



SCHOOL PROFILE

The European School

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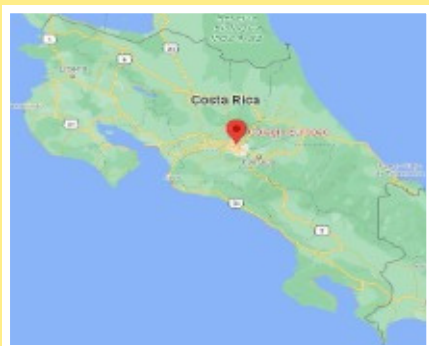
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The School and Community

Founded in 1989, The European School is a K-12 institution located in Heredia, Costa Rica that offers an English-based, humanities-focused curriculum. The humanistic, literature-based educational program recognizes each student as an entire being with different gifts and limitations, needs and abilities, and hope for the future. The European School is presently serving 515 students from over forty-five countries around the world. The European School is accredited by Costa Rica's Ministry of Public Education (MEP) as well as the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO).

Bilingual Education

Bilingualism is central to the European School's philosophy. Starting in kindergarten, all classes are taught in English, with one daily period of Spanish language and literature. French is introduced as a third language in seventh grade, and may give the student enough proficiency to further their studies in a French-speaking university.

The Academic Program

Once a student finishes 10th grade, he or she must enroll in the full IB Diploma Program, as it is the only pathway we offer to graduate from the European School.

Our students must take both English A HL (Literature or Language and Literature) and Spanish A HL (Literature or Language and Literature), and then choose four other courses from the list of courses offered at our school, which are:

- Geography or History (SL or HL)
- Chemistry or Biology (SL or HL) or Environmental Studies and Systems (SL or HL)
- Math Analysis and Approaches or Math Applications and Interpretations (SL or HL)
- French B or Visual Arts (SL or HL) or a second science or humanities subject



Grading System

A	93-100	7
B	85-92	6
C	78-84	5
D	70-77	4
F	0-69	<4

Final grades for students in grades 11 and 12 are based on 50% semester exams and 50% quarter grades.

The minimum passing grade for all courses is 70%.

In accordance with school policy, class rank and grade point average (GPA) are not calculated or reported.

Students are enrolled in the IB May Exam Session. IB scores are available on July 6 each year and students apply to university with their IB predicted scores.

2026-2027 School Calendar

Q1: July 27 - September 25
Q2: October 12 - December 11
Q3: January 18 - March 19
Q4: April 5 - June 18

IB Graduation -
May 22, 2027

All IB students undertake two-year courses in *Theory of Knowledge (TOK)* and *Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS)*, and complete a 4,000-word *Extended Essay (EE)* on a research topic of their choice, as required for the IB Diploma.

Through the EE and Internal Assessments (IAs), students formulate their own research questions, further developing their critical reading and writing skills. Our IB students also participate in Outward Bound, an intensive 10-day wilderness experience, volunteer at Pacuere Reserve to protect endangered leatherback turtles, and many hike Mt. Chirripó, Costa Rica's highest mountain. Through these challenges, we aim to foster environmental stewardship, resilience, and leadership skills that contribute to creating principled and balanced individuals.

Our IB average results for the past five years are the following:

Year	No. of Candidates	Average Grade	Average Total	Passing Rate	No. of Courses Offered with Results Above World Average
2026	30	5.35	34	100%	18 out of 20
2025	29	4.9	31	100%	17 out of 21
2024	31	5.17	33	100%	21 out of 23
2023	21	5.13	33	95.2%	19 out of 21
2022	31	5.48	35	100%	16 out of 19

College Attendance

Successful IB graduates pursue their passions at respected universities worldwide. Our most recent graduates have selected:

Costa Rica

- Universidad de Costa Rica
- Instituto Tecnológico de Costa Rica
- Universidad Nacional
- ULead

Spain

- Universidad de Navarra
- Universidad Francisco de Vitoria
- EDEM
- Universidad de Salamanca
- ie

Mexico

- TEC de Monterrey

Canada

- University of Alberta
- University of British Columbia
- Simon Fraser University

United States

- Oregon State
- Lawrence University
- University of Kansas
- Dickinson College

Austria

- IMC Krems

Italy

- University of Padua
- Politecnico di Milano

UK

- University College Cork
- UWE Bristol

The Netherlands

- Han University of Applied Sciences
- HAS Green Academy

Asia

- Kyushu University
- Yonsei University