

Welcome to the

# HOME OF THE WOLVES





**Your child's**  
*success and happiness*  
**is our goal**





# Welcome from the Head of School

## Welcome to Discovery School, the Home of the Wolves!

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to learn more about our school. If you are coming to this page as a prospective or as a returning family, I would like to emphasize our commitment to creating an environment of academic excellence, exceptional care, and capacity building. As a professional community of educators, we strive to provide multiple opportunities to develop student skills, character, talents, and passions through a variety of learning experiences. If you are part of our DS community, we hope to continue to provide you with a wealth of information that will motivate you to stay connected and informed through our communication channels, such as our social media channels, ALMA, Discovery PTO (DPTO), other sections of the DS website, and more.

Established in 1993, our school was founded to provide an alternative educational environment in Honduras. Our philosophy is that learning is a process of discovery. Situated on a secure campus located in Zona Molinón, we offer robust academic and extracurricular programs in a nurturing, student-centered environment. We serve the local, diplomatic, and multinational business communities. Looking within and beyond Honduras, we benchmark our programs, faculty, facilities, and results against the finest international schools in the region.

DS is a close-knit school community committed to our vision of academic excellence, global awareness, and empowering well-rounded individuals who are educated for success in life. Our highly-qualified, multinational faculty strives to realize this vision daily by challenging students intellectually while supporting their academic and physical, social, and emotional well-being. Working in partnership with parents, DS also encourages students to develop an appreciation for and understanding of the unique and diverse culture of Honduras as well as to celebrate the diversity of the more than 22 nationalities on campus. Tomorrow's diplomatic, business, educational, and scientific leaders are enrolled in our school today. We hope to include your daughters and sons.

**Mr. Bradley McClain**  
Head of School



# About Discovery

Discovery School was founded in 1994 in Tegucigalpa with an innovative and creative learning philosophy.

We are the true international, private, bilingual school in Tegucigalpa, having a diverse student body coming from more than 20 countries around the world.

We make sure to educate the whole child, through the state of the art facilities, exceptional national and international teachers, and high-standard international curricula.

**Our parents say  
their child is**

*very happy*

**at our school**





# 6 reasons why people *Love* our school



## Individual Attention

our student-to-teacher ratio allows the teacher to work closely with each child, fostering his/her potential.



## Happy School

where students love coming to school and feel safe and motivated to learn together



## Vibrant International Community

inclusive and richly diverse, expanding horizons and providing unique global experiences



## Exceptional Teachers

that are highly trained and qualified at differentiated learning. They are also caring, dynamic, and very committed to the students' education.



## Rich Learning Environment

where hands-on, project-based, and inquiry learning activities are created to instill lifelong memories and a deep sense of achievement.



## Learning Life Skills

not simply what to think. Learning skills that promote creative critical analysis.







## VISION

Through the development of the whole person, learning is a process of ***Discovery*** making our school the top choice for empowering future global leaders.

## MISSION

Discovery School's high-quality education prepares students for the challenges of life and future academic and professional work in a safe environment that promotes and instills:

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

In our children, their families, and our community through small class sizes, hands-on interactive, and collaborative learning.

