



MARYMOUNT SCHOOL MEDELLÍN

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GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

Marymount School Medellín is an all-girls, Catholic, bilingual school located in El Poblado, a residential area in Medellín. The school was founded in 1954 by the Religious Order of the Sacred Heart of Mary (RSHM) as part of a network of Marymount schools in Europe, the United States and Latin America. The Order transferred ownership of the school in 1984 to a legally constituted parent organization, and the non-profit "Marymount Corporation of Medellín" was then constituted as the Board of Trustees. The school remains part of the RSHM Network of Schools.

ACCREDITATION

Colombian Ministry of Education
New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)
Council of International Schools (CIS)

In 2015, Marymount School Medellín ranked third best school nationwide by the Col-Sapiens Research firm. Results were based on three things - category, according to the ICFES national leaving exams results; quality, as recognized by the Ministry of Education; and international academic accreditation and recognition. The school has been awarded the highest distinction possible - AAA. Furthermore, in 2018, the same firm ranked the school number one in Antioquia in English proficiency, and third nationwide.

STUDENT BODY

There are 1015 students enrolled in the school: 285 in preschool, 293 in Elementary School, 268 in Middle School, and 169 in High School. This year's senior class has 53 students. There are two classrooms per year in grades 10 -11, and three from Nursery to Grade 9. Approximately 95% of our students are Colombian with the remaining 5% from other nationalities or of dual citizenship.

FACULTY

All eighty-nine faculty members hold university degrees in education and/or their specialty field, and 70% are in the process of obtaining or already hold a Master's degree. The average number of teaching at Marymount School Medellín is seven. The teaching staff is mainly Colombian, and this year there are nine foreign faculty members.

CURRICULUM

Marymount School Medellín has four academic sections following Colombian Ministry of Education regulations, as follows: *Preschool*: Nursery, Pre-Kindergarten, and Transition*; *Elementary*: Grades 1-4; *Middle School*: Grades 5-8; *High School*: Grades 9-11.

IMPORTANT NOTE: *In Colombia, "Transition" is the equivalent of First Grade in the USA or Europe. Therefore, students in Colombia graduate in Grade 11, which is, in fact, Grade 12 in the American and European educational systems. **For transcript consideration in overseas applications grades presented will be from Colombian Grades 8 – 11 so as to cover four years of schooling.**

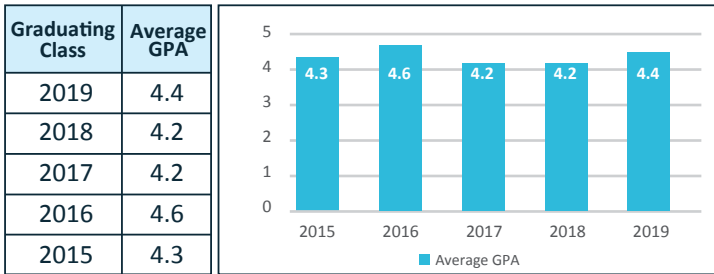
The school year, divided into trimesters, runs from August to June. All courses are college preparatory with 75% taught in English. All seniors take the ICFES SABER 11 national leaving exam and graduate with the Colombian **Bachillerato** Diploma. Furthermore, the school has adapted the University of Cambridge International Curriculum meeting international standards and providing students with the possibility of graduating with the IGCSE Diploma. In order to graduate, students must also take the IELTS as well as the DELF exams to certify proficiency in both English and French according to CEF standards. The school does not offer AP classes.

GRADING SCALE

Passing grade is 3.5 (70%). We do not rank our students.

Grade (Colombian standards)	Number Grade (based on a 5.0 scale)	Equivalent in % and US letter grade
Superior - Outstanding	4.6 - 5.0	92 - 100 (A)
Alto - High	4.1 - 4.5	82 - 91 (B)
Basico - Basic	3.5 - 4.0	70 - 81 (C)
Bajo - Low	1.0 - 3.4	20 - 69 (D)

GPA OVERVIEW



COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

Classes are 50 minutes each with number of classes per week in parentheses.

