



SCHOOL PROFILE 2023-24

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ABOUT EL CAMINO ACADEMY

El Camino Academy was founded in 1980 by a group of North American missionary parents who desired a U.S.-based curriculum for their children's education. Today, about 95% of our students are from Colombian business and ministry families; the remainder are from foreign missionary and diplomatic families.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

- > **1st Semester:** August - December
- > **2nd Semester:** January - May

ACCREDITATION



Colombian Ministry of Education Approved

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All graduates receive a U.S. high school diploma of international recognition, and all students who meet the requirements earn a Colombian diploma.

- A minimum of 22 credits are needed for the U.S. diploma (18 required and 4 elective). Requirements for a Colombian diploma are 6 years of core classes.
- Since 2012, 95% of our students have received both diplomas.
- Every student must complete 120 hours of community service by the end of 12th grade.
- Students must complete at least 2 years at ECA, one being the entire senior year.

CURRICULUM

The academic program at ECA is organized on a standard period schedule. The maximum course load is 3.8 credits per semester. Students have eight 45-minute classes daily. The school year has 180 school days starting in early August and finishing early June. Courses range from 0.1 to 0.5 credits per semester, based on the number of periods scheduled per week. Most students take 6 core courses per semester:

Spanish, Social Studies, Science,
Math, English, and Bible

The normal course load for 9th - 12th grade is 10 courses per semester.

Honors Classes: Offered in English, Math, and Spanish

AP Courses: We offer AP Calculus AB. Students consistently score higher than the national average on their AP exams.

Classes in Spanish: Spanish and select Social Studies classes are the only classes taught in Spanish.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT BODY

ECA is a comprehensive 4-year high school with 81 students in grades 9-12.

• Seniors	19
• Juniors	24
• Sophomores	22
• Freshmen	16

GRADING AND RANKING

ECA ranks only 1st and 2nd place due to small class size.

Letter Grade	Numeric Equivalent	Points	Letter Grade	Numeric Equivalent	Points
A+	98-100%	4.0	C+	77-79%	2.3
A	93-97%	4.0	C	73-76%	2.0
A-	90-92%	3.7	C-	70-72%	1.7
B+	87-89%	3.3	D+	67-69%	1.3
B	83-86%	3.0	D	63-66%	1.0
B-	80-82%	2.7	D-	60-62%	.7
Unweighted GPA Scale			F	0-59%	0

Note: Honors courses are awarded an additional .5 quality point, and AP courses are awarded an additional 1.0 quality point. Transfer credits are not included in the GPA.

STANDARDIZED TESTS

- > **PSAT/SAT** - 10th and 11th graders take the PSAT, 11th and 12th graders take the SAT.
- > **Pre SABER** - Standardized Colombian test given to all 11th graders in the areas of Spanish, Math, and Science
- > **SABER 11 / ICSES** - Colombian college entrance exam that all Colombian students take
- > **AP Exams** - Students are guided in studying for AP exams.

CLASS OF 2022 SAT

(Middle 50% Range)

Math	450-540
Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	520-630
Overall Scores	930-1150

INTERESTING FACTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- > **In the top 10** in the nation for English for the past 5 years per *Revista Dinero/Semana* school rankings
- > **90%** of our students graduate with a C1 English level or higher.
- > Emphasis on service, leadership, and discipleship
- > **Service** - Our students participate in service trips during the fall and spring to needy areas of Colombia.
- > **Model United Nations** - Students regularly participate in this university-level extracurricular activity. Every other year, our school organizes an internal Model UN.
- > **National Honor Society** - Our chapter of NHS has been active since 2001.
- > **¡Vive el español!** - Annually the entire school celebrates our Colombian culture by performing traditional dances and original dramas.

MATRICULATION: CLASSES OF 2019-23

In the United States

- Cairn University, PA
- Calvin University, MI
- Case Western University, OH
- Florida International University, FL
- Florida State University, FL
- LeTourneau University, TX
- Missouri State University, MO
- Nova Southeastern University, FL
- Oral Roberts University, OK
- Ouachita Baptist University, AR
- Samford University, AL
- Southeastern University, FL
- The Master's University, CA
- University of Miami, FL
- University of South Florida, FL

In Colombia

- Pontificia Universidad Javeriana
- Universidad de la Sabana
- Universidad de los Andes
- Universidad del Bosque
- Universidad del Rosario
- Universidad Distrital Colombia
- Universidad IAN
- Universidad ICESI
- Universidad Nacional

Abroad

- 3iS Film and Cinema School, France
- Bodensee Hof Bible School, Germany
- ESADE, Spain
- National Taiwan University, Taiwan
- Sungkyunkwan University, Korea
- Trent University, Canada
- Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Italy
- University of Waterloo, Canada

STUDENT SERVICES

- > **Learning Center** - Specialized teachers are available to support students who exhibit low academic achievement or behavioral concerns. Support may include individualized or small group instruction, as well as support within the classroom, depending on student needs.
- > **Counseling** - Trained Christian psychologists are available for regular or occasional counseling to help students and/or families dealing with difficult social, emotional, or family situations.
- > **ELL Assistance** - ELL specialists provide age-appropriate, intensive English

instruction and support, individually or in small groups, to bring students up to grade level.

- > **Sports** - Soccer and volleyball are popular. Our teams compete with neighboring schools.