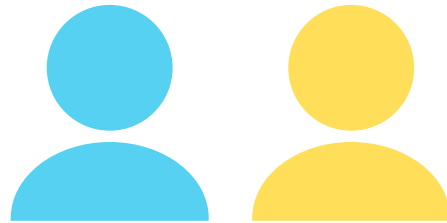


# Quick Facts



**220 students  
on campus**

**1 : 7**



**Teacher  
to Student ratio**



**University  
Acceptances**



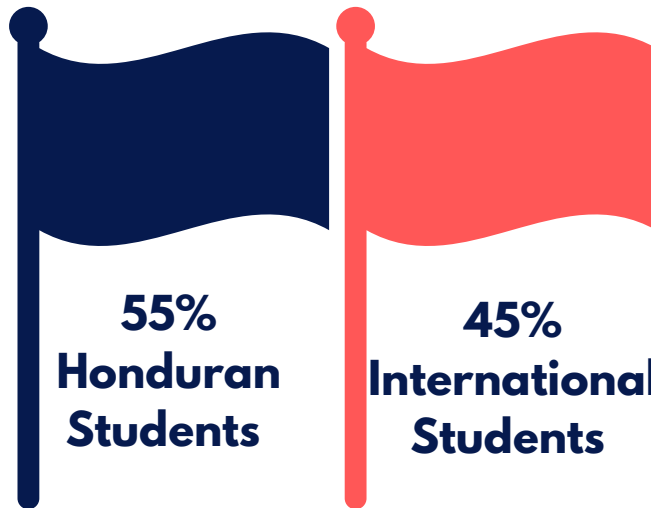
**+80% of our  
alumni study  
abroad**

**+60**

**Universities  
visit our  
campus  
every year**

**+40**

**Honduran and  
International  
teachers**



**55%  
Honduran  
Students**

**45%  
International  
Students**

**STEM/STEAM  
EDUCATION**



**Years of  
Quality  
Education**

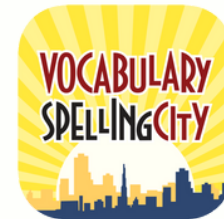


# Technological **RESOURCES**



**SAVVAS**

**Raz-Plus**



**G Suite**

**VIRTUAL CLASSROOM**

We are a BYOD (bring your own device) school from grades K-12.

Discovery School has excelled in the "Home-Learning" or virtual setting, continuing to provide quality education to the students at home through the multiple specialized tools, virtual classrooms, and the digital library. All of these tools have enhanced the children's learning experience.



# HOME OF THE WOLVES

## PHILOSOPHY

Discovery School chooses to be different and consciously **creative and innovative in its curriculum** and approach in an effort to make learning fun, exciting, challenging, relevant, and long-lasting. This focus on discovery can be seen in the following areas: student-centered learning, development of the whole person, rich learning environment, emphasis on learning skills, development of emotional intelligence, experience beyond the campus, and dynamic, enthusiastic teachers.





# Portrait

## OF A DISCOVERY STUDENT

**It is easy to spot Discovery students.**

They are independent and self-confident. They enjoy a good challenge and are highly motivated to learn new things.

They are unafraid to take on a difficult task and are willing and capable to work as part of a team. They easily assume leadership when needed. They are very creative and solve problems thinking outside the box.

They respect their peers and love to share all their world experiences with others. They have the desire to help others and take social and environmental responsibility.



# Intellectual ENGAGEMENT

Discovery School's American-style curriculum meets high academic standards and engages students and their teachers in intellectual exploration that makes going to school exciting.

**A warm and welcoming environment engenders a love of learning for our children.**

**Our classrooms and facilities are specially designed to create a space where innate curiosity is fostered.** Students strive for discoveries and reach for insights that will enhance their understanding of math, social sciences, history, art, science, and the art of communication. The many informal spaces allow the children to interact and have spontaneous activity throughout the day. The science curriculum integrates NGSS (21st Century Next Generation Science Standards) and STEM education (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math).

Discovery School students can hardly wait to come to school in the morning because it is here they will learn about the world in ways that are useful and relevant to their lives. **Here other bright and happy children national and international who will share and encourage their zest for knowledge will surround them.** They will feel the joy and exhilaration of an academic culture that takes your children and their ideas seriously.





According to Cognia,  
our Index of Education Quality®  
(IEQ®) is

**321**

assuring the *BEST* academic  
and social-emotional education



# EARLY CHILDHOOD

## Nursery Through First grade

In these early years, every day is an opportunity for astounding growth. Your little one will thrive in our EC program that is a fun-filled learning experience.

Circle time is one of the most valuable times for teachers to give the instructions of the day. The children participate and learn to express themselves as well as listen to others.

