



High School Profile 2023 - 2024

Balboa Academy
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City of Knowledge, Panama
Republic of PANAMA
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MISSION

Together we cultivate a caring community of lifelong learners, independent thinkers, and builders of a promising future.

OVERVIEW

Balboa Academy is a private, co-educational day school founded in 1999 to provide students (PK 3 - 12) with a US standards-based curriculum in which English is the language of instruction. BA is accredited by Cognia/AdvancED and the Panamanian Ministry of Education (MEDUCA). The school year begins in August and ends in June and this year's enrollment was 881. The student body is international consisting of 41% Panamanian, 15% U.S., and 44% from other countries. There are a total of 31 nationalities at Balboa Academy.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Balboa Academy is a member of International Association of College Admissions Counseling, American School Counselor Association, The National Honor Society, The National English Honor Society, and the Association of American Schools in Central American.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT BODY

Currently, there are 311 students enrolled in high school, grades 9-12. The Senior class number is 66, the Junior class 85, the Sophomore class 84, and the Freshman class 75. All students graduate with the U.S. High School diploma and a Bachiller en Ciencias y Letras from Panama. Ninety-nine percent (99%) of graduates go on to university studies.

CURRICULUM

Courses at Balboa Academy are college preparatory. We currently offer 19 Advanced Placement courses and 4 PreAP courses. The maximum enrollment depends on the schedule and acceptance by the AP teacher. AP subjects include Art History, Biology, Calculus AB, Comparative Government, Computer Science Principles, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, Human Geography, Physics 1, Psychology, Seminar, Research, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, Statistics, Studio Art 2D, Studio Art Drawing, and World History.

AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMA

The AP Capstone Diploma allows students to engage in the rigorous development of inquiry, research, collaboration, and writing skills. It's meant to complement the in-depth, subject-specific rigor of AP courses and exams. To earn the AP Capstone Diploma students must successfully complete at least 4 AP subjects in addition to passing the AP Seminar and AP Research courses.

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

Balboa Academy empowers students to become citizens of leadership and service through community service. Students need 80 hours of community service to graduate. Our high school student council (DRACO) plans and implements all activities in the school. Balboa Academy has over 30 student founded / lead clubs.

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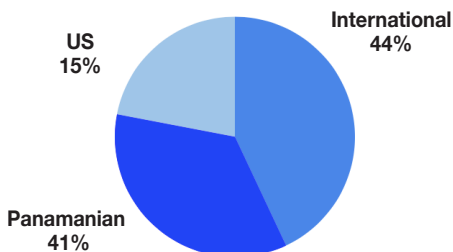
Graduation Requirements

All students must complete requirements to earn both the US and the Panamanian Diploma upon graduation.

SUBJECT	CREDITS
English	4
Social Studies	4
Math	4
Science	4
Spanish	4
Technology	1
French*	1
Fine Arts	1
Philosophy*	0.5
Latin American Studies*	0.5
Panama History*	0.5
Civics*	0.5
Physical Education	0.5
Health	0.5
Additional Credits	2
TOTAL	28

* Are courses required by Panama's MEDUCA for for the "Bachiller in Ciencias y Letras". (French, Philosophy, Latin American Studies, Panama History, Civics, Chemistry and Physics.

Student Population



GPA AND RANK

Balboa Academy does not rank its students. AP courses receive a 0.5 weighting. The cumulative GPA of our students reflects courses taken at Balboa Academy only.

Grade	Percent	Grade Point
A	90-100	4.0
B	80-89	3.0
C	70-79	2.0
D	60-69	1.0
F	59 and below	



