



Escuela Americana El Salvador

School Profile 2016-2017

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THE SCHOOL

Escuela Americana is a private, co-educational, non-profit day school located in the capital city of San Salvador. Founded in 1946, EA enrolls students from pre-kinder through twelfth grade. The campus includes 129 classrooms; 7 computer labs (both PC and Mac); 2 libraries; 11 science labs; a double court gymnasium/multi-purpose building; 9 outdoor hard surface courts for basketball, volleyball and handball; a 400-meter synthetic track surface; and 2 large athletic fields and a Center for the Arts.

EDUCATIONAL MISSION

Escuela Americana is a college preparatory international school that seeks to provide a sound basis for life as a responsible member of society. Our educational program is built on high quality standards, and the commitment to help each child develop his or her potential. Escuela Americana offers a bilingual program embracing the cultures of El Salvador and the United States.

ESCUELA AMERICANA HONOR CODE:

*I will not lie, I will not cheat, I will not steal,
nor will I tolerate those who do.*

ACCREDITATION

Escuela Americana is accredited by AdvancEd, and the Ministry of Education of El Salvador (MINED).

TLC (TROJAN LEARNING CENTER)

The TLC Provides individualized and small group instruction and modified curriculum to students in grades PK-12th who have been diagnosed with learning differences.

FACULTY

There are 135 full-time and 3 part-time faculty. 73% are host nationals, 25% are North Americans, and 2% are international. Over 70% of the English curriculum faculty members have American undergraduate and/or graduate degrees.

ENROLLMENT & STUDENT BODY

Students: Pre-Kinder to 12th Grade — 1,420

Escuela Americana is divided into three academic areas: Lower School (Pre-Kinder through 5th), Middle School (6th through 8th), and Upper School (9th through 12th). The current enrollment is:

<i>Lower School: 663</i>	<i>Middle School: 329</i>
<i>Upper School: 428</i>	<i>Class of 2017: 102</i>

For 2016-17, EA's student body consists of 76% host nationals, 16% North Americans and 8% other internationals representing more than 20 countries.

CURRICULUM

Escuela Americana's mission is to provide a bilingual, bicultural college-preparatory curriculum that allow students to meet the academic admission criteria for competitive U.S. colleges and universities as well as Salvadoran, and other international institutions. This is accomplished by our rigorous and academically demanding dual U.S./Bachillerato diploma program. More than 90% of EA's students earn this dual diploma.

Students are encouraged to enhance their education by enrolling in Advanced Placement and Honor courses. We currently offer 22 AP courses and 10 Honors courses.

GPA DETERMINATIONS

Escuela Americana's grading scale is a numeric, 100-point scale. Our lowest passing grade is a 65. Only grades earned at Escuela Americana are used for a student's cumulative GPA calculation. EA calculates both a weighted and un-weighted GPA for all students. Honors courses are weighted an additional 5 points (one-half letter grade equivalent) and Advanced Placement courses are weighted an additional 10 points (one whole letter grade equivalent) in the calculation of the cumulative GPA. EA does not rank its students but instead provides universities with a deciles range.

Class of 2017 Cumulative Weighted GPA (as juniors):

GPA	#	% of Class
100 to 90	25	25%
89 to 80	49	48%
79 to 70	28	27%
65 to 69	0	0%
below 65	0	0%
	102	100%

Quintile Breakdown (end of Junior year)

<i>First Fifth</i>	91.02 to 100.5
<i>Second Fifth</i>	86.32 to 90.98
<i>Third Fifth</i>	81.64 to 86.00
<i>Fourth Fifth</i>	76.76 to 81.07
<i>Last Fifth</i>	73.75 to 76.52