Students will be engaged in their learning through working stations (art, language arts, math/science, STEM, and others). They will rotate to different centers every 10-12 minutes, keeping them active throughout the day. Teachers incorporate mini-topics into our curriculum; these are based on children's interests and their natural curiosity about the world around them.



- Entry age: Nursery (age 3), Pre-K (age 4), Kinder (age 5), 1st grade (age 6).
- Nursery and Pre-Kinder have a homeroom teacher and a bilingual assistant.
- Special classes include French, Motricity, Music, and Spanish (K & 1st grade)
- Focus on positive discipline, self-regulation, and practicing values.



# Small CLASS SIZES

From its inception, Discovery School has maintained a low student-to-teacher ratio, with a **maximum of 17 students per class**. Our class average ranges between **12-15 students per section**.

Research has proven that small class sizes benefit students both academically and socially.

This can help teachers provide more attention to each student and be more sensitive to individual learning styles. In this environment, students are able to develop skills, knowledge, and build better friendship connections.



# Exceptional Teachers

Our Education Team  
has experience  
working with children  
from all over the world.

All of the staff are qualified with at least a BA or BS degree. More than 50% of the teaching staff have earned a Master's Degree, and some of the teachers have more than one Master's Degree.

Discovery School is constantly providing opportunities for training with highly qualified consultants. Teachers teaching **AP classes** are trained by institutions sponsored by College Board.





# ELEMENTARY

*Second grade to Fifth grade*

We are committed to ensuring that our students become life-long learners and good citizens.

They expand their knowledge by providing diverse learning experiences that range from managing apps, practicing several sports, learning new musical instruments, and have social and environmental responsibility.

Early childhood and primary teachers (K-grade 5) follow the guided reading program which helps build and strengthen students' literacy skills in phonics, vocabulary, and comprehension.

**We aim to develop a well-rounded child that is well prepared for future years.**



- We focus on skill development and working collaboratively with other students.
- Their technological and computer skills are broadened and deepened.
- Special classes include French, Physical Education, Music, Spanish, Spanish Social Studies.
- Lions Quest, our Social-Emotional Learning Program (SEL), will help to reinforce the positive attitudes and behaviors in students in these years.



# Life LONG SKILLS

We focus on the development of emotional intelligence, creative problem solving, conflict resolution, public speaking, life values, and interpersonal skills.





# SECONDARY

## *Sixth grade to twelfth grade*

This is an important transition for our students. They are now in the Secondary school that is divided into Middle School (MS) that goes from Sixth to Eighth grade, and High School (HS) that goes from Ninth to Twelfth grade.

We encourage students to pursue other areas of interest and assume a greater role in the leadership of the student body, leading sports teams, social clubs, and community initiatives.

Our goal is that our students will be well prepared for the university and equipped with the necessary skills, confidence, and character to succeed in life.



- Co-curricular activities are a fundamental part of the Secondary. Many of the co-curricular activities involve sports, arts, music, science, and math competitions inside and outside the country.
- The grading system changes in the Secondary. The GPA starts in High School (9th grade).
- A range of Advanced Placement (AP) classes are offered for students from 10th grade to 12th grade. Students take college-level courses and gain credits for universities abroad. The APID (Advanced Placement International Diploma) is optional and the student must take at least 5 different AP courses.

# About **THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM**

The Secondary program is designated to provide a strong academic foundation since 100% of Discovery's graduating class pursue higher education in Honduras or abroad.

Our High School program (grades 9-12), which incorporates the Advanced Placement Program (AP) is university-preparatory. The academic program, including Pre-AP and AP courses, prepares students for entrance into competitive universities in the U.S. and throughout the world.

The school currently offers 8 AP courses: AP Environmental Science, AP Calculus AB, AP Human Geography, AP English Language and Composition, AP English Literature and Composition, AP Spanish Literature & Culture, AP Computer Science Principles, and AP Drawing. Other AP courses are offered in alternate years.

