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# School & Academic Profile 2023-2024

**CEEB: 910-675**

## SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS:

Stephen Meier - Superintendent  
 Cristiane Santos - Director of School Improvement  
 Josh Stockment - Secondary Principal (6-12)  
 Brenda Stockment - Elementary Principal (PK-5)  
 Luana Sousa - Director of Member Care  
 Kevin Flurry - Director of Advancement  
 Ricardo Silva - Director of Operations  
 Paulo Santos - Director of Learning Technology  
 Susana Okada - Executive Secretary

## ACCREDITED BY:

Cognia  
 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 School in the Americas (AMISA)

## 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 2020-2023.

<b>United States:</b>	Liberty University	University of California Irvine	Instituto Mauá de Tecnologia
Asbury University	LeTourneau University	University of California Los Angeles	UNICAMP
Azusa Pacific University	Master's College	University of California San Diego	UNIFESP
Baylor University	New York University	University of Illinois (Chicago)	Univ. Presbiteriana Mackenzie
Bentley University	Northeastern University	University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign)	Universidade de São Paulo
Biola University	Northwestern University	University of Michigan	<b>International Universities:</b>
Boston University	Notre Dame	University of Minnesota	<b>Europe</b>
California Polytechnic University	Ohio State University	University of Oregon	École Hôtelière de Lausanne
Carleton University	Penn State University	University of Pennsylvania	Glion Institute
Cedarville University	Pepperdine University	University of Pittsburgh	Swiss Hotel Management School
Clemson University	Point Loma University	University of South Carolina	University of Essex (UK)
Cornell University	Purdue University	University of Southern California	University of Sussex (UK)
Duke University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Vanderbilt University	<b>Canada</b>
Duquesne University	Rice University	Wentworth Institute of Tech.	University of Alberta
Florida State University	Rutgers University	Westmont College	University of British Columbia
Fordham University	Savannah College of Art and Design	Wheaton College (IL)	University of Calgary
Grinnell College	Southern Methodist University	<b>Brazilian Universities:</b>	University of Toronto
Gordon College	Syracuse University	Einstein Medicina	York University
Grand Canyon University	Taylor University	ESPM	<b>Australia</b>
Hillsdale College	Texas A&M	FAAP	University of Western Australia
Hult International Business School	Trinity University	Fundação Getúlio Vargas	<b>Korea</b>
John Cabot University	Tufts University	INSPER	Handong Global University
Johns Hopkins University	University of California Berkeley		

- Class of 2023:**
- 26 students from 3 different countries
  - 16 Native or native proficiency
  - 20 out of 26 students also graduated with a Brazilian High School Diploma

## SAT SUMMARY (MEAN/SUPERScored)

Class of 2023: 22 test-takers

TOTAL	ERW	MATH
1189	607	582

## GPA Distribution

4.00+	54%
3.5 - 3.99	23%
3.0 - 3.49	8%
2.5 - 2.99	8%
2.0 - 2.49	4%
Below 1.99	4%

## Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations 2023

Students took 76 AP exams across 18 subjects, of which 63% scored a 3 or higher and the average passing rate was 3.60.

Biology	English Literature	Physics 1
Calculus AB	Environmental Science	Physics C: Mechanics
Chemistry	Human Geography	Psychology
Comp. Government	Macroeconomics	Spanish Language
Computer Science A	Microeconomics	United States History
English Language	Music Theory	World History: Modern

## 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 330 students: 170 in grades Pre K-5, and 160 in grades 6-12. Our student body is approximately 20% North American, 40% Brazilian, 25% Korean, and 15% 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 38 are all degreed and certified with 60% holding a Post-Graduate or Master's Degree. The student-faculty ratio is approximately 10:1.

School routine begins at 8:00 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 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:** Students enjoy an all day curriculum designed to develop reading, writing, oral language, math, music, and art skills. Our early childhood 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 differences.

**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, Geografia Mundial, Filosofia, e Sociologia. For the Class of 2023, 20 students out of 26 graduated with a Brazilian High School Diploma.

**Advanced Placement Programs:** PACA offers Advanced Placement courses to qualified students to enhance and expand their educational experience. The courses offered regularly are: English Language, English Literature, US History, World History, Spanish, 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.

**Extra-Curricular Activities:** National Honor Society / Knowledge Bowl Tournament / Yearbook / Drama Performance / Choir Concert / Musicals / Community Service Activities / Student Government / Varsity & JV Sports Programs: Volleyball (M, W), Cheerleading (W), Basketball (M, W), Soccer (M, W), Indoor Soccer (M, W).