



COLEGIO INTERNACIONAL  
MONTESSORI

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Colegio Internacional Montessori (CIM) is a private, bilingual school enrolling students from Kindergarten through Grade 12. It offers instructions in both English and Spanish. The school opened its doors in 1984 and graduated its first senior class in 1995. CIM offers a high quality education based on the principles of Dr. Maria Montessori, which provides students with life skills and prepares them to become world citizens.

CIM is located in an important commerce and residential area in Santa Catarina Pinula, Guatemala City. The school has a 17.27-acres extension surrounded by forests and clean air. The campus design responds to the “Montessori” concept of a “prepared ambience”, integrating the philosophy and architecture for the benefit of its students.

### Vision:

*Ethical young adults who accept their responsibility in life and possess moral, social, and personal values as well as the necessary tools to act positively and creatively in a multi-cultural and changing world.*

### Mission:

*Educate our students through the integration of high academic standards and moral values in order for them to successfully face their aspirations in life, the challenges of higher education, and the demands of society.*

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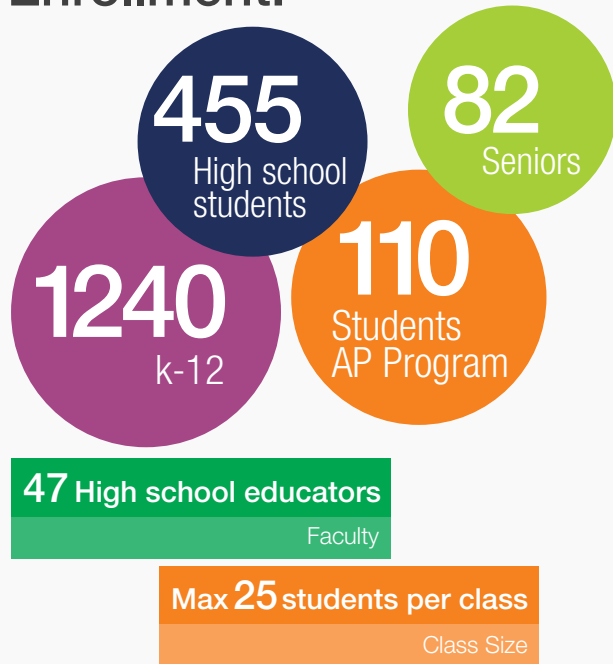
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## Enrollment:



## Schooling years:

Division of Levels MINEDUC	Grade Levels MINEDUC	American Grade System	Age for Admission
PREPRIMARIA (Párvulos)	Kindergarten	Kindergarten	5
	Preparatoria	1st Grade	6
PRIMARIA	Primero Primaria	2nd Grade	7
	Segundo Primaria	3rd Grade	8
	Tercero Primaria	4th Grade	9
	Cuarto Primaria	5th Grade	10
	Quinto Primaria	6th Grade	11
	Sexto Primaria	7th Grade	12
BÁSICOS	Primero Básico	8th Grade	13
	Segundo Básico	9th Grade	14
	Tercero Básico	10th Grade	15
DIVERSIFICADO	Cuarto Bachillerato	11th Grade	16
	Quinto Bachillerato	12th Grade	17

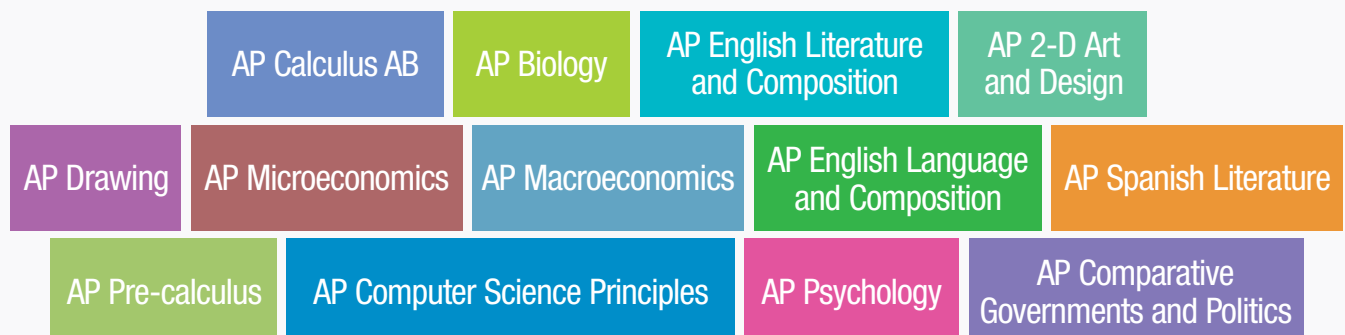
<b>Founded</b> 1984	<b>Accreditation</b> Guatemalan Ministry of Education "Bachillerato en Ciencias y Letras"	<b>Member</b> College Board
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## Academic Program:

The "Bachillerato" program is the required curriculum for those who wish to further their education at a university level. All students earning the "Bachillerato en Ciencias y Letras" diploma are required to pass ALL courses in the curriculum. This course list is an extensive one that leaves no room for elective classes, although there are "Advanced Placement" classes in the program. Graduates of the "Bachillerato" program are well prepared to study at a university level, whether choosing a major in the area of humanities or science and mathematics. At the secondary level, students receive instruction in English in the areas of Literature, which includes Grammar & Composition. In the courses of Mathematics and Science, students use textbooks and materials published in the United States of America. Courses taught in Spanish include Literature & Composition, Social Studies, Art & Art History, Music, and Physical Education.

