



EL CAMINO ACADEMY PROFILE

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School and Community

El Camino Academy was founded in 1980 to serve missionary families by providing a quality, Christ-centered, English-speaking, U.S.- based education for their children. The current student body is 283, with 131 students in elementary and an average of 22 students in each class, and 152 in secondary with an average of 19 students in each class. Maximum class size is 23. El Camino Academy serves more than thirty-one missions and has families from Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, France, Guatemala, Holland, Italy, Korea, New Zealand, Peru, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Taiwan, the United States, and Venezuela.

Facilities

In 1989, El Camino Academy purchased a 50,000 sq.ft. lot on the north edge of Bogotá. Donated prefabricated buildings were erected on the site in 1994 with grade school and secondary school wings each around its own courtyard. In April 2000, an adjacent lot was purchased and a 2 story brick classroom wing was finished in 2007. In 2010, the second construction phase is projected to be completed and will include a new library, computer labs, more classrooms and offices.

Staff

At the present time, there is a staff of about 48 teachers, including special teachers for music, art, physical education and Spanish. Our library has about 20,000 volumes, and around 90% of the books are in English. The majority of the faculty members of El Camino Academy are missionaries who have raised their own support. Primarily from the United States and Canada, most teachers are certified and often have many years of experience. Qualified Colombian teachers form the Spanish department.

Operation

El Camino Academy is governed by a self-perpetuating board chosen from Christian parents representing some of the missions involved in the school as well as Colombian Christian leaders. The director is responsible to and a non-voting member of the board. Asociación Educando con Cristo is the Colombian legal entity which runs Colegio El Camino Academy.

Curriculum

El Camino Academy provides a U.S.-based curriculum from pre-kindergarten through high school, and student can also meet Colombian requirements. Bible, PE, and fine arts electives are an integral part of the curriculum for all students. Preparation for Advanced Placement exams is offered according to student interest and staff availability. Secondary class periods are 45 minutes and all major subjects meet 5 times a week, while PE, electives and Bible meet 2-4 times a week.

Accreditation and Graduation

El Camino Academy has been accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) since 1998. El Camino Academy is also officially approved by the Colombian Ministry of Education (Resolution # 1593 from May 2003), so students are able to receive diplomas from the USA and Colombia.

To receive a High School diploma students finish 22 credits. To receive a Colombian diploma, students must have completed the six years of requirements of the Colombian government.

Mission organizations

Foreign mission organizations that are currently represented at ECA are:

Alianza Presbiteriana, Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl, Brethren in Christ World Missions, Christ for the City International, Church of Christ, Colombia para Cristo, First Love International, Forest Hills Bible Chapel, Global Church Growth and Discipling Ministries, IMIC, International Bible Society, La Red Business Network, Latin American Mission, Macedonia World Baptist Missions, Menonite, Navigators, Nazarene



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Mission, New Tribes Mission - Nuevos Horizontes, OMS, Opportunity International, Panamerican Mission, Precept Ministries International, Resourcing Christian Education International /RCE, Rhema, Ripe for Harvest, Southern Baptist International Mission Board, WEC International, World Vision, Youth for Christ International, and Youth with a Mission/YWAM.

Finances

ECA is a non-profit educational institution with an operating budget that is based solely on tuition fees. Donations are sought for major capital expenses.

Grades and GPA

For grades four through twelve, evaluation was based on the following scale until May 2000: A = 100-93; B = 92-85; C = 84-77; D = 76-70; and F = below 70. Beginning August 2000, our scale and GPA is the following with the high school GPA formed by assigning the following points to the semester grade:

98-100	A+ = 4.0	87-89	B+ = 3.3	77-79	C+ = 2.3	67-69	D+ = 1.3	0-59	F = 0
93-97	A = 4.0	83-86	B = 3.0	73-76	C = 2.0	63-66	D = 1.0		P = Passing
90-92	A- = 3.7	80-82	B- = 2.7	70-72	C- = 1.7	60-62	D- = 0.7		I = Incomplete

Transfer grades or classes that meet less than two times a week are included on the transcript but are NOT included in our GPA.

Schedule

ECA meets 38-40 weeks, starting in early August and finishing in early June. The daily schedule runs from 7:40 – 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. There is a week of break each fall, about three weeks off around Christmas and a week off before Easter.

Uniforms

All students wear ECA shirts, sweat shirts or jackets everyday to school. All students must wear the ECA sweat suit and good athletic shoes for PE class.

Testing

Students in selected elementary and in middle school grades take Stanford Achievement Tests annually. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors may take PSAT, SAT, and AP tests. Colombian students take official Colombian tests such as ICFES and SABER.

Student Activities

Extracurricular school activities include yearbook, student government, drama, music, soccer, volleyball, basketball and retreats. All grade levels are involved in service projects and 9th and 10th grades must complete 20 hours of service per year while 11th and 12th graders are required 40 hours of service per year. All students in secondary are involved in small groups and many are involved in discipleship relationships. These are designed to enhance the educational process and foster student growth, leadership and responsibility.

Colleges and Universities Some of the colleges/universities where ECA graduates have studied include:

Canada: Bethany Bible College, Nipawin Bible Institute, Northwestern College, Prairie Bible Institute, University of Saskatchewan, and University of Winnipeg

Colombia: Universidad Fernando Sor (Música), Universidad Nacional, Universidad Distrital, Universidad de la Sabana, Universidad de los Andes, Universidad del Rosario, Universidad Externado de Colombia and Universidad Javeriana

Korea: Korea University, Yonsei University

Norway: Ansgar Theological College

United States: Asbury College, Bryan College, Campbell University, Case Western Reserve University, Cedarville College, Clemson University, College of Lake Country, Community Christian College, Concord University, Emmaus Bible College, Evangel University, Goshen College, Houston Community College, Huntington University, Judson University, LeTourneau University, Liberty University, Miami Dade College, Miami Florida International University, Montreat College, Moody Bible Institute, Osak Technical College, Osark Christian College, Palm Beach Atlantic College, San Antonio College, Simon Fraser University, Simpson University, South Western University, Taylor University, Temple University, Union University Drive, University of Illinois, University of Mobile, University of North Carolina, University of Nevada, Western Illinois University, Wheaton College, and Winkler Bible Institute.