

WHERE OUR GRADUATES HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED

The following is a list of colleges and universities that have accepted PACA students from 2023 to 2026.

United States:

Azusa Pacific University	Johns Hopkins University	Texas A&M
Baylor University	Liberty University	Texas Tech
Bentley University	LeTourneau University	Trinity University
Biola University	Master’s University	Tufts University
Bob Jones University	Marymount Manhattan College	University of California Berkeley
Boston University	Michigan State University	University of California Irvine
California Polytechnic University	New York University	University of California Los Angeles
Carleton University	Northeastern University	University of California San Diego
Cedarville University	Northwestern University	University of Findlay
Clemson University	Ohio State University	University of Illinois (Chicago)
Colorado Christian University	Oral Roberts University	University of Michigan
Cornell University	Penn State University	University of Minnesota
Dallas Baptist University	Pepperdine University	University of Notre Dame
Duke University	Point Loma University	University of Oregon
Florida International University	Purdue University	University of Pennsylvania
Florida State University	Rutgers University	University of Pittsburgh
Fordham University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of South Carolina
Grinnell College	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Southern California
Gordon College	Southern Methodist University	Vanderbilt University
Grand Canyon University	St. John’s University	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Hillsdale College	Syracuse University	Westmont College
Hofstra University	Taylor University	Wheaton College (IL)
Hult International Business School	TCU	
John Cabot University		

Brazil:

Einstein Medicina	IBMEC	UNICAMP
ESPM	INSPER	UNIFESP
FAAP	Instituto Mauá de Tecnologia	Univ. Presbiteriana Mackenzie
FIAP	Link School of Business	Universidade de São Paulo
Fundação Getúlio Vargas	UNESP	

International Universities

Canada:

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

New Zealand:

Victoria University of Wellington

United Kingdom:

Middlesex University
University of Essex
University of Sussex
University of the Arts London

South Korea:

Handong Global University
Yonsei University

Europe:

École Hôtelière de Lausanne
Edhec University
Erasmus University Rotterdam
Glion Institute
IE University
Swiss Hotel Management School



School Profile

2026-2027 / 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: 54
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
2026	107	19	85%	3.78
2025	104	21	91%	3.27
2024	74	14	79%	3.65
2023	76	18	71%	3.60
AP courses offered regularly are: Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, English Literature, Psychology, Spanish, and US History.				

SAT SUMMARY (MEAN/SUPERScored)					
CLASS	CLASS SIZE	# OF TEST-TAKERS	TOTAL	ERW	MATH
2026	21	16	1264	638	626
2025	24	17	1165	616	559
2024	15	13	1202	620	592
2023	26	22	1189	607	582

GPA DISTRIBUTION				
CLASS	2026	2025	2024	2023
4.00+	52%	17%	33%	54%
3.5-3.99	38%	39%	33%	23%
3.0-3.49	1%	22%	20%	8%
2.5-2.99	1%	22%	7%	8%
2.0-2.49	0%	0%	0%	4%
Below 1.99	0%	0%	7%	4%

PREPARING FOR UNIVERSITIES:



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

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

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.