



COLEGIO LOS NOGALES
CEEBC Code 925437

School Profile 2025- 2026

Mission

Educate holistic persons, global citizens, and ethical leaders with vocation for service and committed with Colombia.

School Information

Founded in 1982, Colegio Los Nogales, a bilingual Colombian private, non-profit, coeducational day school provides students in grades PK-12 with the fundamental knowledge, skills, values, and processes essential for lifelong learning. The school promotes the development of the intellectual, social-emotional, physical, moral, aesthetic, and spiritual dimensions. Our primary goal is to prepare students to become the future leaders of Colombia. This year Colegio Los Nogales accepted 59% of all applicants. The average class size is 24 in elementary school and middle school, 17 in middle school, and 15 in high school. The teacher-student ratio is 1:7. The school year begins in August and ends in June.

Student Body

Currently there are 995 students enrolled in the school: 282 in high school, 199 in middle school, 287 in elementary school, and 227 in preschool. This year's senior class has 72 students. The school celebrated the graduation of its first senior class in June 1992. Students are mostly Colombians who come from families that value a rigorous bilingual education for their children. The school has been working hard in the last years to diversify its student body, especially in regards to nationality. Our objective is to attract students and families who value an educational experience in a Colombian school with an international curriculum and global awareness.

Academic Curriculum

The curriculum in grades 1-5 runs in a trimester system and in grades 6-8 in a bimester system, it is taught in English and Spanish. English, Math, Science, and some Social Studies courses are taught in English while other courses are taught in Spanish. The curriculum in grades 9-12 runs in a semester system and meets rigorous requirements. Most Math and Science classes are taught in English while some Social Studies and Latin American and Spanish Literature classes are taught in Spanish. The school offers twenty-five Advanced Placement (AP) courses in different academic areas. The school requires students to take at least two AP classes in different areas. Students can take AP courses since grade 9. The number of AP courses each student can take depends on the schedule and approval by academic departments. In 2025, 195 students took 317 examinations in 23 subjects. 78% scored 3 or better. All graduates attend four-year college programs in Colombia or abroad. Seniors may have a period of independent study to pursue their interests.

Character Education Curriculum

The Character Education curriculum (FINES) is implemented in grades PK-12 and it emphasizes the development of values and life skills. Students learn strategies to grow in the following areas: self-awareness, self-control, self-management, reading the context, and building relationships. The curriculum integrates student life activities such as assemblies, outdoor education trips, leadership activities, homeroom and advisory, student exchanges, community service, and extracurricular activities.

Graduation Requirements

The following requirements are met in the last four years of school in grades 9-12 (a credit corresponds to a course.)

English	6 credits	Physical Education and Sports	5 credits
Fine Arts	5 credits	Religious Studies	2 credits*
French / Portuguese / Elective	5 credits	Spanish and Philosophy I	5 credits
Health (CAV)	2 credits	Science / Elective	5 credits
Leadership (12th Grade)	2 credits	Social Studies	5 credits
Mathematics	6 credits	Technology and Computer Science	1 credit
Ethics and Community Service	3 credits	Elective	18 credits

*Parents may ask to be included in the corresponding class according to the faith they profess.



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Accreditations and Memberships

Colombian Ministry of Education
Council of International Schools (CIS)
New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)
International Association for College Admissions Counseling (International ACAC)
Round Square
Global Connections
Ashoka Changemaker Schools
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COLCAA- Colombian College Counselor Association

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Faculty

All 164 faculty members hold university degrees in education and/or their field of specialty. A total of 59% hold a master's degree. The teaching staff is mainly Colombian. This year the school has thirteen foreign faculty members with excellent teaching experience. Colegio Los Nogales promotes the continuing education of faculty, administrators, and staff through its Professional Development Department.

Community Service Programs

Community service programs allow students to engage in meaningful and educational enrichment activities. Students in all grades recognize the importance of volunteer work and the impact of their effort to provide comprehensive services to children, families, and communities. Every sophomore and junior participates in the school's community service programs. They must meet a minimum of 80 hours to graduate. Students can participate in programs such as the second hand store, Food Bank, Cardio Infantil Hospital, Alianza Educativa Schools, Tabio Project, and support of the Department of Philanthropy of the school. These activities serve the needs of several populations such as rural children, low-income families, cognitive diverse populations, students in public schools with limited resources, and the community of the school.

Math and Science Olympiads

Our students participate in regional and national Math and Science Olympiads every year. We have a significant participation of students in grades 4-12. Last year, we had eight finalists in middle school and eight semi-finalists in high school in the Colombian Mathematics Olympiads. In the Colombian Science Olympiads, we had thirty-five high school and twenty-three middle school students qualified as semi-finalists, with one finalist from each level. One high school student placed 8th overall and advanced in the selection process to represent Colombia in the international competition in Russia. Also, three students qualified as semi-finalists in the Physics Olympiads, while one student qualified as semifinalists in the Biology Olympiads. Since 2016, we have had a significant participation from high school students in the Pascal, Cayley and Fermat contests organized by The Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing from the University of Waterloo in Canada.