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STANDARD SECONDARY ACADEMIC BY CURRICULAR AREAS

Department	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English Language Arts (4 credits)	English 9 or PreAP English 1*	English 10 or PreAP English 2*	English 11 or AP English Language	College Writing, AP English Language, or AP English Literature
Spanish Language Arts (4 credits)	Spanish 9, Spanish 9 Honors, or Spanish 1,2,3,4,5 for Non-natives	Spanish 10, Spanish 10 Honors, or Spanish 1,2,3,4,5 for Non-natives	Spanish 11, Spanish 11 Honors, Spanish 1,2,3,4,5 for Non-natives, or AP Spanish Language	Spanish 12, AP Spanish Literature, Spanish 1,2,3,4,5 for Non-natives, or AP Spanish Language
Mathematics (4 credits)	Algebra 1, Geometry, Geometry Honors, Algebra 2, Algebra 2 Honors, Pre-Calculus, or Pre-Calculus Honors	Geometry, Geometry Honors, Algebra 2, Algebra 2 Honors, Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus Honors, or Calculus	Algebra 2, Algebra 2 Honors, Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus Honors, Calculus, Statistics & Probabilities, AP Calculus AB, or AP Statistics	Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus Honors, Calculus, Statistics & Probabilities, AP Calculus AB, or AP Statistics
Sciences (4 credits) Panama requires Chemistry and Physics	Biology or Biology Honors	Basic Chemistry, Chemistry, or Chemistry Honors	Physics 1, Advanced Physics, AP Physics 1, Environmental Science, AP Environmental Science, AP Biology**, or AP Chemistry**	
Social Sciences (4 credits) Panama requires Panama History / Civics and Philosophy / Latin American Studies	US History or AP Human Geography	Modern World History, AP Human Geography, AP Art History, or AP World History	Philosophy / Latin American History, Panama History / Civics, AP Human Geography, AP World History, AP Art History, AP Psychology, AP US Government**, or AP Comparative Government**	
Arts (1 credit)	Studio Art, PreAP Visual Arts, Graphic Design, or Drama		Studio Art, PreAP Visual Arts, Graphic Design, Drama, AP Art History, AP Art 2D & Design, or AP Drawing	
Technology (1 credit)	Introduction to Robotics, or Advanced Robotics		Introduction to Robotics, Advanced Robotics, Computer Programming, AP Computer Science Principles, and Microsoft Certification	
Physical Education and Health (0.5 / 0.5 credits)	Physical Education / Health			
Electives (5 credits)			AP Capstone Seminar, AP Capstone Research Introduction to Economics / Entrepreneurship, American Music History / Anthropology, or Personal Finance	

* Course available as of SY 2022-2023
** Courses offered on alternate years

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM RESULTS

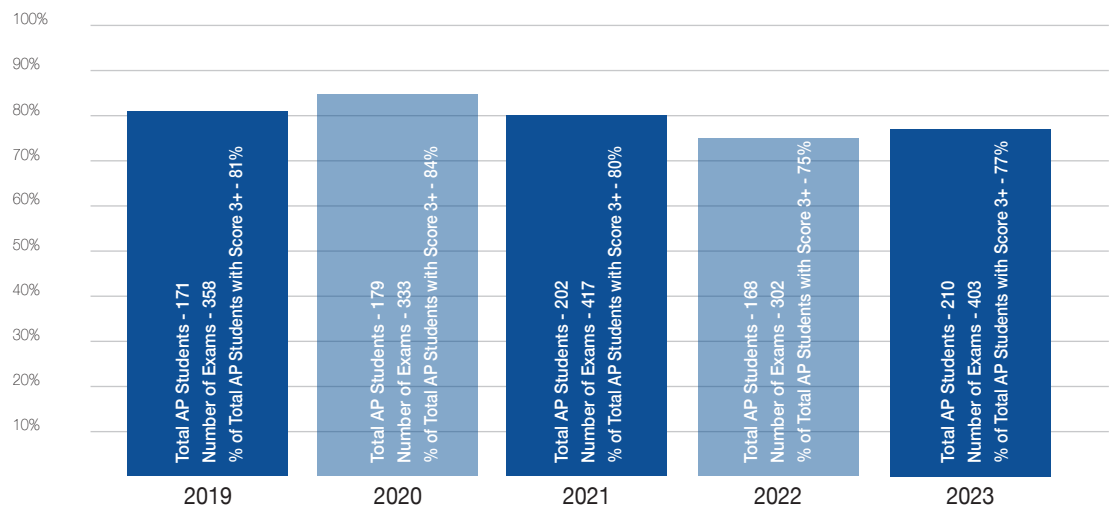
AP HIGHLIGHTS

In 2023, 210 students took a total of 403 AP exams. 77% of our students scored 3+ on at least one AP exam they took in 2023.

2023 AP Recognitions

AP Scholar	23
AP Scholar with Honors	3
AP Scholar with Distinction	31
AP International Diploma	16
AP Capstone Diploma	2
AP Seminar /Research Certificate ...	2

% OF TOTAL AP STUDENTS WITH SCORES 3+





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COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES, CLASSES OF 2016-2023

Astericks indicates 2023 acceptance.

