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Discovery School

SCHOOL PROFILE 2022-2023

“To prepare our students for the challenges of life”

MISSION

Our mission is to prepare students for the challenges of life and future academic work by instilling in them:

- Self-esteem
- Academic Excellence
- Critical Thinking
- Celebration of Cultural Diversity
- Social and Environmental Responsibility

This is accomplished through an internationally enriched, U.S.-style curriculum with high academic standards, an internationally diverse student body, and an inquiry-based approach to learning.

ABOUT DISCOVERY

Discovery School is a private, international, non-profit school with a unique learning environment. Founded in 1993, it is located in a purpose-built facility on the outskirts of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, in Central America. With students from over 20 different countries, our diversity is one of our greatest strengths. Approximately 45% of our students are from Honduras, 55% from the United States and other countries around the world. We foster an appreciation and respect for diversity.

We are proud of all that has been accomplished with our facilities since we first opened. After renting a facility in the middle of the city for several years, in 2006, the school moved to its new campus. The current facilities consist of six areas: Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle and High School, Specials Classes, and Administration. There are special classrooms for the Lower School French, Art, and Music, as well as a Science Lab, and Lower and Upper School Libraries. Wireless Internet access is available throughout our campus. In addition, there is a cafeteria, a soccer field, an open-air gym, a basketball court, two play areas for the younger students, and a green common area. The school site allows room for expansion as the school continues to grow. Our school was founded on the belief that small classroom sizes and hands-on learning experiences are pivotal for meaningful teaching and learning. This is an enduring principle that continues to guide us today.

ACADEMICS AND ACCREDITATION

Our faculty is comprised of 36 full-time teachers, and over 54% of them hold a postgraduate degree. Our school covers 36 weeks over two semesters, August-December, and January-May with 181 days of instruction, both on and off the campus. Students attend 50-minute class periods per subject. The average class size ranges from 12 to 19 students with English as the main language of instruction.

Discovery School is accredited by Cognia. We offer an American curriculum based on US standards for Kindergarten through grade 12. Our High School program, which incorporates the Advanced Placement Program (AP), is university-preparatory. The High School program is designed to provide a strong academic foundation since 100% of Discovery’s graduating class pursue higher education in Honduras or abroad.

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

High School Graduation Requirements		
Subject	Credits for US Program (9th-12th)	Credits for Honduran Program (7th-12th)
English	4.0 credits	6.0 credits
Math	3.0 credits	6.0 credits
Science	3.0 credits	6.0 credits
Social Studies	3.0 credits	9.0 credits
Foreign Language	2.0 credits	6.0 credits
PE/Health	1.5 credits	2.5 credits
Fine Arts	2.0 credits	4.0 credits
Electives	5.5 credits	3.0 credits

Discovery School grants a U.S. High school diploma to students who have successfully completed at least 24 credits (grades 9th-12th). By completing additional credits, It also offers students the option of earning the national degree of “Bachillerato Internacional en Ciencias y Humanidades” granted by the Honduran Ministry of Education. The Advanced Placement International Diploma (APID) is also available for those students who meet the requirements. One credit is earned for each full-year course. One-half credit is earned for a semester course.

GRADING SYSTEM, GPA, AND RANKING

In alignment with the Honduran Ministry of Education, Discovery School uses a 100-point scale grading system for all academic subjects with a passing grade of 70 (effective August 2013). Due to our small classes, we do not provide the specific rank of our students. The 2022 graduating class was composed of 12 students. AP classes with a score above 80% receive a 10% bonus.

US Grading System			
Grade	Percentage	Grade	Percentage
A	100-94	C	76-74
A-	93-90	C-	73-70
B+	89-87	D+	69-67
B	86-84	D	66-64
B-	83-80	D-	63-60
C+	79-77	F	59-0

The cumulative GPA of our students reflects courses taken at Discovery School only. Grades from previous schools are not included. Discovery School provides the GPA on a quarterly basis in report cards but is not published in the transcript. GPA is calculated on a 4.0 scale as follows:

A+ = 4.0	B+ = 3.33	C+ = 2.33	D+ = 1.33
A = 4.0	B = 3.0	C = 2.0	D = 1.00
A- = 3.67	B- = 2.67	C- = 1.67	D- = 0.67
			F = 0

**SAT SUMMARY FOR THE CLASS OF 2022**

Section	Mean
Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	570
Math	562
Total	1123

AP EXAM RESULTS 2022

In May 2022, a total of 23 candidates took a total of 37 AP exams in 9 different subject areas. Passing scores of 3 and higher were achieved by 74% of the students.