Model United Nations

The school promotes the participation of students in grades 6-12 in Model United Nations as an extra-curricular activity. Last year, the school participated in two MUN conferences earning three awards as best delegates. We also participated in the Colombian Model *Democracia Joven*, where students represented congressmen and judges and worked as the Legislative and Judicial branch works in Colombia. We had two acknowledgments as best judges from the State Council and The Supreme Court of Justice.

Leadership Programs

The school's goal is to educate leaders who serve society and who are committed to a better future for their country and the world. Students have opportunities to participate in student-government activities such as House Captaincy, Student Council and Spokesperson; media and publication activities such as the school's fanzine, the radio station, the speeches publication committee, and the yearbook; community service activities such as the philanthropy, the cafeteria, and the environmental committees, the tutoring program, the debate club, the social service project management, the musical leadership; and the marching band.

Houses

Students are grouped into three houses that bear the names of the school values. **Eudikia** stands for honesty, **Politeia** for responsibility, and **Filia** for respect. Each house is led by two senior captains who have the profile of positive leaders and outstanding individuals. Competitions in sports, academics, and the arts are enthusiastically organized by the House Captains each year.

Sports

Colegio Los Nogales students are required to complete eight credits in physical education and sports. Students also participate in interscholastic and intramural team sports (soccer, volleyball, basketball and gymnastics). The school has excellent sports facilities, which include basketball and volleyball courts, two professional soccer fields, and several outdoor playing fields. Students participate in other intramural and varsity athletics such as track and field events, gymnastics, dance, chess, and table tennis.

Fine Arts

The school offers art and music classes. These classes develop skills to appreciate art and music in a historical context and to create art using different media, techniques, and processes. In high school, students may choose from a variety of courses including AP Studio Art (AP 2-D Art and Design, AP 3-D Art and Design, AP Drawing) and AP Music Theory. The school offers concentration programs in both visual arts and music for students who wish to further develop their creative talents. It also provides after-school classes in different instruments and artistic techniques, tailored to the students' interests and learning paths.

International Programs

This department promotes opportunities for students to develop the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to become globally aware citizens and committed change agents to transform Colombia and the world. Students are actively engaged in programs in which they learn about other cultures, languages, and global issues across the curriculum. As part of these initiatives, the school offers the Global Studies Concentration, an interdisciplinary program that helps students develop an interest in their country and the world through academic and extracurricular activities. The department offers study abroad programs to support experiential learning opportunities such as summer courses, exchanges, gap year, service learning, and it also works with international organizations such as Round Square to build a network of contacts worldwide to promote opportunities for intercultural experiences. The school has the Round Square Group that helps promote the IDEALS in the community.

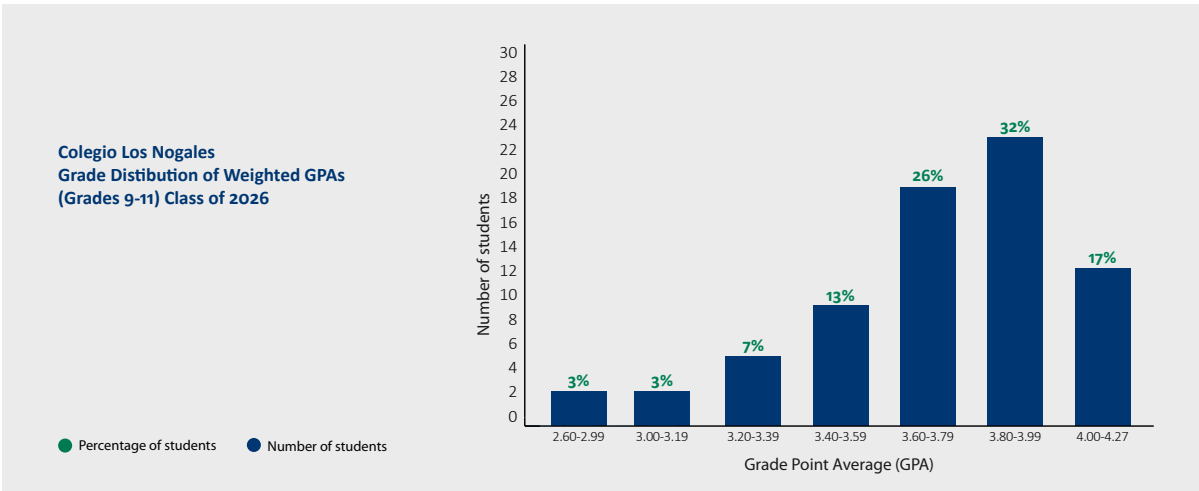
Sustainable School

Colegio Los Nogales is committed to becoming a leading sustainable school. An important action of this commitment is the restoration of a high-altitude ecosystem on our campus, named Zasqua. This space serves as a living laboratory where students and teachers have a unique opportunity to study endemic tree species, and cultivate organic produce, fostering a deep appreciation for where food originates and the environmental benefits of healthy eating. Through a variety of projects, research initiatives, and skill-building activities, Zasqua also serves as a platform to raise environmental awareness, knowledge, and engagement within our community.

