



**El Colegio  
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## **Marymount School Medellín School Profile 2023 - 2024**

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### **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 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 “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 992 students enrolled: 250 in preschool, 289 in Elementary School, 268 in Middle School, and 185 in High School. This year’s senior class has 65 students. Approximately 95% of our students are Colombian with the remaining 5% from other nationalities or of dual citizenship.

### **Faculty**

All ninety-three faculty members hold university degrees in education and/or their specialty field and 72% 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, seven 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-Kinder, Kindergarten and Transition  
Elementary: Grades 1-4  
Middle School: Grades 5-8  
High School: Grades 9-11.

**Note:** For transcript consideration in overseas applications grades presented will be from Grades 8 – 11 so as to cover the last four years of schooling.

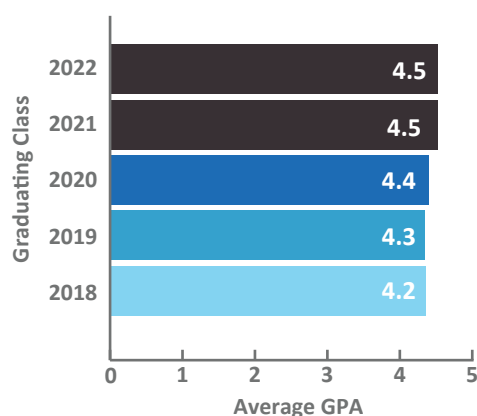
The school year, divided into trimesters, runs from August to June. All courses are college preparatory where 75% is taught in English. All seniors take the ICFES SABER 11 national leaving exam and graduate with the Colombian Bachillerato Diploma. Furthermore, the school has adapted the University of 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: Level 2 (Meeting). We do not use decimals, nor do we rank order our students.

Level (According to Colombian standards)	Number Grade (based on a 1-4 scale)	Grading Scale Description
Superior - Excelling	4	The student demonstrates mastery of the standards.
Alto - Exceeding	3	The student demonstrates proficiency of the standards.
Básico - Meeting	2	The student demonstrates some proficiency towards the standards.
Bajo - Approaching	1	The student demonstrates limited proficiency of the standards.

## GPA Overview



## Course Requirements For Graduation

(Classes are 45 minutes each with number of classes per week in parentheses)

### 8th Grade

Spanish (5) – English (6) – French (4) – Social Studies (3) – Global Perspectives (1) – Math (6) – Science (5) – ICT (2) – Religion (1) – Ethics and Values (1) – P.E. (2) – Art (3) – Whole Being (1)

### 9th Grade

Spanish (5) – English (5) – French (4) – Social Studies (4) – Global Perspectives (1) – Math (6) – Science and Environmental Education (5) – ICT (2) – Religion (1) – Ethics and Values (1) – P.E. (2) – Art (3) – Whole Being (1)

### 10th Grade

Spanish (4) – English (3) – French (4) – Social Studies (1) – Philosophy (1) – Economics (1) – Global Perspectives (1) – Math (5) – Biology (2) – Chemistry (4) – Physics (4) – ICT (2) – Religion (1) – Ethics and Values (1) – P.E. (2) – Art (3) – Whole Being (1)

### 11th Grade (Senior Year)

Spanish (5) – English (3) – French (4) – Social Studies (1) – Philosophy (2) – Economics (1) – Math (5) – Biology (2) – Chemistry (4) – Physics (4) – ICT (1) – Religion (1) – Ethics and Values (1) – P.E. (2) – Art (3) – Whole Being (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 third term 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, softball and volleyball, to music, dance, theater, painting, cooking, languages, 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.

Additionally, the school participates in different United Nation Models around the city.

## 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

2016-2023

After graduation, 100% of our students attend four or five-year undergraduate programs.

**Actual registrations 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\***  
 IESEG 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\*  
**Arab Emirates**  
 New York University - Abu Dhabi\*