A 3 OR HIGHER	AVG. PASSING RATE
2025	102	21	91%	3.27
2024	73	14	67%	3.65
2023	76	18	63%	3.60
2022	89	19	70%	3.40

AP courses offered regularly are: English Literature, US History, Spanish, Chemistry, Biology, Calculus, and Psychology.

## SAT SUMMARY (MEAN/SUPERScoreD)

CLASS	CLASS SIZE	# OF TEST-TAKERS	TOTAL	ERW	MATH
2025	24	17	1162	616	559
2024	15	13	1202	620	592
2023	26	22	1189	607	582
2022	21	20	1164	627	606

## GPA DISTRIBUTION

CLASS	2025	2024	2023	2022
4.00+	17%	33%	54%	43%
3.5-3.99	39%	33%	23%	24%
3.0-3.49	22%	20%	8%	19%
2.5-2.99	22%	7%	8%	10%
2.0-2.49	0%	0%	4%	0%
Below 1.99	0%	7%	4%	5%

## GRADING SYSTEM AND CLASS RANK:

The GPA is computed from final grades in all courses.

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, except for valedictorian and salutatorian.

### 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

## PREPARING FOR UNIVERSITIES:

CollegeBoard

SAT

CollegeBoard

AP



PSAT/NMSQT



## MEMBER OF:

Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)  
 Association of American Schools in Brazil (AASB)  
 American International Schools in the Americas (AMISA)

## 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 selection of electives from which a student can choose.

DEPARTMENT	AMERICAN DIPLOMA	DUAL DIPLOMA	COURSES
English	4	4	General English 9, English 10 - World Literature, English 11 - American Literature; English 12 - British Literature, AP English Literature
Math	3	4	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus, Matemática Aplicada
Science	2	4	Physical Science, Biology or AP Biology, AP Chemistry or Química, Physics
Social Studies	2	4.6	Ancient World History I, Modern World History II, US History or AP US History, US Government, Brazilian Geography, Brazilian History, Philosophy, Sociology
Portuguese*	4	4.4	Portuguese Language is taught in 2 levels: Beginner/Intermediate, Advanced Portuguese & Composition
Bible*	4	4	Bible 9, Bible 10, Bible 11, Bible 12
P.E.	2	2	Physical Education or Sports Credit
Fine Arts	.5	1	3D Art, Performing Arts, Art, Advanced Art, Yearbook, Choir, Portfolio Art, Journalism
Electives	3.5		Art, Portfolio Art, 3D Art, Advanced Art, Speech, Yearbook, World Geography, Choir, College Applications, Performing Arts, Spanish 1, Spanish 2, Spanish AP, AP Psychology, Cinema, STEAM Workshop, Journalism
Other: Teacher Aide, Study Hall (no credit)			
Total Credits	25	28	One unit of credit is granted for satisfactory completion of year-long courses. One half unit credit is granted for successful completion of semester-long courses (with the exception of some specialized Brazilian curriculum courses)

**Extra-Curricular Activities:** Our extracurricular offerings include the National Honor Society, Knowledge Bowl Tournament, Yearbook, Drama Performances, Choir Concert, Community Service Activities, Student Government, various student-led clubs and Varsity & JV sports programs. Sports offerings for all students include: volleyball, basketball, soccer, and indoor soccer. Additionally, girls can participate and compete in cheerleading.

# WHERE OUR GRADUATES HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED

The following is a list of colleges and universities that have accepted PACA students from 2022 to 2025.

## United States:

Asbury University  
Azusa Pacific University  
Baylor University  
Bentley University  
Biola University  
Boston University  
California Polytechnic University  
Carleton University  
Cedarville University  
Clemson University  
Cornell University  
Duke University  
Duquesne University  
Florida State University  
Fordham University  
Grinnell College  
Gordon College  
Grand Canyon University  
Hillsdale College  
Hult International Business School  
John Cabot University

Johns Hopkins University  
Liberty University  
LeTourneau University  
Master's University  
New York University  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern University  
Ohio State University  
Penn State University  
Pepperdine University  
Point Loma University  
Purdue University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rice University  
Rutgers University  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
Southern Methodist University  
Syracuse University  
Taylor University  
Texas A&M

Trinity University  
Tufts University  
University of California Berkeley  
University of California Irvine  
University of California Los Angeles  
University of California San Diego  
University of Illinois (Chicago)  
University of Illinois (Urbana Champaign)  
University of Michigan  
University of Minnesota  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Oregon  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of South Carolina  
University of Southern California  
Vanderbilt University  
Wentworth Institute of Technology  
Westmont College  
Wheaton College (IL)

## Brazil:

Einstein Medicina  
ESPM  
FAAP  
Fundação Getúlio Vargas

INSPER  
Instituto Mauá de Tecnologia  
UNESP  
UNICAMP

UNIFESP  
Univ. Presbiteriana Mackenzie  
Universidade de São Paulo

## International Universities:

### Canada:

University of Alberta  
University of British Columbia  
University of Calgary  
University of Toronto  
York University

### Europe:

École Hôtelière de Lausanne  
Glion Institute  
Swiss Hotel Management School

### Australia:

University of Western Australia

### United Kingdom:

University of Essex  
University of Sussex

### South Korea:

Handong Global University  
Yonsei University