Grading

Colegio Los Nogales is considered one of the top private schools in Colombia, and it functions in full compliance with the regulations of the Colombian Ministry of Education. We use a rigorous grading system. **We issue transcripts with GPAs on a 4.0 scale.** We report a weighted cumulative GPA and all AP courses that students complete successfully have a weight of 0.5 additional Quality Points. The students who pass a course with high honors receive 0.3 additional Quality Points. All grades are included in the cumulative GPA. The school does not rank based on the student’s GPA because our classes are small and our grades are distributed in a narrow range. Instead, the school utilizes a grade distribution table to display the class profile. Our grading system includes five letter grades with equivalent US letter grades and Quality Points as follows:

Letter Grade	Description	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
AH	High Honors	A+	4.3
H	Honors	A	4.0
S	Satisfactory	A-	3.7
S	Satisfactory	B+	3.3
A	Passing	B-	3.0
A	Passing	C	2.0
A	Passing	D	1.0
I	Insufficient	F	0



By policy, Colegio Los Nogales discloses suspensions and serious discipline issues that are part of a student’s permanent record during high school to universities.

Testing Information

All seniors take the required Colombian national examination. In the past years, the school has been consistently ranked among the top schools in the nation. Seniors are required to take the official language exams at the intermediate level: Diplôme d’Etudes en Langue Française (DELF B1) in French or the Celpe- Bras in Portuguese. All students who enroll in AP Courses are required to take the exams. Last year, we had 21 students who earned AP Scholar Awards, 19 AP Scholar with Honor Awards, 28 AP Scholar with Distinction Awards, 1 AP Seminar and Research Certificate, and 3 AP Capstone Diplomas, and 6 International Diplomas. The school requires students to take the SAT for graduation.

SAT Reasoning Mean Scores for the Classes of 2021 - 2025*			Advanced Placement Exam Results per Academic Year				
Class	Reading and Writing	Math	Academic Year	Students taking tests	Total tests taken	% students that scored 3 or better	% students that scored 4 or 5
2025	644	662	2024 - 2025	195	317	78%	57%
2024	649	656	2023 - 2024	207	357	74%	48%
2023	597	636	2022 - 2023	191	315	84%	55%
2022	633	652	2021 - 2022	207	342	79%	51%

*SAT scores represent the students who applied abroad.

Courses Offered (Grades 9-12)

Arts: • Art Concentration* • Basic Industrial Design Workshop • Bidimensional Expression Workshop • Ceramics Workshop • Creation Workshop • Digital Graphic Design Workshop • Maker Space Workshop • Painting Workshop • Photography Workshop • Sculpture Workshop • Studio Art • 3D Modeling and Construction Workshop • AP Art History • AP Studio Art 2-D Design • AP Studio Art 3-D Design • AP Studio Art Drawing	English: • Comparative Literature and Film • Creative Writing • Critical Perspectives • Drama and Poetry • ELA – English Language Arts I* • ELA- English Language Arts II* • English Language and Research • English Literature and Composition • Fiction: Reading and Writing • Global Perspectives • Journalism • Media Production • Non-fiction: Reading, Writing, and Research • Novels • Public Speaking and Leadership • Seminar I* • Short Fiction • World Mythology • Writing the World Today • AP English Language and Composition • AP English Literature and Composition • AP Research • AP Seminar	French: • French I • French II • French III • French IV • French V • AP French Language and Culture	Math: • Advanced Geometry • Differential Calculus • Functions and Statistics • Functions, Trigonometry and Probability • Geometry • Pre-Calculus and Discrete Mathematics • Statistics • AP Calculus AB • AP Pre-Calculus • AP Statistics
Music: • Chorus • Composition I and II • Ear Training • Instrumental Ensemble I and II • Modern Dance I and II • Pop and Rock Singers I and II* • Symphonic Band I and II • Symphonic Orchestra I and II • AP Music Theory	Physical Education and Sports: • Fitness • Girls and Boys Basketball • Girls and Boys Soccer • Girls and Boys Volleyball • Gymnastics • Physical Education	Portuguese: • Portuguese I • Portuguese II • Portuguese III • Portuguese IV • Portuguese V • Concentration in Portuguese • Portuguese, Language, and Culture (NEWL)	Religious Studies and Ethics: • Abrahamic Monotheistic Religions • Archeology and Religion • Art and Religion • Belief and Religion • Contemporary Religious Phenomena • Eastern Religions • Ethics • Leadership • Social Thought of Religions
Science: • Advanced Chemistry • Advanced Physics • Environmental Science • Fundamentals of Biochemistry • General Biology • General Chemistry • General Physics** • Health • Mechanical Physics (Mechanics) • STEM • Sustainability • AP Biology • AP Chemistry • AP Environmental Science • AP Physics C: Mechanics	Social Studies: • Architects of Tomorrow • Colombian Current Events and Citizenship • Colombian Economy • Critical Thinking* • Current Events* • Entrepreneurship • Experimental Design Laboratory* • Human Geography of Colombia • International Relations • Introduction to Economics • Introduction to Human Geography • Introduction to Psychology • Latin American History • Philosophy II* • Political Philosophy • Public Policy and Government • Symbolism and History • 19th and 20th Centuries Colombian History** • AP Comparative Government and Politics • AP Human Geography • AP Macroeconomics • AP Microeconomics • AP Psychology	Spanish: • Academic Reading • Argumentation • Autobiographical Literature • Classic and Contemporary Drama • Colombian Literature • Contemporary Literature • Creative Expression • Creative Writing Workshop • Film Studies • Foundations of Philosophy • Heroes in Literature • Hispanic American Literature • Journalism • Latin American Literature • Life as a Literary Experience • Oral Expression • Problems of Philosophy • Philosophy and Argumentation • Philosophy I* • AP Spanish Literature and Culture	Technology and Computer Science: • Computer Science Principles • Engineering and Technology • Introduction to Computer Science A • Introduction to Computer Science Principles with Processing • AP Computer Science A • AP Computer Science Principles

