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## Marymount School Medellín School Profile 2020 - 2021

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### COVID 19 update

Adhering to strict government decrees and protocols, the school has cancelled all international visits and college fairs until further notice. Online teaching continues until blended learning can come into effect.

Our students have had less access to SAT/SAT Subject and ACT tests, TOEFL and IELTS exams due to worldwide testing restrictions, fewer test dates offered, and cancellations. Please take this into account when evaluating our students' applications.

### Characteristics

An all-girls, Catholic, bilingual school founded in 1954 by the Religious Order of the Sacred Heart of Mary (RSHM) as part of the network of Marymount schools in Europe, the United States and Latin America. The school is an active member of the RSHM Network of Schools.

### Accreditation

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

Marymount School Medellín is consistently awarded AAA++ based on the annual Col-Sapiens Research firm rankings. Results are 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.

### Student Body

Currently there are 1021 students enrolled in the school: 279 in preschool, 297 in Elementary School, 266 in Middle School, and 179 in High School. This year's senior class has 52 students. Approximately 95% of our students are Colombian with the remaining 5% from other nationalities or of dual citizenship.

### Faculty

All ninety-one 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 teaching experience of

the faculty is fifteen years and the average number of teaching at Marymount School Medellín is seven. The teaching staff is mainly Colombian, eight are foreign faculty members, with 68% bilingual in either Spanish/English, or Spanish/French.

### Curriculum

The school has four academic sections:  
Preschool: Nursery, Pre-Kindergarten, and Transition\*  
Elementary: Grades 1-4  
Middle School: Grades 5-8  
High School: Grades 9-11.

**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 Grades 8 – 11 so as to cover the last four years of schooling.**

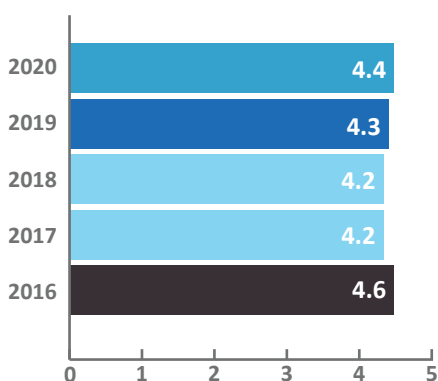
The school year, divided into trimesters, runs from August to June. All courses are college preparatory where 75% is taught in English. All seniors take the ICFES SABER 11 national leaving exam and graduate with the Colombian Bachillerato Diploma. Furthermore, the school has adapted the University of 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. We do not offer Advanced Placement (AP) classes or IB Curriculum.

## 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)
Básico - 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)

\* Offered in Advanced or Regular

### 8th Grade (US 9th Grade)

Religion (2) – Ethics and Values (2) – Spanish (4)– Literature (1)– English (5)– French (4)– History, Constitution, and Democracy (3)– Geography (1)– Science and Environmental Education (4)– Chemistry (1)– Physics (1)– Math(Algebra I) (4)– Geometry (1)– Statistics (1)– P.E. (1)– Art (1)– Dance (1)– Music (1)– ICT (2)

### 9th Grade (US 10th Grade)

Religion (2) – Ethics and Values (2) – Spanish (4)– Literature (1)– \*English (5)– \*French (4)– History, Constitution, and Democracy (3)– Geography (1)– Science and Environmental Education (4)– Chemistry (1)– Physics (1)– \*Math (Algebra II) (4)– Geometry (1)– Statistics (1)– P.E. (1)– Art (1)– Dance (1)– Music (1)– ICT (2)

### 10th Grade (US 11th Grade)

Religion (2) – Ethics and Values (1) – Philosophy (2) – Spanish (3) – \*English (5) – \*French (3) – Social Science (2) – Economics (1) – Biology (1) – Chemistry (4) – Physics (4) – Math (Trigonometry) (4) – Geometry (1) – Statistics (1) – P.E. (1) – Art (1) – Dance (1) – Music (1) – ICT (1)

### 11th Grade (US 12th Grade)

Religion (2) – Ethics and Values (1) – Philosophy (2) – Spanish (3) – \*English (5) – \*French (3) – Social Science (2) – Economics (1) – Biology (1) – Chemistry (4) – Physics (4) – \*Math (Calculus) (4) – Geometry (1) – Statistics (1) – P.E. (1) – Art (1) – Dance (1) – Music (1) – ICT (1)

## Senior Research Project

Seniors are required to do a short internship related to their chosen field of study, write a research paper answering a question they have formulated, and present their final work to a large audience and jury. Classes are intensified in the second semester according to their chosen major, 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 participate in athletic, cultural and academic clubs ranging from soccer, track and field, Ultimate Frisbee, gymnastics, skating, basketball and volleyball, to music, dance and theater, ceramics and painting, languages, Model United Nations, and robotics. Under the guidance of the Research, Development and Innovation Department students are also encouraged to participate in activities around the city, solving real life problems through critical thinking, creativity, autonomy and team work.

## Community 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 which encompasses many different activities in the school and around the city.

## Colleges and Universities that have accepted our students

2015-2020

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

**Actual matriculations appear in bold lettering.**

\* Denotes scholarships offered

### Colombia

**Colegiatura Colombiana**

**Escuela de Ingeniería de Antioquia\***

**Universidad CES**

**Universidad del Rosario\***

**Universidad EAFIT\***  
**Universidad de Los Andes**  
**Universidad Externado de Colombia**  
**Universidad Nacional**  
**Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana**

## USA

Adelphi University\*  
Ball State University  
Berklee School of Music\*  
**Boston University\***  
Drexel University  
Elon University  
Emerson College  
Emmanuel College\*  
Emory University  
Flagler College\*  
Florida Atlantic University  
Florida Institute of Technology\*  
**Florida International University**  
Fordham University\*  
George Washington University  
**Georgia Institute of Technology\***  
**Loyola University – Chicago\***  
Lynn University\*  
Marquette University\*  
Marymount University\*  
**Miami Dade College**  
**Midwestern State University\***  
Millikin University  
Minerva Schools at KGI  
Northeastern University  
Parsons College  
Purdue University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute\*  
Roger Williams University\*  
Rollins College\*  
**Roosevelt University\***  
**Sarah Lawrence College\***  
**Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD)\***  
Slippery Rock University\*  
Suffolk University\*  
Syracuse University  
Temple University  
Truman State University\*  
University of Florida  
University of Miami  
University of NC - Chapel Hill  
**University of San Diego**  
University of South Florida\*  
**University of Tampa\***

**University of the Incarnate Word\***  
University of the Pacific  
University of Virginia  
**Wagner College\***  
Wake Forest University  
Whitworth University\*

## Europe

**American University Paris\***  
**Cambridge School of Visual and Performing Arts\***  
**City University of London\***  
**Geneva Business School**  
HULT Int'l Business School  
**IE University\***  
IÉSEG School of Management  
Jacobs University  
NABA  
Richmond, The American University in London\*  
**Toulouse Business School\***  
**Universidad de Navarra**  
Universidad Europea de Madrid  
**Universidad Europea del Atlántico\***  
Universidad Francisco de Vitoria  
University of Exeter  
University of Sheffield

## Canada

Capilano University\*  
Lakehead University  
Mt. Allison University – Canada\*  
Niagara College  
Saint Mary's University – Canada\*  
St. Louis University - Madrid  
**St. Thomas University – Canada\***

## México

**Universidad de Anáhuac\***