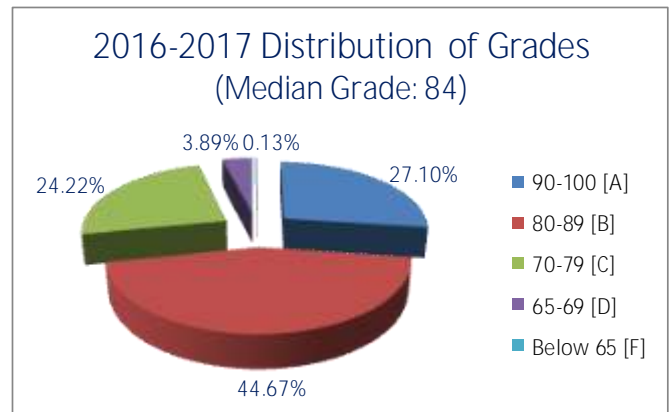
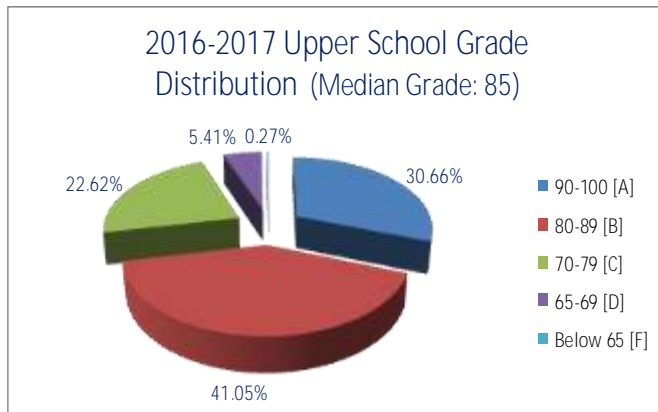
Median GPA =	84.68
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Of the 102 students in the Class of 2017:

48 (51%) enrolled in one or more Advanced Placement courses in 11th grade

60 (64%) enrolled in one or more Advanced Placement courses in 12th grade

GRADE DISTRIBUTIONS



AP SCHOLAR AWARDS

ESCUELA AMERICANA AP SCHOLAR DISTINCTION SCHOOL YEAR 2015-2016

	AP Scholar	AP Scholar with Honor	AP Scholar with Distinction	AP International Diploma *	Total Scholars
Number of Scholars	19	18	35	12	72
Average Score	3.64	3.79	4.38	4.35	4.17

- 34% of Escuela Americana AP Test takers earned an AP Scholar Distinction for the year 2015-2016.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Spanish	4 credits
Social Studies	4 credits **
Science	4 credits
PE / Health	2 credits
Fine Arts	1 credit
Electives	3 credits

**Students electing to earn the Salvadoran

Bachillerato diploma must complete 5 credits.

Classes meet twice for 70 minutes and twice for 50 minutes each week for 182 days. Grades are reported four times per year and students are required to take mid-term as well as end-of-year examinations.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

EA has an award winning community service program. It has been recognized with two international awards by Habitat for Humanity as well as the Service Project of the Year Award by the Association of American Schools in Central America. Annual projects include:

- Habitat for Humanity site work,
- English tutoring programs with sister schools,
- Mentorship programs with local orphanages,
- Work with Environmental organizations, and more.

EA, so strongly believes in service learning that it is a graduation requirement.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

EA offers numerous opportunities for participation in athletics, fine arts, student government, leadership, Model UN and other clubs each year. Over 75% of the students in the Upper School take part in these activities regularly.

SAT : CLASS OF 2017 (AS JUNIORS) AVERAGE SCORES

	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
	515	531	524
Average Total Score:	1570		

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) PROGRAM

RESULTS FOR MAY, 2015

AP Score	Total Scores Reported	Percentage of Total
5	106	31%
4	90	26%
3	79	23%

207 students taking 343 exams; 80% scoring 3 or higher.

RESULTS FOR MAY, 2016

AP Score	Total Scores Reported	Percentage of Total
5	155	41%
4	106	28%
3	63	17%

215 students taking 377 exams; 86% scoring 3 or higher.

In the 2006-07 school year, EA changed its policy concerning admissions to AP classes. The change is consistent with the College Board's goal to provide more students with opportunities to take AP courses. The result was an increase in student participation of 56% and an increase of 117% in the number of AP exams given. EA believes that participation in an AP course is of great value to its students and provides preparation for, and performance in, college that outweighs the modest decrease in the school average that we have experienced with a more liberal course admissions policy.