*Offered until June 2024 ** Offered until June 2025

College Summary. About 42% of the Seniors apply abroad. Nogales graduates have been admitted to the following universities in the last four years:

COLOMBIA CESA* Pontificia Universidad Javeriana* Universidad de la Sabana* Universidad de los Andes* Universidad del Rosario* Universidad Nacional de Colombia ABROAD United States of America American University Arizona State University Beloit College Bentley University Berklee College of Music Boston College* Boston University Brandeis University Brown University Bucknell University CCA-California College of the Arts Carnegie Mellon University Case Western Reserve University Chapman University Claremont McKenna College Clark University Colorado College Columbia University Cornell University** Dartmouth College DePaul University Dickinson College Drexel University Duke University Elon University Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Emory University Florida Institute of Technology Fordham University Georgetown University	Georgia Institute of Technology* Hamilton College Hult International Business School Indiana University-Bloomington* Iowa State University Ithaca College Kenyon College Lafayette College Lake Forest College Lehigh University Lewis and Clark College Loyola Marymount University Loyola University Chicago Michigan State University Milwaukee School of Engineering New York University Northeastern University Northwestern University Nova Southeastern University Princeton University Purdue University** Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Rhodes College Rice University Rochester Institute of Technology- RIT Rollins College Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Sarah Lawrence College Savannah College of Art and Design-SCAD* School of the Art Institute of Chicago-SAIC Stanford University Stony Brook University Suffolk University Syracuse University Tennessee Technological University The College of Wooster The George Washington University*	The Pennsylvania State University* The University of Tampa The University of Texas at Austin Tufts University Tulane University UCB – University of California, Berkeley UCLA – University of California, Los Angeles UCSD – University of California, San Diego Union College University of Colorado at Boulder University of Denver University of Florida University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign University of Miami University of Michigan-Ann Harbor* University of Notre Dame* University of Pennsylvania University of Pittsburgh University of Rochester University of South Florida University of Southern California* University of St. Thomas University of Virginia University of Wisconsin- Madison Vanderbilt University Villanova University Wake Forest University WPI – Worcester Polytechnic Institute Yale University Canada Concordia University* McGill University UBC- University of British Columbia University of Alberta University of Calgary University of Prince Edward Island University of Toronto University of Waterloo	Central America Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey Germany Constructor University* Spain ESADE IE University* IED Instituto Europeo de Diseño Les Roches International School of Hotel Management Universidad Camilo José Cela UCAM- Universidad Católica de Murcia UDIT- Universidad de Diseño Innovación y Tecnología* Universidad CEU Cardenal Herrera- GASMA Universidad CEU San Pablo Universidad Francisco de Vitoria* Universidad de Navarra** Universidad Europea de Madrid United Kingdom Durham University* King's College London The University of Edinburgh The University of Manchester UCL- University College London* University of Exeter University of Warwick Switzerland EHL- Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne France ESCP Business School* Sciences Po- Le Havre Campus Italy Bocconi University NABA- Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti Netherlands Fontys University of Applied Sciences Leiden University University of Amsterdam
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*Matriculation by the class of 2025