CANADA

Carleton University, Ontario *
Concordia University, Montreal
McGill University, Montreal *
Ontario College of Art, Ontario
Queen's University
University of British Columbia, Vancouver *
University of Toronto, Ontario *
University of Waterloo, Ontario
Western University *
York University *

COLOMBIA

Universidad de los Andes, Bogota

COSTA RICA

Texas Tech University, San Jose *
Universidad Internacional de Las Americas, San Jose

FRANCE

L'institut Superior des Arts Applique, Paris

GERMANY

Jacobs University, Bremen

ISRAEL

Reichmann University (IDC Herzliya)

ITALY

John Cabot University, Rome
Istituto Europeo de Design, Milan
Istituto Marangoni, Milan
Università Bocconi, Milan

JAPAN

International Christian University, Tokyo

KOREA

Korea University, Seoul
University of Korea, Seoul

MEXICO

TEC de Monterrey, Monterrey

THE NETHERLANDS

Eindhoven University of Technology *
University of Amsterdam
University of Groningen
University of Twente *

REPUBLIC OF PANAMA

Florida State University *
Isthmus
Universidad Latina
University of Louisville
Universidad Nacional de Panamá
Universidad Santa Maria la Antigua *
Universidad Tecnológica de Panamá

REPUBLIC OF CHINA

National Taiwan University, Taipei

SPAIN

ESADE, Barcelona *
European Business School - Madrid
IE Univerity, Segovia
Saint Louis University - Madrid *
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
Universidad Catolica de Murcia
Universidad CEU San Pablo
Universidad de Loyola
Universidad de Navarra *
Universidad de Nebrija
Universidad de Sevilla
Universidad Europea de Madrid *

SWITZERLAND

Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne

THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

New Yourk University, Abu Dhabi

UNITED KINGDOM

Lancaster University *
King's College London *
Oxford Brookes University, Oxford
University College London *
University of the Arts London *
University of Richmond, London
University of Edinburgh*
University of Essex *
University of Exeter
University of Northampton *
University of Glasgow *
University of Warwick

U.S.A.

American University *
Babson College
Bard College
Barnard College *
Barry University
Baylor University *
Belmont University *
Beloit College
Bentley University *
Berlee College
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brown University
California College of the Arts
Chapman University
Clark University
College of William and Mary
College of Charlestone
Cornell University *
Drake University *
Emerson College *
Emmanuel College
Emory University
Florida Institute of Technology *
Florida State University *
Fordham University *
Georgia Institute of Technology *
George Mason University *
George Washington University *
Georgetown University
Gonzaga University
Harvard University
Hofstra University
Hult International Business School *
Idaho State University
Indiana University - Bloomington *
Jacksonville University
John Hopkins University
Johnson and Wales University
Lipcomb University *
Loyola Marymount University *
Loyola University, Chicago *
Loyola University, New Orleans *
Lynn University *
Main Maritime University
Massachusetts Maritime Academy
Michigan State University *
Michigan Technological University *
Middle Tennessee State University *
Mississippi College
New York University *
North Carolina State
Northeastern University *
Northwestern University
Pennsylvania State University
Otero Junior College
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Pennsylvania State University *
Pitzer College
Pratt Institute

Princeton University
Purdue University *
Quimpiaac University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute *
Rhodes College *
Rice University
Ringling College of Art and Design
Roger Williams University
Rollins College *
Saint Edward's University
Saint Joseph's University
Saint Leo University
Santa Monica College
Savannah College of Art & Design
Smith College
St. Edwards University *
Stetson University
Suffolk University
SUNY Maritime College
Syracuse University
Texas A&M University, San Antonio
Texas Christian University *
The Catholic University of America *
The New School, New York *
The Ohio State University
The University of Texas, Arlington
Trinity University
Tufts University *
Tulane University *
UCLA
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Santa Barbara *
University of Central Missouri
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati *
University of Colorado, Boulder *
University of Colorado, Denver *
University of Connecticut *
University of Florida
University of Iowa *
University of Massachusetts
University of Maryland
University of Miami
University of Missouri
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
University of Notre Dame *
University of Pennsylvania
University of Richmond
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco *
University of South Alabama *
University of Southern California
University of Southern Indiana
University of Tampa *
University of Tennessee - Knoxville *
University of Virginia *
University of Washington
Vanderbilt University *
Virginia Commonwealth University *
Virginia Tech
Washington University in St. Louis *
Whitman College *
Wooster Polytechnic Institute

MATRICULATION - Class of 2023

