



# School & Academic Profile 2012-2013

## PAN AMERICAN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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Claudia Kuhnast - Guidance Counselor  
Kevin Flurry - Director of Development  
Telma Baldacci - Director of Operations  
Marcia Teixeira - Executive Secretary

### Accredited by:

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)  
Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)  
Ministério da Educação (MEC)

### Member of:

Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)  
Association of American Schools in South America (AASSA)  
Association of American Schools in Brazil (AASB)

## 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 2009-2013.

### United States:

American University  
Bethel College  
Biola University  
Boston University  
Cedarville University  
Colorado School of Mines  
Columbia College  
Cornell University  
Drexel University  
Duquesne University  
Eastern University  
Emory University  
Fresno Pacific University  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Florida State University  
Georgetown University  
Georgia Tech  
Houghton College  
John Brown University  
Johnson and Wales  
Master's College

Michigan State University  
Moody Bible Institute  
Northeastern University  
Oklahoma State University  
Penn State University  
Philadelphia Biblical University  
Purdue University  
Rutgers  
Santa Monica College  
St. Mary's College  
SUNY  
Tabor College  
Trinity International University  
Trinity University (TX)  
Tulane University  
University of California Berkeley  
University of California Irvine  
University of California San Diego  
University of Illinois (Urbana - Champaign)  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Pittsburgh

University of Southern California  
University of Maryland  
University of Miami  
University of Tampa  
Vanderbilt University  
Villanova University  
Washington University (St. Louis)  
Webster University  
Wheaton College (IL)

### Brazilian Universities:

ESPM  
FAAP  
FEI  
Fundação Getúlio Vargas  
IBMEC  
São Camilo  
SENAC  
UNICAMP  
UNIFESP  
Univ. Presbiteriana MacKenzie  
Universidade de São Paulo

### International Universities:

Canada  
Brock University  
McGill University  
Ryerson University  
Trent University  
Trinity Western University  
University of Alberta  
University of British Columbia  
Europe  
American University in France  
Istituto Marangoni in Italy  
Jacobs University in Germany  
Technical University Delft in Holland  
Japan  
International Christian University  
Singapore  
Nanyang Technological University  
Korea  
Handong Global University  
Korea University  
Seoul National University

## SCHOOL STATISTICS

Class of 2013 - 25 students from 4 nations  
- 18 Native or native proficiency  
- 18 students out of 25 also graduated with a Brazilian High School Diploma

SAT Scores	CR	Math	WR
Native English (16)	583	585	588
Non-Native English (3)	456	463	450

Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations 2013 (score of 3 or above/total)

There were a total of 83 AP exams taken in May 2013. Pass Rate: 59%

Calculus AB	2/10	English Literature	4/9
Chemistry	6/12	English Lang. /Comp.	9/14
Biology	11/12	World History	0/2
Spanish Language	10/14	US History	6/9

GPA Distribution	
4.00+	24%
3.5 - 3.99	36%
3.0 - 3.49	24%
2.5 - 2.99	16%
2.0 - 2.49	
Below 1.99	

## 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 350 students: 170 in grades Pre K-5, and 180 in grades 6-12. Our student body is approximately 30% North American, 30% Brazilian, 29% Korean, and 11% 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 40 are all degreed and certified with 71% holding a Post-Graduate or Master's Degree. The student-faculty ratio is approximately 10:1.

School routine begins at 8:05 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 choice 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 Quimica, Physics
Social Studies	2	4.5	Ancient World History I, Modern World History II, US History or AP US History, US Government, Brazilian Geography, Brazilian History, Philosophy, Sociology
Portuguese*	4	4.5	Portuguese Language is taught in 4 levels: Beginner, Intermediate, Special Portuguese, Advanced Portuguese & Composition
Bible*	4	4	Life of Christ (9), Old Testament Survey (10), Church History / Theology (11), and Worldview (12)
P.E.	2	2	Physical Education or Sports Credit
Fine Arts		1	3D Art, Performing Arts, Art, Advanced Art, Yearbook
Electives	4		3D Art, Speech, Knowledge Bowl, College Prep Writing, Forensics, Yearbook, World Geography, Music, College Applications, Drama  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.

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 disabilities.

**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 2013, 18 students out of 25 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, 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.

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