



# Pan American School of Bahia

## 2016-2017 School Profile

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### MISSION STATEMENT

**The Pan American School of Bahia prepares students to face challenges as confident, principled global citizens. Our outstanding American and Brazilian programs, offered in a safe and nurturing environment, empower students to reach their fullest potential.**

### PROFILE

**The School:** The Pan American School of Bahia (PASB), founded in 1960, is a private, co-educational pre-school through 12th grade institution offering a college preparatory program based upon American curriculum standards and teaching methods. The primary language of instruction is English. PASB awards the American High School Diploma, the Brazilian Diploma, and the International Baccalaureate Diploma, upon completion of the required course work. The school is governed by a Board of Directors which includes eight elected members. It is located in Patamares, a residential district 15 kilometers north of downtown Salvador.

**High School Organization:** The school year consists of 2 semesters and four 9 week quarters. Classes begin at 7:45 am and end at 2:30 pm. The Pan American School of Bahia follows the northern hemisphere school calendar.

**Accreditation:** The Pan American School of Bahia is a charter member of the Association of American Schools in South America (AASSA) and a member of the Council for International Schools (CIS). PASB is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and the Brazilian Ministry of Education (MEC). PASB is currently in the process of seeking joint-accreditation from NEASC and CIS. The Pan American School of Bahia has been an IB World School since 2012.

**Faculty:** There are 22 high school teachers and administrators, over half of whom hold advanced degrees. Our teachers come from the United States, Brazil, Canada, Ireland and Bolivia, and have between 4 and 20 years of professional experience.



**Graduation Requirements:** The minimum number of credits required for graduation with an American High School Diploma is 24, achieved in grades 9 through 12:

English: 4 Units	Mathematics: 4 Units	Health/PE: 2 Units
Science: 4 Units	Social Studies: 3 Units	Fine Arts: 2 Units
Electives: 3 Units	Language (other than English): 2 Units	

The vast majority (95%) of our students also earn a Brazilian High School diploma which requires additional coursework in Geography, History, Spanish, Philosophy and Sociology.

**Curriculum:** In addition to the curriculum of standard college preparatory courses and Brazilian Program courses, the following IB courses are offered:

IB English Lang. and Lit. HL / SL	IB Biology HL / SL
IB Mathematics HL / SL / Studies SL	IB History HL / SL
IB Portuguese Lit. HL / SL	IB Spanish HL / SL
IB Brazilian Social Studies SL	IB Theatre SL

With the exception of Mathematics, IB classes are mixed HL/SL in Grade 11, with course names in Grade 12 reflecting whether the student has registered for the HL or SL IB course.

**IB Participation:** Class of 2017 = 36 total students, all of whom participate in the IB Program, taking:

Full IB Diploma = 31 students	IB Certificates = 5 students
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**Grade Point Average:** All high school courses (other than pass/fail courses) are included in the cumulative grade point average. Quality points are used to determine G.P.A., which is calculated at the end of grade nine and each semester thereafter. The GPA is based on a 4.0 scale, with no bonus given for Honors / IB courses.

**Rank:** Students are not ranked due to our international status and fluidity of our student body from year to year.

**Grading System:**

A+ = 4.0 = 97-100	A = 4.0 = 93-96	A- = 3.7 = 90-92
B+ = 3.3 = 87-89	B = 3.0 = 83-86	B- = 2.7 = 80-82
C+ = 2.3 = 77-79	C = 2.0 = 73-76	C- = 1.7 = 70-72
D+ = 1.3 = 67-69	D = 1.0 = 63-66	D- = 0.7 = 60-62
F = 0.0 = 0-59		

**SAT Test Results:**

	Class of 2016	Class of 2015	College Board Mean
Number of Students	23	23	
Critical Reading	541	568	495
Mathematics	534	597	511
Writing	504	548	484

**Post Secondary Education:** In recent years, 100% of graduating seniors have continued their education, with approximately half going to four year colleges and universities in the United States and Canada, a third going to Brazilian universities and the remainder going to universities in other countries.

**Athletics:** Basketball (Boys and Girls), Futsal (Boys), Soccer (Boys and Girls), Volleyball (Boys and Girls). Our teams compete locally and against teams from across Brazil through the International Schools Sports League.

**Student Activities:** Community Service, Drama, Eco Club, Global Issues Network (GIN), Knowledge Bowl, Model United Nations, Band, National Honor Society, Student Council and Yearbook.



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## COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO WHICH RECENT GRADUATES HAVE BEEN ADMITTED

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### United States:

American University (DC)  
Amherst College (MA)  
Babson College (MA)  
Barnard College (NY)  
Bentley College (MA)  
Boston University (MA)  
Brown University (RI)  
Brigham Young (UT)  
Bryn Mawr College (PA)  
Carnegie Mellon University (PA)  
Colgate University (NY)  
Columbia University (NY)  
Cornell University (NY)  
Dartmouth College (NH)  
Duke University (NC)  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (FL)  
Florida Institute of Technology (FL)  
Fordham University (NY)  
Georgetown University (DC)  
George Washington University (DC)  
Goucher College (MD)  
Guilford College (NC)  
Hampshire College (MA)  
Harvard University (MA)  
Ithaca College (NY)  
Michigan State University (MI)  
Mount Holyoke College (MA)  
New York University (NY)  
Northeastern University (MA)  
Northwestern University (IL)  
Ohio State University (OH)  
Pace University (NY)  
Pepperdine University (CA)  
Princeton University (NJ)  
Purdue University (IN)  
Quinnipiac College  
Rice University (TX)  
Sarah Lawrence College (NY)  
Savannah College of Art  
Smith College (MA)  
Syracuse University (NY)  
University of California, Los Angeles (CA)  
University of California, Berkeley (CA)  
University of California, Irvine (CA)  
University of California, San Diego (CA)  
University of Chicago (IL)  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (IL)  
University of Massachusetts at Amherst (MA)  
University of Miami (FL)  
University of Michigan (MI)  
University of Pennsylvania (PA)  
University of Southern California (CA)  
University of Texas – Austin (TX)  
University of Virginia (VA)  
Washington University in St. Louis (MO)  
Wesleyan University (CT)  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute (MA)  
Yale University (CT)

### Europe:

Brunel University  
American University of Paris  
École Hôtelière de Lausanne  
European School of Economics  
ISCTE Business School  
Istituto Marangoni  
Oxford Brookes University  
Oxford University  
University of Westminster  
University of Edinburgh

### Canada:

Carleton University  
University of Toronto  
Concordia University  
McGill University  
Trinity Western University  
University of British Columbia  
University of Calgary  
University of Manitoba  
University of Waterloo  
University of Winnipeg  
York University

### Brazil:

ESPM (SP)  
Faculdade Baiana de Medicina (BA)  
Faculdade Baiana do Direito (BA)  
Faculdade Ruy Barbosa (BA)  
Fundação Getúlio Vargas - FGV (BA)  
FTC (BA)  
IBMEC (BA)  
Federal University of Bahia – UFBA (BA)  
Salvador University - UNIFACS (BA)  
Jorge Amado University - UNIJORGE (BA)  
UNIME University (BA)  
University of São Paulo – USP (SP)