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# LA PAZ COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## SCHOOL PROFILE



Guanacaste, Costa Rica



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## ABOUT Our mission is to cultivate informed, mindful citizens of the world.

La Paz Community School is a PreK-12, dual immersion, non-profit school with two campuses, Cabo Velas and Tempisque, in Guanacaste, Costa Rica. La Paz students are multilingual global citizens who think compassionately, creatively and analytically and thus can thoughtfully address diverse challenges. At La Paz, students approach their learning experience through the authentic discovery of their **SELF, FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND WORLD.**

## PEACE PRACTICES



Develop the **self** into a peaceful, lifelong learner by enhancing physical and mental well-being through critical thinking and stretching comfortable boundaries.



Cultivate peace between **family** and community by spreading and sharing love and compassion.



Create peace within the **community** by preserving the environment and respecting the delicate balance between local and foreign cultures.



Spread peace throughout the **world** by communicating thoughts and ideas effectively, and actively listening to all perspectives.

Our admissions process is based on the **student's academic, socioemotional, and extracurricular abilities**, while taking into account a willingness to engage in multilingual cultural exchange as well as the values espoused by the International Baccalaureate program.

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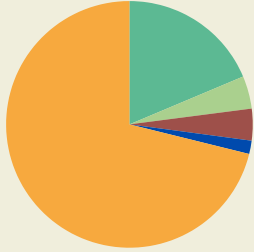
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# Enrollment

Students from Pre-K to 12th Grade: 746

- 435 Cabo Velas Campus
- 311 Tempisque Campus

## Origins



## 24 nationalities

- Costa Rican
- North American
- European
- South American
- Asian

## IB Statistics

2022-2024

Average highest score: **35.5**

Average score: **29**

\*The majority of students qualify for the bilingual diploma within the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP).

## IB Courses

- Spanish Language and Literature
- English Language and Literature
- Global Politics
- Business Management
- Biology
- Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches - Application and Interpretation
- IB Visual Arts
- Theatre
- Theory of Knowledge
- Extended Essay
- Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS)
- Co-Curricular: Social Studies, Civic Education and College Prep.

# THE STORY OF A PARADIGM SHIFTING SCHOOL

Founded in 2007, La Paz Community School addresses fundamental socioeconomic and cultural challenges prevalent in a regional economy struggling to cope with the transition from agriculture to tourism. La Paz students are equipped to engage with issues of global importance at a local level through an informed approach that is mindful of the rich diversity of belief systems and ideologies in the region. Through respectful, intercultural discourse and projects with members of the school and community, La Paz students are able to work collaboratively, creatively, and courageously to transform the world into a better place for all to live.

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS

A diverse array of extracurricular activities is offered to enrich the academic experience and support the holistic development of students. Participation in extracurricular clubs and activities significantly enhances students' social, emotional, and physical well-being, while teaching essential life skills such as sportsmanship, teamwork, and open-mindedness. Examples of available activities may include swimming, fencing, folkloric dance, chess, pottery, basketball, soccer, volleyball and baseball.

## CAREER AND COLLEGE PREP

College Prep is delivered through diverse learning experiences, combining technological counseling with group and individual support. Students access resources like databases, assessments, and college admission platforms such as BridgeU, and participate in experiential opportunities like college fairs, university visits, and field trips. Group counseling sessions, integrated into the student schedule, develop essential skills for college life, from executive functions to coping skills. For artists and athletes, a AACCP program supports balancing academics with extracurriculars. Personalized guidance is also provided to students and families throughout every stage of the college application process to local or international institutions.

# COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

La Paz has graduated 12 generations of students with the Costa Rican National Diploma, including the 10th IB generation in May of 2024 . Our alumni are attending or have graduated from the following universities:

## Costa Rica

- Tecnológico de Costa Rica
- Universidad de Costa Rica
- Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica
- Universidad Earth
- Universidad de Iberoamérica
- Universidad Escuela Libre de Derecho
- Universidad Latina
- Universidad Véritas

## Europe

- ESCP Business School, France
- Sorbonne Université, France
- Franklin University, Switzerland
- IE Business School, Spain
- Instituto de Artes, Spain
- MIUC University, Spain
- Universidad de Madrid, Spain
- CEU, Valencia, Spain
- CEU, San Pablo, Spain
- Manchester Metropolitan University, England
- Maastricht University, Holland
- Institute of Arts Barcelona, Spain

## United States & Canada

- Antelope Valley Community College
- Azusa Pacific University
- Brandeis University
- Belmont University
- Cal-Poly San Luis Obispo
- Colorado Northwestern Community College
- Columbia University, Teachers College
- Concordia University
- Emory University
- George Washington University
- Gonzaga University
- Lewis and Clark
- Loyola University
- Marymount Manhattan College
- Michigan State
- Northern Kentucky University
- Oxford College at Emory
- Point Loma Nazarene University
- Siena University
- UNC - Colina de la Capilla
- University of Alabama
- University of California-Berkeley
- University of Colorado
- University of Montreal
- University of Oregon
- University of the Ozarks
- University of Toronto
- Western University
- University of Colorado Boulder

## LATAM

- Universidad Anáhuac Cancún - Mexico
- Universidad de los Andes - Colombia

## GRADING SCALE

Non-Weighted 1-4 Scale	IB Scale	% Scale	A-F Scale
3.9-4.0	7	100	A+
3.7-3.8	6	97	A+
3.4-3.6	6	95	A
3.2-3.3	5	93	A
3.0-3.1	5	91	A-
2.8-2.9	4	89	B+
2.6-2.7	4	85	B
2.5	4	81	B-
2.3-2.4	3	79	C+
2.1-2.2	3	75	C
2.0	3	71	C-
1.8-1.9	2	69	D+
1.6-1.7	2	65	D
1.5	2	61	D-
1.3-1.4	1	59	F
1.1-1.2	1	55	F
1.0	1	51	F
0.8-0.9	1	40	F
0.6-0.7	1	35	F
0.5	1	30	F
0.3-0.4	1	25	F
0.1-0.2	1	20	F
0	1	0	F