## AP Program:

Since 2019 AP courses are available to students in grades 10 through 12 upon prerequisite completion and teacher recommendation. Students can choose three upon faculty permission. Honors courses are available to students from 9th grade in the Mathematics and English Department. 75% of the AP Exams received scores of 3 or higher.



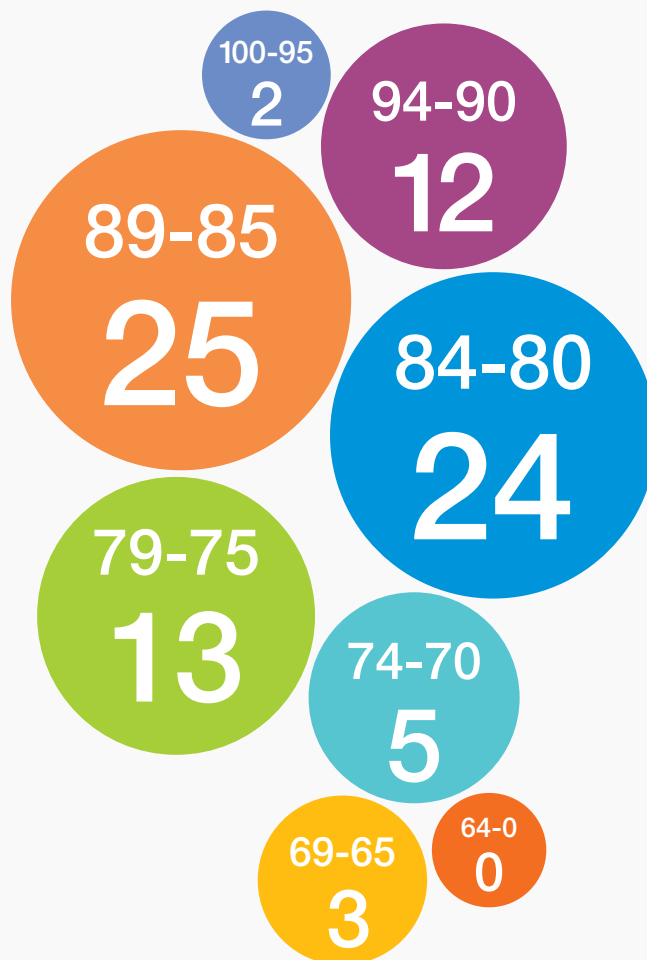
## Grading System:

The grading system used by the Ministry of Education in Guatemala is numerical, using averages calculated over 100%, with 60% being the required minimum for passing. Students may not continue to the next grade level unless they have passed all of their courses with a minimum of 60%.

For college application outside of Guatemala, an unweighted and weighted grade point average (GPA) is calculated. The GPA is the cumulative average of all courses from grade 9-12. Our school does not rank students. The weighted GPA reflects an additional 10 points per AP course. Grades are recorded each bimester from January to October.

Percent Grade	Letter Grade
97-100	A+
93-96	A
90-92	A-
87-89	B+
83-86	B
80-82	B-
77-79	C+
73-76	C
70-72	C-
67-69	D+
65-66	D
Below 65	E/F

## Cumulative Distribution Class of 2023: (84 students)



## University Acceptance Sampling (2014-2023): Nearly 100% of graduates attend a 4-year university; 90% apply and are accepted to top universities in Guatemala

### GUATEMALA

Universidad Francisco Marroquín, Universidad del Valle de Guatemala, Universidad Rafael Landívar, Universidad del Istmo, Universidad San Carlos de Guatemala (State university)

### INTERNATIONAL

Syracuse University NY\*, The University of Texas at Austin\*, Louisiana State University\*, University of Chicago\*, Virginia Tech\*, Texas A&M\*, Pennsylvania State University\*, Universidad de Navarra (Spain)\*, Universidad Anáhuac (México)\*, Tecnológico de Monterrey (México)\*, John Hopkins, SCAD, Georgia Institute of Technology, Purdue, Berkely, University of Louisiana,, Tulane, SMU, University of Florida, Fordham University, Tufts University, Suffolk University, The American Academy of Dramatic Arts, Loyola University of Chicago, Penn State, Columbia University, Istituto Europeo di Design, ESADE Business School, Universidad Panamericana México, Liberty University, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, NYU Abu Dhabi, Universidad Católica de Valencia, Tilburg University, The Netherlands, Hofstra University NY, Universidad Europea del Atlántico en Santander, España, Northeastern University, MSU, Notre Dame University.

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