The final score for each AP Exam is reported on a 5-point scale that offers a recommendation about how qualified the student is to receive college credit and placement.







# EXTRA-CURRICULAR *Activities*

Enrichment and sports-related activities support the well-being of our students. They can participate in diverse activities with other students that share their same interests.

## Some extra-curricular activities are:

- Basketball I, II, III
- Volleyball I
- Soccer
- Fun with google apps
- Art Club I, II, III
- Model UN Club
- Math Club
- Jazz Band
- Reading Club
- Science Exploration

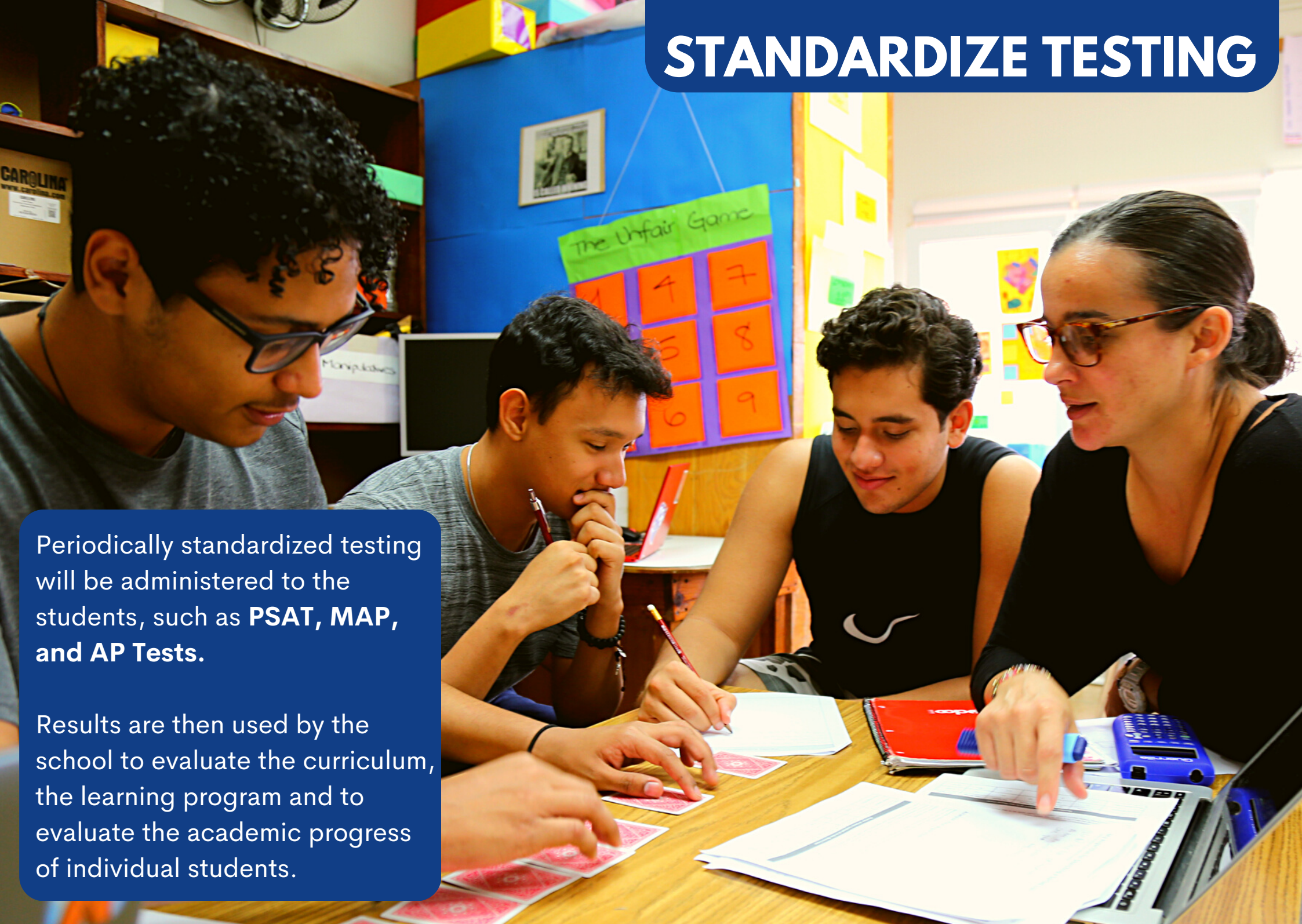




# STANDARDIZE TESTING

Periodically standardized testing will be administered to the students, such as **PSAT, MAP, and AP Tests**.

Results are then used by the school to evaluate the curriculum, the learning program and to evaluate the academic progress of individual students.





# CONNECTING WITH

# World

# UNIVERSITIES



**Discovery School is a university preparatory school.** Our students have been accepted to prestigious and academically rigorous universities in the United States, Canada, Europe, Asia, Central, and South America.

Most of our students have been awarded partial or full scholarships based on their academic achievements and/or talents.

They all meet or exceed the criteria required to be admitted to these universities and earn these scholarships.

# Alumni ABROAD

Our alumni study abroad at these universities

## Canada

Trent University  
Memorial University  
University of New Brunswick  
University of British Columbia  
University of Calgary

## USA

Yale University  
UC Berkeley  
University of Notre Dame  
Loyola University  
Penn State University  
University of Kentucky  
Purdue University  
Babson College  
Baylor University

## Mexico

Tecnológico de Monterrey  
Universidad Anáhuac  
Universidad de las  
Américas (UDLAP)

## Germany

Gisma Business School  
Jacobs University

## Spain

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

## Switzerland

Les Roches University

## Italy

Instituto Europeo de Diseño (IED)