	5	4	3	2	1
FIVE YEAR TOTALS (2012 to 2016):	580	434	349	252	127
% of Total:	33%	25%	20%	14%	7%

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS CLASS OF 2016

Escuela Americana graduates are admitted to top colleges in the United States, El Salvador, Canada, Europe, and Latin American countries. The list below represents colleges where students were offered admission for the Fall of 2016.

UNIVERSITIES IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Aero Academy International Flight Academy	Elon University	John Hopkins University	Ringling College of Art and Design*	Tulane University	Valencia College
American University	Embry Riddle Aeronautical University*	Keiser University	Roger Williams University*	University of California, Berkeley	Villanova University
Amherst College**	Emory University	Louisiana State University	Rollins College*	University of California, Los Angeles	Virginia Tech*
Arizona State University	Fashion Institute of Technology	Loyola University Chicago*	Salve Regina University	University of California, San Diego	Wake Forest University
Auburn University	Flagler College*	Loyola University New Orleans*	Santa Clara University	University of Chicago	West Texas A&M University**
Babson College	Florida International University*	Lynn University	Santa Fe University of Art and Design*	University of Colorado, Boulder	Wheaton College
Bard College	Florida State University*	Marquette University*	Savannah College of Art and Design*	University of Delaware	Yale University
Belmont Abbey College*	Fordham University	Marymount University*	Smith College**	University of Miami	
Bryant University*	George Washington University*	Massachusetts College of Art and Design*	St. Edward's University*	University of North Carolina, Charlotte	
California College of the Arts	Georgetown University	Mercyhurst University*	St. Francis University*	University of Notre Dame	
Catholic University	Georgia Institute of Technology	Middlebury College*	St. Joseph's University*	University of Oregon*	
Claremont McKenna College	Georgia Southern University*	Millikin University*	St. Leo University*	University of Pennsylvania*	
Clark University*	Georgia State University	Minnesota State University	St. Mary's University**	University of St. Thomas	
Clemson University	Harvard University*	North Carolina State University	Stetson University*	University of Tampa*	
Colgate University**	High Point University	Northwestern University*	Suffolk University	University of Texas, Austin	
Colorado State University	Hofstra University	Penn State University	Tallahassee Community College	University of Virginia	
Columbia University*	HULT International Business School	Pomona College*	Texas Christian University**		
Concord University	Illinois Institute of Technology*	Providence College*	Trinity College		
Drake University*	Indiana University	Purdue University	Trinity University*		* Partial Scholarship
Drexel University	Ithaca College*	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Tufts University		**Full Scholarship

LATIN AMERICA

Centro de Entrenamiento Aeronáutico, El Salvador
 Escuela Superior de Economía y Negocios, ESEN, El Salvador*
 Florida State University, Panama
 Instituto Americano de Educación Superior, El Salvador
 SCARTS School of Culinary Arts, El Salvador
 Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico
 Universidad Anáhuac, Mexico
 Universidad de Costa Rica, Costa Rica
 Universidad Dr. José Matías Delgado, El Salvador
 Universidad Francisco Marroquín, Guatemala
 Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico
 Universidad Rafael Landívar, Guatemala

CANADA

OCAD University, Toronto
 Ryerson University
 SCAD, Toronto
 Thompson Rivers University
 University of British Columbia
 University of New Brunswick
 University of Windsor
 York University

OTHER

Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium
 Escuela Universitaria de Diseño, Innovación y Tecnología (ESNE), Spain
 IE University, Spain*
 Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Alemania
 New York University, Abu Dhabi**
 Nottingham Trent University, England
 Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain
 Universidad de Navarra, Spain
 Universidad Europea del Atlántico, Spain
 University for the Creative Arts, England
 University of Kent, England*

COLLEGE ATTENDANCE RATE:

94 members of the Class of 2015, 98% matriculated in colleges and universities and 2% plan to attend college in the spring.
 60% are attending College in the United States
 24% will study in Latin America and 11% in Europe.