



MARIAN BAKER SCHOOL

School Profile 2023-2024

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SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Marian Baker School (MBS) is a private international English-speaking school educating preschool through high school students. There are fourteen different nationalities represented among teachers and students. Total enrollment (K-12) of 162 students with an average secondary school class size of 8. This year we have 10 seniors, which makes classes more personalized.

CURRICULUM

The Marian Baker School is fully accredited by the Costa Rican Ministry of Public Education (MEP) and the AdvancED (SACS-CASI). MBS is also authorized to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme in the 11th and 12th grade levels. Students graduating from MBS receive the Costa Rican National Diploma (Bachillerato), the U.S. High School Diploma and the IB Diploma.

The school year at MBS runs from August to June. The school day begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 3:09 p.m. with a total of 35 class periods of 50 minutes each. Marian Baker students may graduate with the IB Diploma, US High School Diploma, and the Costa Rican Bachillerato. Grading is based on the IB academic guidelines

STUDENT LIFE

The school offers a rich extracurricular program. Students in Grades 9–12 have a rich variety of co-curricular opportunities, including theater, band, photography, public speaking, among others. Students have the opportunity to take part in Model United Nations, National Honor Society, Student Government and AASCA leadership. As a member of AASCA, students are allowed to participate in soccer, basketball, volleyball, and cross-country tournaments competing in local and international events with fellow AASCA schools.

High School course offer

Grade 9		Grade 10		Grade 11		Grade 12	
English	1	English	1	English	1	English	1
Spanish	1	Spanish	1	Spanish	1	Spanish	1
Individuals and Societies	1	Individuals and Societies	1	Individuals and Societies	1	Individuals and Societies	1
Science	1	Science	1	Science	1	Science	1
Mathematics	1	Mathematics	1	Mathematics	1	Mathematics	1
French	1	Technology	1	Arts	1	Arts	1
PE/Arts	1	PE/College Prep	1	TOK	1	TOK	1
Electives	1	Electives	1	HL courses	1	HL courses	1
Total Credits	8	Total Credits	8	Total Credits	8	Total Credits	8

GRADING SYSTEM

GPA is based on a 4.0 points scale with the exception of DP classes which are weighted. The GPA provided in the transcript is cumulative from 9th to 12th grade courses. Core subjects are annual and weight 1 credit. Electives and PE are semester courses that weigh 0.5 credits each course.

Diploma Programme students receive grades ranging from 7 to 1, with 7 being highest. Costa Rican Social Studies and Civics are graded on a scale from 1-100. Due to the small class size we do not provide a rank.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To earn the US High School Diploma, students must have obtained an average of 3/7 in the DP at the end of the two years and a minimum of 26 credits. In addition, the students need to complete the Extended Essay, the CAS requirements, and the Theory of Knowledge.

All assessment requirements for the IB Diploma are externally evaluated or moderated by the IBO. In order to receive The Costa Rican National Baccalaureate (MEP), students are required to take national standardized exams in Costa Rican Social Studies and Civics in addition to the IB Exams in their corresponding subject areas.



College Acceptances

UNITED STATES

Babson University
Baldwin Wallace
Baylor University
Berklee College of Music
Berry College
Bethel University
Biola University
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brigham Young University
Cal-Poly University
Drexel University
Emory
Elon University
Fordham
Florida International University
Georgetown University

The Juilliard School
Lesley University
Loyola Chicago
Methodist
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
North Carolina-Chapel Hill
New York University
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Purdue University
Randolph College
Rutgers University
Savannah College of Art and Design
SMU Cox School of Business

Southern Methodist University
Suffolk University
Texas Tech
The University of Arts in Philadelphia
The King's College
Tulane University
University of Alabama, Birmingham
University of Kansas
University of Miami
University of Minnesota
University of Texas, Austin
University of West Florida
Wheaton
Washington State University

CANADA

Carleton University
Dalhousie University
Mc Gill University
University of British Columbia
Vancouver Island University

CHILE

U. Catolica de Chile

KOREA

Han Dong University
Seoul National University
KAISF

HOLLAND

Han Dong University
University of Amsterdam
University of Holland
KAISF

SCOTLAND

University of Edinburgh

UNITED KINGDOM

Brighton University

WALES

Cardiff University

COSTA RICA

ITALY

Unicusanu University
Roma Uno University

JAPAN

Waseda

CHINA