

COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL GUANACASTE

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SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

The Country Day School, founded in 1963, is the premier American school serving the international community in Costa Rica. The 36 acre Guanacaste campus, steps from the pristine beaches along the Pacific coast, opened its doors in 2000. The Guanacaste campus features Central America's only boarding program and offers a private, college-preparatory school enrolling approximately 150 students in Preschool through Grade 12. There are approximately 80 students in the high school. Thirty percent of the students at Country Day School are United States citizens, thirty percent Costa Rican citizens, and forty percent citizens from all parts of the globe. Country Day School is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and the Costa Rican Ministry of Education. Both the U.S. High School and the Costa Rican Bachillerato programs are offered, and diplomas are awarded for each. Students in the high school pursue a U.S.-based curriculum. The language of instruction is English, and the average class size is 12.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND PROFILE

GRADING SCALE

A = 93-100 = 4.0 B = 85-92 = 3.0 C = 75-84 = 2.0 D = 65-74 = 1.0 F = 64 or below = 0.0

*An additional point is computed for AP and Honors courses.

GPA and RANK

GPA is calculated over a four-year period of grades 9-12. Only courses taken at Country Day School and online are calculated into the GPA. Due to the small number of students in the class and the multicultural and varied scholastic backgrounds of our population, we do not rank our students.

ACADEMIC COURSES

Country Day School offers the following AP courses: Biology, Calculus, English Language, English Literature, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, US History, Environmental Science, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and Marine Biology.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Country Day School offers extracurricular activities such as Yearbook, Student Government, National Honors Society, National Junior Honors Society, Chess club, Ceramics, Community service, and Knowledge Bowl. Sports include soccer, volleyball, and basketball.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Students with a minimum average of 85% in all courses over three quarters are candidates for the National Honor Society. Students demonstrating exemplary scholarship, leadership and service are invited to become members.

COSTA RICAN BACHILLERATO PROGRAM

The Costa Rican Bachillerato program (grade 12) is the Costa Rican Ministry of Education's secondary school credential. This program and diploma enables students to study at universities in Costa Rica. Students may opt for the United States Credential, the Costa Rican Bachillerato Credential, or both.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS/ COURSES OFFERED

English	4 credits	English 9, English 10, US Literature, British Literature, English Literature, English Language
Social Studies	3 credits	World History 9, World History 10, US History, Psychology, Social Studies 12, Modern World Conflict
Mathematics	3 credits	Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus
Science	3 credits	Biology, Physics, Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, Honors Marine Biology
Languages	4 credits	Beginner's Spanish, Spanish Int. I, Spanish Int. II, Spanish Int. III, Spanish Adv. I, Spanish Adv. II, Spanish Adv. III, Bachillerato Spanish 12, AP Spanish Literature
Fine Arts	2 credits	Art, PE
Core Electives	5 credits	Chosen from previously listed courses
TOTAL	24 credits	

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES WHERE CDS/CDSG STUDENTS ENROLLED 2003-2010

Adelphi University American University Appalachian State University Babson College Bates College Boston College Boston University Brandeis University Brown University California Polytechnic -San Luis Obispo Carleton University Carnegie Mellon University Chapman College Clark University Colorado College Colorado School of Mines Columbia University Davidson College Duke University Drexel University Ecole Hôtelière de Glion (Switz.) Elon College Emory University Erasmus Univ. Rotterdam (Netherlands) Georgetown University George Washington University Georgia Tech Harvard College Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey James Madison University Knox College Lafayette College Louisiana State University	Loyola University-Chicago Loyola University-New Orleans Lynn University McGill University Macalester College Massachusetts Institute of Technology Michigan State University Michigan Institute of Technology Mount Holyoke College Northwestern University New York University Oberlin College Occidental College Pace University Parsons School of Design Penn State University Purdue University Queen's University Reed College Ryerson University Savannah College of Art and Design Stanford University SUNY (Buffalo) Suffolk University Swarthmore College Syracuse University Texas A&M University Texas Tech Trent University Trinity University Tufts University Tulane University Universidad de Costa Rica Universidad Interamericana (CR)	Universidad Latina (CR) University of California – Santa Cruz U. of Arizona U. of British Columbia U. of Colorado at Boulder U. of Florida U. of Georgia U. of Illinois U. of Massachusetts U. of Manitoba U. of Miami U. of Missouri U. Pennsylvania U. of Richmond U of San Diego (USD) U. of South Alabama U. of Texas at Austin U. of Toronto U of Victoria U. of Washington U. of W. Ontario U of California, San Diego Vassar College Villanova University Virginia Polytechnic Institute Virginia Tech. Washington and Lee University Webster University Wheaton College Wellesley College Wesleyan University Worcester Polytechnic Institute Yale University
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Schools listed in Red are recent schools Country Day School Guanacaste graduates have enrolled.