

SCHOOL PROFILE 2026-2027

SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL | CEEB 910-675

INTERNATIONAL • CHRISTIAN • COLLEGE-PREPARATORY

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 complete 120 hours of community service during their four years of high school.

AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL Diploma

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

BRAZILIAN HIGH SCHOOL Diploma

PACA offers its Brazilian curriculum under the name Escola Cristã Pan Americana. Students who fulfill its requirements earn a Brazilian high school diploma. Courses include subjects like Matemática Aplicada, Redação, Geografia do Brasil, História do Brasil, Geografia Mundial, Filosofia, and Sociologia.

DUAL Diploma

An average of 95% of our students graduate with a Brazilian High School Diploma. The rigor of meeting requirements for both diplomas limits the selection of electives from which a students can choose.

ACCREDITATIONS:

ACSI

MIDDLE STATES ASSOCIATION

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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 courses receive an additional 1.0 GPA point, and Honors courses receive an additional 0.3 GPA points.

• PACA does not report class rank. Valedictorian and salutatorian honors are determined according to school policy.

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	D+	1.3
66-68	D	1.0
65	D-	0.7
0-64	F	0

HONORS PROGRAM

Core courses may be taken as Honors with instructor approval on specified topics within the area of study. Honors is the completion of an additional in-depth project involving an extensive research essay and a presentation in front of a panel of judges. Students may enroll in up to three Honors courses per school year.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

LEADERSHIP

National Honor Society
Student Government
Student-led Clubs

ACADEMIC

Knowledge Bowl
MUN

SERVICE

Community Service 120 hours

ARTS

Drama
Choir
Yearbook

VARSITY & JV SPORTS

Basketball
Cheerleading
Futsal
Soccer
Volleyball

STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO 7:1

FACULTY

100% All teachers hold degrees and teaching credentials.
60% hold a Post-Graduate or Master's Degree

SCHOOL DEMOGRAPHICS

380 Total Enrollment
107 High School Students
21 Class of 2026

NATIONALITIES

78% Brazilian
11% North American
4% Korean
7% Other Countries

PREPARING FOR UNIVERSITIES:



HIGH SCHOOL Curriculum

200 Instructional Days | 8:00 am to 3:25 pm | 8 periods in a school day

Course Credits by Department - American Diploma & Dual Diploma

DEPARTMENT	AMERICAN DIPLOMA	DUAL DIPLOMA
English	4	4
Math	3	4
Science	2	4
Social Studies	2	4.6
Portuguese	4	4.4
Bible	4	4
P.E.	2	2
Fine Arts	.5	1
Electives	3.5	-
Total Credits	25	28

COURSES:

English

General English 9
English 10 - World Literature
English 11 - American Literature
English 12 - British Literature
AP English Literature

Math

Algebra I
Geometry
Algebra II
Pre-Calculus
AP Calculus
Matemática Aplicada

Science

Physical Science
Biology or AP Biology
AP Chemistry or Química
Physics

Social Studies

Ancient World History I
Modern World History II
US History or AP US History
US Government
Brazilian Geography
Brazilian History
Philosophy
Sociology

Portuguese

Portuguese Language is taught in 2 levels:
Beginner/Intermediate,
Advanced Portuguese & Composition

Bible

Bible 9
Bible 10
Bible 11
Bible 12

P.E.

Physical Education or Sports Credit

Fine Arts

3D Art
Art, Advanced Art
Choir
Journalism
Performing Arts
Portfolio Art
Yearbook

Electives

3D Art
Advanced Art
AP Psychology
AP Spanish
Art
Choir
Cinema
College Applications
Journalism
Performing Arts
Portfolio Art
Spanish 1
Spanish 2
Speech, Yearbook
STEAM Workshop
World Geography

Other: Teacher Aide, Study Hall (no credit)

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).

OUR Outcomes

AP - ADVANCED PLACEMENT

2023-2026 - performance summary

YEAR	# OF SUBJECTS	TOTAL EXAMS	% SCORING 3 +
2026	19	107	85%
2025	21	104	91%
2024	14	74	79%
2023	18	76	71%

AP classes receive 1.0 extra grade point.

SAT SUMMARY

Classes of 2023-2026 - mean/superscored

YEAR	TOTAL	ERW	MATH
2026	1264	638	626
2025	1175	616	559
2024	1202	620	592
2023	1189	607	582

GPA DISTRIBUTION

Classes of 2023-2026 - share of students by GPA range

CLASS	2026	2025	2024	2023
4.00+	52%	17%	33%	54%
3.5-3.99	38%	39%	33%	23%
3.0-3.49	5%	22%	20%	8%
2.5-2.99	5%	22%	7%	8%
2.0-2.49	0%	0%	0%	4%
Below 2.00	0%	0%	7%	4%


Chemistry


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WHERE OUR GRADUATES HAVE BEEN *Accepted*

UNITED STATES

Asbury University
Azusa Pacific University
Baylor University
Bentley University
Biola University
Bob Jones University
Boston University
California Polytechnic University
Cedarville University
Clemson University
Cornell University
Duke University
Duquesne University
Florida International University
Florida State University
Fordham University
Grinnell College
Gordon College
Grand Canyon University
Hillsdale College
Hofstra University
Hult International Business School
Johns Hopkins University
Liberty University
LeTourneau University
Marymount Manhattan College
The Master's University
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Ohio State University
Penn State University
Pepperdine University
Point Loma Nazarene University
Purdue University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institution
Rice University
Rutgers University
Savannah College of Art & Design
School of the Art Inst. of Chicago
Southern Methodist University
St. John's University
Syracuse University
Taylor University
Texas A&M
Texas Tech
Trinity University
Tufts University
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, San Diego
University of Findlay
University of Illinois, Chicago
Univ. 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
IBMEC
INSPER
Instituto Mauá de Tecnologia
Link School of Business
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

NEW ZEALAND:

Victoria Univ. of Wellington

EUROPE:

École Hôtelière de Lausanne
Erasmus University
Glion Institute
IE University
Swiss Hotel Management School
John Cabot University

AUSTRALIA:

University of Western Australia

UNITED KINGDOM:

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

SOUTH KOREA:

Handong Global University
Yonsei University

*List of colleges and universities that have accepted PACA students from 2021 to 2026.

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