



**El Colegio
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Marymount School Medellín School Profile 2021 - 2022

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COVID 19 update

Continuing with existing protocols, the school will not be accepting in-person visits until further notice.
All counseling events will remain virtual.

Characteristics

An all-girls, international, Catholic oriented, 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 promoting exchange programs for students and staff and the sharing of activities and experiences.

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: category, according to the ICFCES national leaving exams results; quality, as recognized by the Ministry of Education; and international academic accreditation and recognition. The school has been awarded the “Exemplary School Management Award 2020” and the “Most Socially Minded School Award” by the City of Medellín, and with the “Most Successful Experience Award” presented to InnovaT, the school department devoted to instilling innovative practices in the school.

Student Body

Currently there are 1021 students enrolled: 272 in preschool, 288 in Elementary School, 267 in Middle School, and 194 in High School. This year’s senior class has 61 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 72% 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, six are foreign faculty members, with 68% bilingual in either Spanish/English, or Spanish/French.

Curriculum

The school is organized into four academic sections, as follows:

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.**

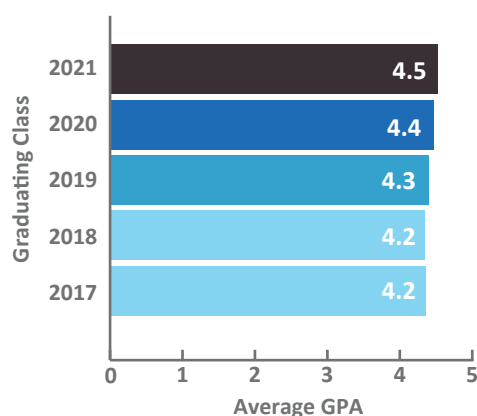
The school year, divided into trimesters, runs from August to June. All courses are college preparatory where 75% is taught in English. All seniors take the ICFCES SABER 11 national leaving exam and graduate with the Colombian Bachillerato Diploma. Furthermore, the school has adapted the University of 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 (According to 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 45 minutes each with number of classes per week in parentheses)

8th Grade (US 9th Grade)

Spanish (5) – English (5) – French (4) – History, Constitution, and Democracy (2) – Geography (1) – Global Perspectives (1) – Math: Algebra I (7) – Natural Science: encompassing Science, Chemistry and Physics (6) – ICT (2) – Religion (1) – Ethics and Values (1) – P.E. (1) – Art (1) – Dance (1) – Music (1)

9th Grade (US 10th Grade)

Spanish (5) – English (5) – French (4) – History, Constitution, and Democracy (2) – Geography (1) – Global Perspectives (1) – Math: Algebra II (5) – General Science: encompassing Biology, Chemistry and Physics (6) – ICT (2) – Religion (1) – Ethics and Values (1) – P.E. (1) – Art (1) – Dance (1) – Music (1)

10th Grade (US 11th Grade)

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

11th Grade (US 12th Grade)

Spanish (5) – English (3) – French (4) – Social Science (1) – Philosophy (2) – Economics (1) – Global Perspectives (1) – Math: Calculus (5) – Biology (2) – Chemistry (4) – Physics (4) – ICT (2) – Religion (1) – Ethics and Values (1) – P.E. (1) – Art (1) – Dance (1) – Music (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*
Berklee School of Music*
Boston College
Boston University*
Colorado State University
Columbia College Chicago*
DePaul University*
Drexel University
Elon University
Emerson College
Emmanuel College*
Emory University
Flagler College*
Florida Institute of Technology*
Florida International University
Fordham University*
George Washington University
Georgia Institute of Technology*
High Point University*
Indiana University*
Ithaca College*
Johnson and Wales University*
Knox College*
Loyola University – Chicago*
Lynn University*
Marquette University*
Marymount University*
Miami Dade College
Midwestern State University*
Minerva Schools at KGI
Northeastern University
Northern Illinois University*
Parsons College
Purdue University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*
Roger Williams University*
Rollins College*
Sarah Lawrence College*
Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD)*
Slippery Rock University*
St. Francis College*
St. John's University*
St. Leo University*
Suffolk University*

SUNY Purchase*
Syracuse University
Temple University*
Truman State University*
University of Delaware
University of Florida
University of Iowa*
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
QUASAR Institute*
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
University of Sussex
Vesalius University

Canada

Capilano University*
Concordia University
Lakehead University
Mt. Allison University*
Niagara College*
Saint Mary's University*
St. Thomas University*
University of Toronto*