Subject Area	1	2	3	4	5	Total Exams
English Language & Composition		1	1	2	1	5
Biology			1			1
Environmental Science	2	4	1	1		8
Physics 1		1				1
Spanish Language & Culture				1		1
Spanish Literature & Culture			4	3	1	8
Computer Science Principles		1	3			4
Human Geography			2	2	1	5
Calculus AB	2	1	1			4

MAP TESTING

Research and data-driven decisions have become an important part of our academic program. The Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) tests are administered twice a year to our students in Kindergarten through Grade 10. Use of this data supports, informs, and validates our core curriculum. Since each test is tailored to the student's ability and level, teachers and administrators collaborate to reach individual students with comprehensive and carefully planned instruction activities, and assessments. Students use their own scores to develop personal goals and work towards achieving them.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Our students are given opportunities to experience the culture and countryside of their host country with academic field trips and community service opportunities within Honduras. This school year, we are offering the following co-curricular activities: Basketball, Volleyball, Math Club, Arts & Crafts, Cooking, How to Draw, Model UN, Reading Club (English & Spanish), Board Games, Violin, Community Service (Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos), Homework Club, Soccer, Drawing, Environmental Science Club, Storytelling, Soccer, Choir, French Club, Environmental Science Club, Drawing Club, Fitness Club, Jazz Band.



HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

English

Language Arts 9
Language Arts 10
British Literature
World Literature
AP English Language & Composition
AP English Literature & Composition
English a Second Language (ESL)

Mathematics

Integrated Mathematics 1
Integrated Mathematics 2
Integrated Mathematics 3
Pre-Calculus
AP Calculus AB

Social Studies

World History II
Civics Education (in Spanish)
Sociology
Psychology
Honduran History (in Spanish)
US History
AP Human Geography
Political Science
Philosophy
History of Cultures (in Spanish)
Contemporary History (in Spanish)

Science

Biology
Environmental Science
AP Environmental Science
Chemistry
Physics

Languages

Spanish 9
Spanish 10
Spanish 11
AP Spanish Literature & Culture
Spanish as Second Language (SSL)

Physical Education

PE

Fine Arts

Art
Music
AP Drawing

Computer Science

AP Computer Science Principles



UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES WHERE DISCOVERY SCHOOL STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED

United States of America

American University (Washington)*
 Augusta State University (Georgia)
 Augustana College (South Dakota)
 Babson College (Massachusetts)*
 Baylor University (Texas) *
 Bentley University (Massachusetts)
 Berry College (Georgia)
 Calvin College (Michigan)*
 Case Western Reserve (Ohio)
 Colorado State University*
 DePaul University (Illinois)
 Duquesne University (Pennsylvania)
 Emmanuel College (Massachusetts)
 Emory University (Georgia)*
 Fashion Institute of Design & Marketing (California)
 Fashion Institute of Technology - FIT (New York)*
 Flagler College (Florida)*
 Florida Atlantic University
 Florida State University
 George Mason University (Virginia)
 Georgetown University (Washington, D.C.)
 Georgia Institute of Technology
 Georgia Southern University
 John Hopkins University (Maryland)
 Johnson & Wales (Rhode Island)
 Kansas State University *
 Loyola University (Louisiana)*
 Loyola University (Illinois)*
 Louisiana State University (Louisiana)*
 Lynn University (Florida)
 Lynwood University (Washington)
 Mercyhurst University (Pennsylvania)
 Michigan State University
 New Mexico Military Institute *
 North Carolina State University
 Oglethorpe University (Georgia)
 Otis College of Art and Design (California) *
 Parsons College (New York)
 Penn State University *
 Purdue University (Indiana)*
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (New York)
 Rollins College (Florida)*
 Southern Methodist University SMU (Texas)
 Springhill College (Alabama)
 Saint Edward's University (Texas)*
 Saint Mary's University (Texas)
 Savannah College of Art and Design (Georgia)
 Sewanee the University of the South (Tennessee)
 Stetson University (Florida)
 Tarrant County College*
 The Catholic University of America (Washington) *
 UC Berkeley (California)*
 University of Central Oklahoma
 University of Kentucky*
 University of Minnesota *
 University of New Orleans*
 University of Notre Dame (Indiana)*
 University of Oregon*
 University of St. Thomas(Houston)*
 University of Southern Florida
 University of Tampa*
 University of Texas San Antonio

Universal Technical Institute (Florida) *
 Valencia College (Florida)*
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute WPI (Massachusetts)
 Yale University (Connecticut)*

Canada

Carleton University*
 Memorial University*
 Thompson Rivers University*
 Trent University*
 University of British Columbia*
 University of New Brunswick*
 University of Calgary*
 Concordia University*

Mexico

Universidad Anáhuac*
 Universidad de las Américas Puebla - UDLAP *
 Universidad Panamericana, D.F.
 Tecnológico de Monterrey *

Honduras

Universidad Católica de Honduras *
 Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras (UNAH)*
 Universidad Tecnológica Centroamericana (UNITEC)*
 Universidad Zamorano*

Costa Rica

UCIMED

Nicaragua

Universidad Autónoma de Nicaragua

United Kingdom

King's College
 London School of Economics
 University of Bath
 University of Roehampton
 Westminster University

Argentina

Universidad de Palermo

Germany

Gisma Business School*
 Jacobs University (Bremen)*

Spain

Les Roches University
 Harbour Space University*
 Toulouse Business School
 Universidad Europea del Atlántico*
 EU Business School *
 Universidad de Navarra*

Italy

Instituto Europeo de Diseño(IED)*

Switzerland

Les Roches University*

Poland

Vistula University

Taiwan

Chin Hwa University
 National Chengchi University *

Australia

Griffith University

Japan

Waseda University*
 Sophia University
 Keio University



*2013-2022 attended

