



Marymount School Medellín - School Profile 2025-2026

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Characteristics



An international, Catholic oriented, multilingual 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. Originally an all-girls school, Marymount Medellín has recently started receiving boys at the lower levels and will move into the upper levels as the years pass. 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



Marymount School Medellín consistently earns a AAA++ rating in the annual rankings conducted by the Col-Sapiens Research firm. This distinction reflects excellence in three key areas: academic category, based on national Prueba Saber 11 (ICFES) results; institutional quality, as recognized by the Ministry of Education; and international academic accreditation and recognition.



Awards



Exemplary School Management Award 2020



People who contribute to educational improvement in 2023



Great Place to Study 2025 -2026

Official Testing Center for



Student body **1029** students enrolled

High School	Middle School	Elementary School	Preschool
187	286	275	281

This year's senior class has 66 students.

95% Colombian	5% other nationalities or of dual citizenship
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Faculty

93% faculty members hold university degrees in education and/or their specialty field

83% are in the process of obtaining or already hold a Master's degree. The average teaching experience of the faculty is 15 years.

70% of our teachers are bilingual in either Spanish/English or Spanish/French.

Curriculum

Expansion to K4 - 12 Academic Program

Effective as of the 2025–2026 academic year, our institution has officially expanded its academic offerings from the traditional Colombian high school structure, which concludes at Grade 11, to a comprehensive K4–12 model. This transition aligns with international education standards and allows students to complete a full 12th grade year prior to university admission.

This change reflects our commitment to providing a globally competitive education while maintaining alignment with national education guidelines. The addition of Grade 12 enhances our academic program and university preparation opportunities, better equipping students for both domestic and international higher education pathways.

All academic records and transcripts from the 2025–2026 school year onward will reflect this updated K4–12 structure.

NOTE: For transcript consideration in overseas applications, grades presented will be from Grades 9 – 12 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 PRUEBA SABER 11 national leaving exam and graduate with the Colombian Bachillerato Diploma. Furthermore, the school has adopted the University of Cambridge International Curriculum, meeting international standards and providing students with the possibility of graduating with the ICE (International Certificate of Education) from Cambridge and/or a Marymount High School Diploma endorsed by NEASC. 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 CEFR standards. We do not offer Advanced Placement (AP) classes or IB curriculum.

Grading scale

Marymount School Medellin follows Colombia's official standards, using a 4-level performance scale aligned with national educational policy. Grades are assigned using whole numbers from 1 to 4, with Level 2 "Basic – Meeting" as the minimum passing grade and Level 4 "Superior – Excelling" as the highest.

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

We do not rank our students.

Course requirements for graduation

9th grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Spanish	Spanish	Spanish	Spanish
English	English	English	English
French	French	French	French
Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies
Global Perspectives	Global Perspectives	Global Perspectives	
Math (Algebra I)	Math (Algebra II)	Math (Trigonometry)	Math (Calculus)
Science and Environmental Education	Science and Environmental Education	Biology	Biology
ICT	ICT	ICT	ICT
Ethics and Values	Ethics and Values	Ethics and Values	Ethics and Values
Religion	Religion	Religion	Religion
Art	Art	Art	Art
P.E.	P.E.	P.E.	P.E.
Whole Being	Whole Being	Whole Being	Whole Being
		Chemistry	Chemistry
		Physics	Physics
		Philosophy	Philosophy
		Economics	Economics

Senior Year Experience

In their final year, seniors complete a short internship in their chosen field of study and engage in a year-long capstone project. Guided by models such as Design Thinking, the Business Model Canvas, or academic research, students formulate a question, develop a product, launch a business idea, or write a scholarly article. The project culminates with a formal presentation before a jury and large audience.

During the third term of Grade 12, classes intensify within each student’s selected concentration, and schedules are adjusted accordingly. University professors are invited to teach specialized courses, with emphasis placed on engineering, business, social sciences, natural sciences, or the arts. Seniors also have the option to take a first-semester college course at a major local university to earn credit in advance.

Requirements to obtain the National Diploma

The criteria for the Colombian School Leaving Certificate, according to our School Handbook, are:

- Complete and pass all the mandatory subjects required by the Colombian Ministry of Education.
- Complete Student Social Service (80 hours).
- Study the Political Constitution of Colombia (50 hours)
- Complete the Graduation Project.
- Complete an internship in a company.
- Certify a B2 level (CEFR) in English.
- Certify a B1 level (CEFR) in French
- Demonstrate excellent behavior up to graduation day, in terms of ethics, morals, and respect, following institutional values, as stipulated in the School Handbook, and that attest to being a Marymount student.

In addition to these criteria, our students would also have to satisfy the following to obtain the **Marymount High School Diploma endorsed by NEASC**.

- Certify a C1 level (CEFR) in English.
- Certify a B2 level (CEFR) in French.
- Obtain at least a 320 score in the state exam (SABER 11)

Extra-curricular activities

Students participate in athletic clubs ranging from soccer, track and field, ultimate frisbee, gymnastics, skating, basketball, softball, volleyball, karate, and skateboarding, among others. Cultural and academic clubs include music, dance, theater, painting, culinary, 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 teamwork. Additionally, the school participates in and hosts different United Nations Models around the city.

