



# School Profile SY 2023-2024

## DISCOVERY SCHOOL

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### ACCREDITATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS



Honduran Ministry of Education



International Association for College Admission Counseling



Association of American Schools of Central America

Association of Bilingual Schools of Honduras



The Association of American Schools of Central America, Colombia, Caribbean and Mexico



National Collegiate Athletic Association



Association for the Advancement of International Education  
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### ENROLLMENT

**15** average class size

**220** student body

**7:1** Student to Teacher ratio

**11** Class of 2024

### OUR 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 **15 different countries**, our diversity is one of our greatest strengths.



Our campus is divided into five sections: **Secondary, Elementary, Early Childhood, Special Classes** (French, Art, Science Lab, and Music), and **Administration**. In addition, there is a cafeteria, a soccer field, an open-air gym, a basketball court, two recreation areas for the younger students, and a green common area.

Our school was founded on the belief that **small classroom sizes, hands-on learning experiences, and inquiry approach** are pivotal for meaningful teaching and learning. These are enduring principles that continues to guide us today.

### ACADEMICS AND ACCREDITATION



**60%** of the staff have at least one postgraduate degree



**DS has 36 full time teachers**

We offer an **American curriculum based on US standards**, which incorporates the Advanced Placement Program (AP), and is university-preparatory. The High School program is designated to provide a strong academic foundation since 100% of Discovery's graduating class pursue higher education in Honduras or abroad.

**English is the main language of instruction.**



The school year starts in early August and extends until early June. Students attend a **50**-minute class per subject for **181** days following National and International regulations.

## GRADING SYSTEM

| Letter Grade | Numerical Grade | Grade Points |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>A+</b>    | 94-100          | 4.0          |
| <b>A-</b>    | 90-93           | 3.67         |
| <b>B+</b>    | 87-89           | 3.33         |
| <b>B</b>     | 84-86           | 3.0          |
| <b>B-</b>    | 80-83           | 2.67         |
| <b>C+</b>    | 77-79           | 2.33         |
| <b>C</b>     | 74-76           | 2.0          |
| <b>C-</b>    | 70-73           | 1.67         |
| <b>D+</b>    | 67-69           | 1.33         |
| <b>D</b>     | 64-66           | 1.0          |
| <b>D-</b>    | 60-63           | 0.67         |
| <b>F</b>     | 0-59            | 0            |

## AVERAGE TEST SCORES

SAT 1062  
TOEFL 87

\*Seniors 2022-2023

## 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                             |

## HIGH-SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

| Grade 9                | Grade 10  | Grade 11                            | Grade 12                        |
|------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Art                    | AP Environmental Science or Environmental Science | AP Computer Science Principles      | AP Calculus AB                  |
| Biology                | Art   | AP English Language and Composition | AP Human Geography              |
| Integrated Math I      | History of Honduras                               | Chemistry                           | AP Spanish Literature & Culture |
| Language Arts          | Integrated Math II                                | History of Cultures                 | Contemporary History            |
| Music                  | Language Arts                                     | Integrated Math III                 | Physics                         |
| Physical Education     | Physical Education                                | Phylosophy                          | U.S. History                    |
| Spanish Social Studies | Psychology  | Physical Education                  | World Literature                |
| Spanish                | Sociology   | Political Science                   | AP Drawing                      |
| World History II       | Spanish   | Spanish                             | AP Spanish Language & Culture   |

\*\*AP English and AP Calculus have an alternate general course

\*\*These courses can be taken during the 11th or 12th grade.

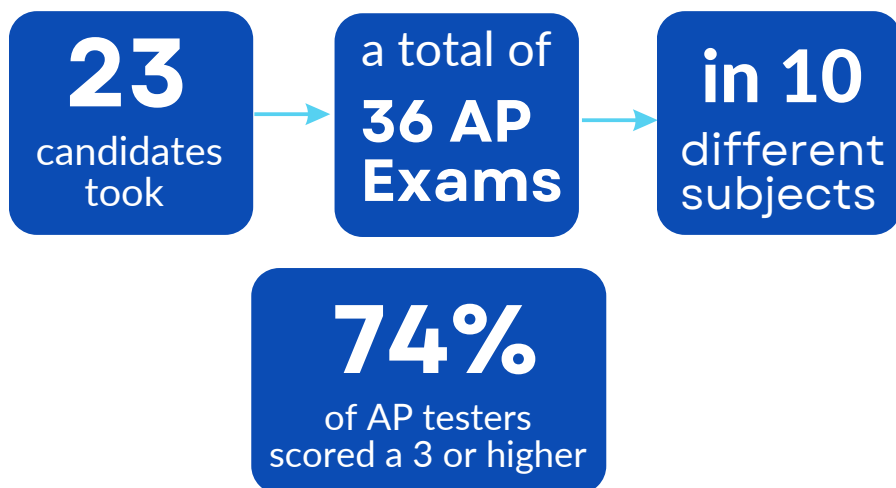
## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Discovery School grants a High School diploma **with U.S. certification** to students who have successfully completed at least **24 credits (grades 9th-12th)**. 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 by completing additional credits. 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