* Offers Advanced or Regular

8th Grade (US 9th Grade)

LANGUAGES: English (5) - French (4) - Spanish (4) - Literature (1)
MATHEMATICS: Math (Algebra I) (4) - Geometry (1) - Statistics (1)
SCIENCES: Science and Environmental Education (4) - Chemistry (1) - Physics (1)
SOCIAL SCIENCES: History, Constitution, and Democracy (3) - Geography (1)
TECHNOLOGY: ICT (2)
ARTS: Art (1) - Dance (1) - Music (1)
RELIGIOUS STUDIES: Religion (2) - Ethics and Values (2)
P.E.: (1)

9th Grade (US 10th Grade)

LANGUAGES: *English (5) - *French (4) - Spanish (4) - Literature (1)
MATHEMATICS: *Math (Algebra II) (4) - Geometry (1) - Statistics (1)
SCIENCES: Science and Environmental Education (4) - Chemistry (1) - Physics (1)
SOCIAL SCIENCES: History, Constitution, and Democracy (3) - Geography (1)
TECHNOLOGY: ICT (2)
ARTS: Art (1) - Dance (1) - Music (1)
RELIGIOUS STUDIES: Religion (2) - Ethics and Values (2)
P.E.: (1)

10th Grade (US 11th Grade)

LANGUAGES: *English (5) - *French (3) - Spanish (3)
MATHEMATICS: *Math (Trigonometry) (4) - Geometry (1) - Statistics (1)
SCIENCES: Chemistry (4) - Physics (4) - Biology (1)
SOCIAL SCIENCES: Philosophy (2) - Social Science (2) - Economics (1)
TECHNOLOGY: ICT (1)
ARTS: Art (1) - Dance (1) - Music (1)
RELIGIOUS STUDIES: Religion (2) - Ethics and Values (1)
P.E.: (1)

11th Grade (US 12th Grade)

LANGUAGES: *English (5) - *French (3) - Spanish (3)
MATHEMATICS: *Math (Calculus) (4) - Geometry (1) - Statistics (1)
SCIENCES: Chemistry (4) - Physics (4) - Biology (1)
SOCIAL SCIENCES: Philosophy (2) - Social Science (2) - Economics (1)
TECHNOLOGY: ICT (1)
ARTS: Art (1) - Dance (1) - Music (1)
RELIGIOUS STUDIES: Religion (2) - Ethics and Values (1)
P.E.: (1)

GRADUATION RESEARCH PROJECT

Seniors present a Graduation Project based on their intended university major. They are required to do a short internship related to their chosen field, write a research paper, and present their final work to a large audience and jury. Classes are intensified in the second semester according to their chosen field, and schedules modified to accommodate the students. Emphasis is placed on engineering, business related majors, social sciences, science,

or the arts, depending on the student. It is optional to enroll in a first semester college class at one of the major universities in the city in order to obtain college credit.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students are encouraged to participate in athletic, cultural and academic clubs. The most popular activities are soccer, Ultimate Frisbee, track and field, music, dance and theater, yearbook, foreign languages, Model United Nations, robotics, social service, and choir, to name a few.

SOCIAL SERVICE

Colombian law requires that all students must complete eighty hours of community service in order to graduate. Our school values promote ethical, moral, social and cultural principles, and our students in grades 9-11 participate actively in different activities around the city not only to fulfill this requirement, but as volunteers of "**Marymount Solidario**", the school's Solidarity Project.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES THAT HAVE ACCEPTED OUR STUDENTS 2013-2019

After graduation 100% of our students attend four-year institutions.

Actual matriculations appear in bold lettering.

Colombian Universities

Colegiatura Colombiana	Universidad de Los Andes
Escuela de Ingeniería de Antioquia	Universidad Externado de Colombia
Universidad CES	Universidad Nacional
Universidad del Rosario	Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana
Universidad EAFIT	

International Universities

Adelphi College	Richmond, The American University in London
American University Paris	Roger Williams University
Ball State University	Rollins College
Boston University	Roosevelt University
Cambridge School of Visual and Performing Arts	Saint Mary's University - Canada
Capilano University	Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD)
City University of London	St. Louis University - Madrid
Drexel University	St. Thomas University - Canada
Elon University	Suffolk University
Emerson College	Syracuse University
Emory University	Temple University
Flagler College	Toulouse Business School
Florida Institute of Technology	Truman State University
Florida International University	Universidad de Anáhuac
Fordham University	Universidad de Navarra
Frasier University	Universidad Europea de Madrid
Georgia Institute of Technology	Universidad Europea del Atlántico
HULT International Business School	Universidad Francisco de Vitoria
IE University	University of Exeter
IÉSEG School of Management	University of Florida
Lakehead University	University of Miami
Loyola University - Chicago	University of NC - Chapel Hill
Lynn University	University of Sheffield
Marquette University	University of South Florida
Midwestern State University	University of Tampa
Millikin University	University of the Incarnate Word
Minerva Schools at KGI	University of Virginia
Mt. Allison University - Canada	Wagner College
Northeastern University	Wake Forest University
Parsons College	Whitworth University
Purdue University	
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	

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