Global and local citizenship development activities

Students from 1st to 12th grade participate in a range of academic and cultural programs both within Antioquía and around Colombia. Students have the opportunity to take part in exchange programs within the RSHM Global Network, having the opportunity to go to Marymount Schools in the USA, Italy, Mexico, UK, and Brazil, and hosting students from these schools here in Medellín. In 6th grade, students participate in an immersion program in schools in Canada. During middle and high school, students have various international summer programmes to choose from to develop their global citizenship skills.

Community Service

Colombian law requires that all students complete eighty hours of community service in order to graduate. Our school values promote ethical, moral, social, and cultural principles, and our students participate actively in different activities around the city, not only to fulfill this requirement, but as volunteers of “Marymount Social”, the School’s Social Project, which encompasses many different activities in the school and around the city.

Universities that have accepted our students 2020-2025

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

Actual registrations appear in bold type.

* Denotes scholarship offers

Colombia

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

USA

Adelphi University*
American University
Arizona State University*
Augustana University*
Berklee School of Music*
Binghamton University, State University of New York
Boston College
Boston University*
California Baptist University
California Lutheran University*
Christopher Newport University
Columbia College Chicago*
Concordia College
Cornell College*
Cornell University
Cotter College*
Daemen University
Drexel University
Earlham University*
Eastern Arizona College*
Eastern Michigan University
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College
Emmanuel College*
Emory University
Flagler College*
Florida Institute of Technology*
Florida International University
Florida State University*
Fordham University*
George Washington University
Georgetown University*
Georgia Institute of Technology*
Gonzaga University*
Goucher College*
Hesston College
High Point University*
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hollins University
Houston Christian University
Illinois College
Illinois Institute of Technology*
Indiana University*
Ithaca College*

Jacksonville University*
 Johnson and Wales University*
 Juniata College
 Kansas State University*
 Knox College*
 Lewis University
 Louisiana State University
 Loyola University Chicago*
 Lynn University*
 Lycoming College
 Marian University*
 Marist University*
 Marquette University*
 Marymount University*
 Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS)*
 Mercy College*
 Miami Dade College
 University of Michigan*
 Minerva Schools at KGI
 Missouri Southern State University
 New York University
 Newman University
 Northern Illinois University*
 Northern Kentucky University*
 Northeastern University
 Northwestern University
Nova Southeastern University*
 Ohio Northern University*
 Ohio Wesleyan University
 Oral Roberts University
 Otis College of Art and Design*
 Palm Beach Atlantic University*
 Palm Beach College
 Parsons College
 Penn State University*
 Purdue University
 Quinnipiac University*
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*
 Roger Williams University*
 Rollins College*
 Sarah Lawrence College*
 Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD)*
 Slippery Rock University*
 Springfield College
 St. Francis College*
 St. John's University*
 St. Leo University*
 State University of New York at Geneseo*
 State University of New York at New Paltz*
 State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF)
 SUNY Purchase*
 Susquehanna University*
 Suffolk University*
Syracuse University*
 Temple University*
 The College of Wooster*

The New School*
 Thomas More University*
 Truman State University*
 UDIT
 University at Buffalo, The State University of New York
 University of Connecticut
 University of Dayton
 University of Delaware
 University of Denver*
 University of Florida
 University of Iowa*
 University of La Verne*
 University of Miami
 University of Missouri
 University of Mount Union*
 University of NC - Chapel Hill
 University of Nevada, Reno
 University of New Haven*
 University of Saint Mary
 University of San Diego
 University of South Dakota*
 University of South Florida*
 University of Southern Mississippi
 University of Tampa*
 University of the Incarnate Word*
 University of the Pacific
 University of Virginia
 Wagner College*
 Wake Forest University
 Washburn University
 Washington College
 Wartburg College*
 Westminster University*
 Whittier College
 Whitworth University*
 Woodbury University
 York College of Pennsylvania*

Europe

Alfonso X El Sabio*

American University Paris*

Bocconi*

Cambridge School of Visual and Performing Arts*

Constructor University

CEU*

City University of London*

Geneva Business School

HULT International Business School*

IE University*

IÉSEG School of Management

Ileri - Institute Libre de Relations Internationales des Sciences Politiques*

Jacobs University*

Lancaster University Leipzig*

NABA

QUASAR Institute*

Queen's University Belfast*

Richmond, The American University in London*

Sorbonne Université
TBS Business School

The Core*

The American University of Rome*
The Hague Pathway College*
Toulouse Business School*

UDIT

Universidad Camilo José Cela
Universidad Carlos III
Universidad de Navarra*

Universidad Europea

Universidad Europea del Atlántico*

Universidad Francisco de Vitoria

University of the West of England
University of Exeter

Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

Université Paris Nanterre
University of Sheffield
University of Sussex
Vesalius University

Canada

Fraser International College
McGill University
Niagara College*
Saint Mary's University*
Southern Alberta Institute of Technology
St. Thomas University*
University of Lethbridge*
University of Toronto*

United Arab Emirates

New York University - Abu Dhabi*

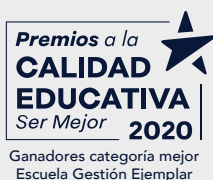
41% of students applied to universities abroad

19% will pursue their studies abroad

13.7% million dollars in scholarship offers



Cambridge International School



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D5 AAA++ Ranking Cal-Sapiens 2024-2025