## Poland

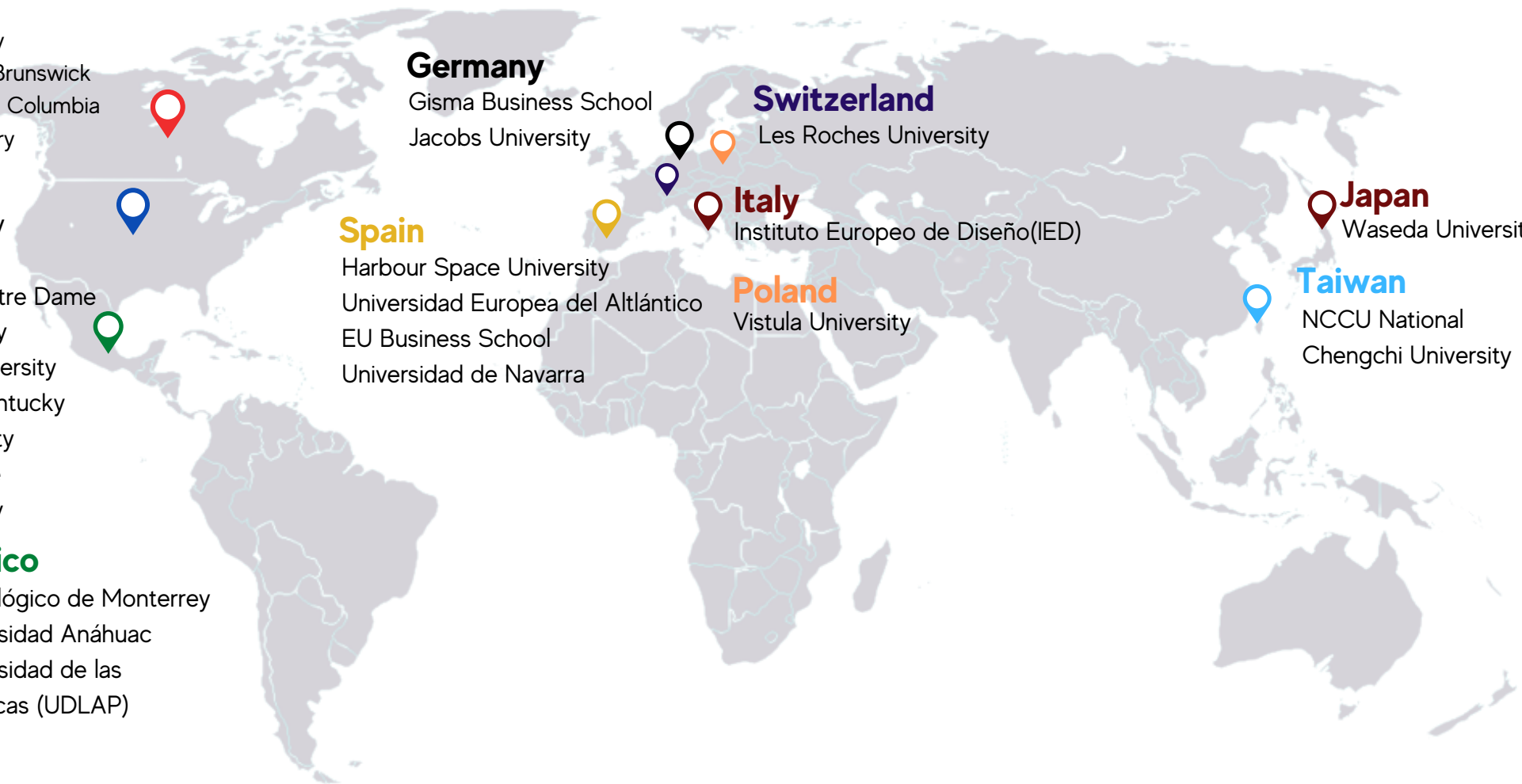
Vistula University

## Japan

Waseda University

## Taiwan

NCCU National  
Chengchi University





# PARENTS ARE OUR *Partners*

**Parents contribute with their ideas, energy, and enthusiasm to the continual evolution and definition of our school.** Discovery School builds community through school-wide activities, such as School's Anniversary, United Nations Day, Honduran Independence Day, Winter and Spring Songfest.

The Discovery Parent-Teacher Organization (DPTO) promotes school spirit community activities such as Family Day, Movie Day, Bingo, and Staff Appreciation Week.



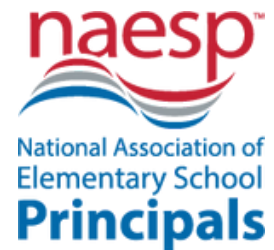
# OUR MEMBERSHIPS *and* ACCREDITATIONS

**AASCA**

Association Of American  
Schools in Central America



Association for  
the Advancement of  
International Education  
CONNECT • SHARE • LEAD



**ABSH**

Association Of Bilingual  
Schools Of Honduras



**TRI-ASSOCIATION**



GOBIERNO DE LA  
REPÚBLICA DE HONDURAS

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SECRETARÍA DE EDUCACIÓN



The accreditation is a public recognition to those educational institutions that have certain quality standards. It also certifies the brand legitimacy of the school.

- **COGNIA**—It is the largest community of education professionals in the world. Their commitment is to help the institutions continuously improve. They are one of the largest accreditation and most important organization worldwide for education accreditations.
- **AASCA**—It was formed to support and encourage academic, artistic, athletic, and cultural interaction between international/American schools that offer a US-style education in Central America.
- **INTERNATIONAL ACAC**—International ACAC effectively brings together primary and secondary school counselors, independent counselors, college admission and financial aid officers, enrollment managers, and organizations engaged in guiding students through the secondary to the higher education transition process.
- **COLLEGE BOARD**—It is a mission-driven not-for-profit organization that connects students to college success and opportunity. Each year, the College Board helps students prepare for a successful transition to college through programs and services in college readiness and college success — including the SAT and the Advanced Placement Program.



# JOIN OUR



# Family!

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