Discovery School uses a 100-point scale grading system for all academic subjects with a **passing grade of 70** as mandated by the Honduran Ministry of Education. Due to our small classes, we do not provide the specific rank of our students. The 2023 graduating class was composed of 9 students. AP classes with a score above 80% receive a 10% bonus. Discovery School provides the GPA on a quarterly basis in report cards but is not published in the transcript.

## AP EXAM RESULTS 2022-2023





## 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**

**Choir**

**Books & Skits**

**Life Skills & Etiquette**

**Community Service Club**

**Shark Tank**

**Math Club**

**Model UN**

**Volleyball**

**Jazz Band**

**Yearbook Club**

**Environmental Club**

**Anime & Comic Club**

**Film Club**

**Fitness Club**

**Let's Travel the World**

### VALEDICTORIAN AWARD

*Highest GPA in the Senior class for the last 4 years in High School*

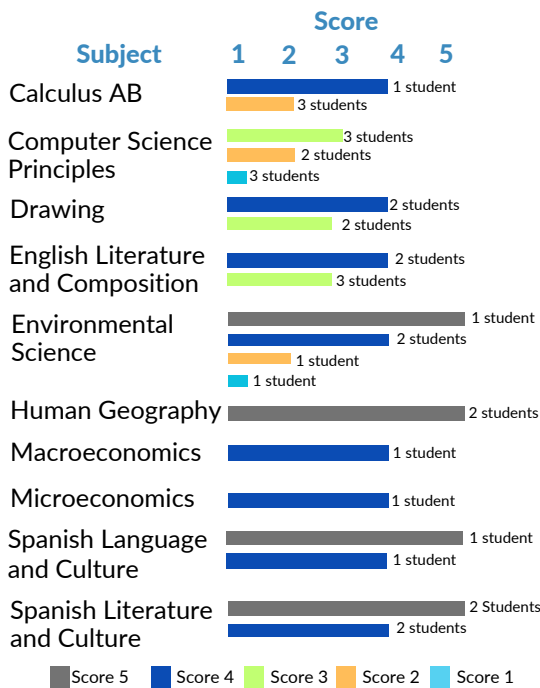
### SALUTATORIAN AWARD

*Second highest GPA in the Senior class for the last 4 years in High School*

### PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS

*honors graduating elementary, middle and high school students for their achievement and hard work.*

## AP EXAM RESULTS 2022-2023



## MAP TESTING

Research and data-driven decisions have become an important part of our academic program.

**The Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) is administered twice a year to our students in Kindergarten through Grade 10.** This supports, guides, and validates our core curriculum.

## UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES ATTENDANCE 2013-2023

### United States of America

American University (Washington)  
 Babson College (Massachusetts)  
 Baylor University (Texas)  
 Calvin College (Michigan)  
 Colorado State University  
 DePaul University (Illinois)  
 Emory University (Georgia)  
 Fashion Institute of Technology - FIT ( New York)  
 Flagler College (Florida)  
 Kansas State University  
 Loyola University (Louisiana)  
 Loyola University (Illinois)  
 Louisiana State University (Louisiana)  
 Louisiana Tech  
 New Mexico Military Institute  
 Otis College of Art and Design (California)  
 Penn State University  
 Purdue University (Indiana)  
 Rollins College (Florida)  
 Saint Edward's University (Texas)  
 Tarrant County College  
 The Catholic University of America (Washington)  
 The University of Richmond (Virginia)  
 UC Berkeley (California)  
 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 Tampa  
 Universal Technical Institute (Florida)  
 Valencia College (Florida)  
 Yale University (Connecticut)

### Japan

Waseda University

### Australia

Griffith University

### Argentina

Universidad de Palermo

### Canada

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

### 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

### Germany

Gisma Business School  
 Jacobs University  
 Alpha Aktiv  
 BWS Germanlingua

### Spain

Harbour Space University  
 Toulouse Business School  
 Universidad Europea del Atlántico  
 EU Business School  
 Universidad de Navarra  
 CEU

### Italy

Instituto Europeo de Diseño(IED)  
 Universitat di Pavia

### Switzerland

Les Roches University

### Taiwan

Chin Hwa University  
 National Chengchi University