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School & Academic Profile 2025-2026

CEEB: 910-675

ACCREDITED BY:

Middle States Association (MSA)
 Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)
 Ministério da Educação (MEC)

MEMBER OF:

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

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS:

Stephen Meier - Superintendent
 Jannie Le Roux - School Principal
 Luana Sousa - Director of HR and Member Care
 Kevin Flurry - Director of Advancement
 Ricardo Silva - Director of Finance and Operations
 Renata Santos - Brazilian Director
 Renato Sousa - Athletic Director
 Susana Okada - 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 2022-2025.

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 College
 New York University
 Northeastern University
 Northwestern University
 Notre Dame
 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 Oregon
 University of Pennsylvania
 University of Pittsburgh
 University of South Carolina
 University of Southern California
 Vanderbilt University
 Wentworth Institute of Tech.
 Westmont College
 Wheaton College (IL)
Brazilian Universities:
 Einstein Medicina
 ESPM
 FAAP
 Fundação Getúlio Vargas
 INSPER

Instituto Mauá de Tecnologia
 UNICAMP
 UNIFESP
 Univ. Presbiteriana Mackenzie
 Universidade de São Paulo
International Universities:
 Europe
 École Hôtelière de Lausanne
 Glion Institute
 Swiss Hotel Management School
 University of Essex (UK)
 University of Sussex (UK)
 Canada
 University of Alberta
 University of British Columbia
 University of Calgary
 University of Toronto
 York University
 Australia
 University of Western Australia
 Korea
 Handong Global University

- CLASS OF 2025:**
- 24 students from 5 different countries
 - 18 Native or native proficiency
 - 20 out of 24 students also graduated with a Brazilian High School Diploma

SAT SUMMARY (MEAN/SUPERScored)

Class of 2025: 17 test-takers

| TOTAL | ERW | MATH |
|-------|-----|------|
| 1162 | 616 | 559 |

GPA Distribution

| | |
|------------|-----|
| 4.00+ | 17% |
| 3.5 - 3.99 | 39% |
| 3.0 - 3.49 | 22% |
| 2.5 - 2.99 | 22% |
| 2.0 - 2.49 | 0% |
| Below 1.99 | 0% |

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAMINATIONS 2025

56 Students took 102 AP exams across 21 subjects, of which 91% scored a 3 or higher and the average passing rate was 3.27.

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|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 2D Art | Chemistry | English Literature | Physics 1 |
| 3D Art | Computer Science A | Human Geography | Physics C - Mech. |
| Art History | Comp. Science Principles | Macroeconomics | Psychology |
| Biology | Drawing | Microeconomics | Spanish |
| Calculus AB | English Language | Music Theory | Statistics |
| | | | US History |

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

Pan American Christian Academy, known as PACA, is a non-denominational Christian school in São Paulo, Brazil. Offering a college-preparatory curriculum, PACA serves a diverse community with students from mission organizations, diplomatic circles, and professional families. The school provides a dual curriculum program in both American and Brazilian systems.

Located in a city of about 22 million people - São Paulo, the largest business, industrial, and cultural hub in South America - PACA reflects the multinational environment of its community. The school enrolls approximately 380 students, with 190 in grades Pre K-5 and 190 in grades 6-12. Our student body is made up of roughly 20% North American, 45% Brazilian, 20% Korean, and 15% from other nationalities.

Spanning 8.9 acres, our campus includes top-tier facilities that rival the best international schools in South America. Our well-maintained campus features 22 classrooms, a science lab, library, media center, computer lab, learning lab, gymnasium, regulation-size athletic field, outdoor courts, cafeteria, playgrounds, and a 25-meter swimming pool.

English is the primary language of instruction, and all students follow an American curriculum, earning an American high school diploma. Students also have the option to take courses in Portuguese to qualify for a Brazilian diploma. Our faculty of 55 are all degreed and certified, with 55% holding a Post-Graduate or Master's Degree. With a student-faculty ratio of approximately 7:1, PACA ensures personalized attention and a supportive learning environment.

The school day begins at 8:00 am and ends at 3:25 pm, following a two-semester calendar from August to December and January to June. PACA provides a minimum of 200 school days each 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 selection 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 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 | Life of Christ (9), Old Testament Survey (10), Doctrine in New Testament (11), and Worldview (12) |
| P.E. | 2 | 2 | Physical Education or Sports Credit |
| Fine Arts | .5 | 1 | 3D Art, Performing Arts, Art, Advanced Art, Yearbook, Choir |
| Electives | 3.5 | | 3D Art, Speech, Yearbook, World Geography, Music, College Applications, Drama, Model United Nations 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, **except for valedictorian and salutatorian.**

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

Preschool and Kindergarten: Our all-day program for preschool and kindergarten students is designed to nurture early development in reading, writing, oral language, math, music, and art. Through interactive activities, students also build social skills, fostering personal responsibility and growth.

Elementary and Middle School: We focus on foundational skills in reading, language, math, social studies, science, computers, and physical education. Students participate in special activities such as sports, music, and drama. Additionally, we offer a learning lab to support students with learning differences.

High School: Our high school program is college preparatory, equipping students for admission to universities in the United States, Brazil, and worldwide. We offer Advanced Placement (AP) and Honors courses to provide further academic challenges. Students can also engage in a range of interscholastic sports and co-curricular activities.

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. In 2025, 20 out of 24 students graduated with a Brazilian High School Diploma.

Advanced Placement Programs: PACA offers Advanced Placement courses for qualified students to enhance and broaden their academic experience. Regularly offered courses include English Language, English Literature, US History, Psychology, Spanish, Chemistry, Biology, and Calculus.

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.

Extra-Curricular Activities: Our extracurricular offerings include the National Honor Society, Knowledge Bowl Tournament, Yearbook, Drama Performances, Choir Concert, Musicals, Community Service Activities, Student Government, and Varsity & JV sports programs. Sports offerings include Volleyball (M, W), Cheerleading (W), Basketball (M, W), Soccer (M, W), and Indoor Soccer (M, W).