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Our mission

Gimnasio Campestre educates men of honor through the practice of Christian values, so that they are honest, competent, proud of their identity, and committed to their service and leadership vocation. We work towards the construction of a sustainable, equitable, and fairer country and world.

General information

- Private, nonprofit, catholic and all-boys school founded in 1946.
- Curriculum is taught 50% in Spanish and 50% in English.
- Students learn French as a third language from 4th to 9th grade.
- Internationally accredited by NEASC and CIS member.
- Formative principles and practices encourage self-discipline, responsible decision-making, and a deep sense of social awareness.
- Average class size is 23 and the faculty/student Ratio is 1:7 The school year begins in August and ends in June.
- All graduates attend four-year college programs in Colombia or abroad.

Student Body

963 students currently enrolled

100% of our 2021 senior class pursued undergraduate studies

Our 2022 senior has 61 students.

Curriculum

Co Competence based curriculum:

All subjects converge into four common competences: Information Management, Critical Thinking, Creativity, and Metacognition.

Su Subjects are divided in 3 networks, which integrate knowledge from a global perspective, preparing students to become citizens of the world:

- **Design and Development:** integrates mathematics, natural sciences, and technology.
- **Systemic Perspectives:** integrates language, ethics, and humanities.
- **Plasticity, Aesthetics, and Movement:** integrates physical education, performing arts, fine arts, and digital media.

Ts Types of subjects:

- **Integrated:** interdisciplinary areas delivered via co-teaching.
- **Multi-grade:** cross-grade subjects.
- **Electives (10th -11th grades):** 8 hours per week.
- **Advanced Placement (for eligible seniors only):** High-performing students are invited to participate.

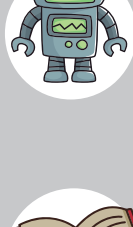
Re Research based:

- **PK-11th grade research subjects:** (2 hours per week)
- **Students rotate through the 6 research centers:** art, astrophysics, ecology, molecular biology, music, and social studies.
- Inquiry is used as a teaching strategy throughout the curriculum.

Ec **Expedición Colombia:** A program designed to explore different destinations in Colombia in order to understand and work for Sustainable Development Goals. Students may obtain up to 243 social service hours, through this program.

Fa A Fine Arts program is offered for High School students, in which they can choose **Visual Arts**, **Music Production** or **Moving Image**.

After school program offers a wide variety of vocational activities:



Design and Development
Computational Thinking
3D Design and printing
Robotics



Systemic Perspectives
Entrepreneurship
Sport Journalism
Film and performance
Theater improvisation



Plasticity, Aesthetics and Movement
Electronic music production
Motor skills
Soccer Hockey Basketball Taekwondo
Comic and illustration
Mountain biking

School Grades

School grades	Grade equivalent
Pre-Kinder (4 to 5 years old)	Pre-kindergarten - PK
Kinder (5 to 6 years old)	Kinder - K
Transition (6 to 7 years old)	First grade - 1
First grade - 1 (7 to 8 years old)	Second grade - 2
Second grade - 2 (8 to 9 years old)	Third grade - 3
Third grade - 3 (9 to 10 years old)	Fourth grade - 4
Fourth grade - 4 (10 to 11 years old)	Fifth grade - 5
Fifth grade - 5 (11 to 12 years old)	Sixth grade - 6
Sixth grade - 6 (12 to 13 years old)	Seventh grade - 7
Seventh grade - 7 (13 to 14 years old)	Eighth grade - 8
Eighth grade - 8 (14 to 15 years old)	Ninth grade - 9
Ninth grade - 9 (15 to 16 years old)	Tenth grade - 10
Tenth grade - 10 (16 to 17 years old)	Eleventh grade - 11
Eleventh grade - 11 (17 to 18 years old)	Twelfth grade - 12

Grade scale

Quality	U.S Grade
4,3	A+
4,0	A
3,7	A-
3,3	B+
3,0	B
2,7	B-
2,3	C+
2,0	C
1,7	C-
1,3	D+
1,0	D
0,0	F

Recognitions

Academic:

- **Maxima Cum Laude:** Awards the student who obtains the highest academic performance in High school, during the academic year.
- **Academic Honors:** Awards students who obtain the highest academic performance in their class.
- **Honorable Mentions:** Awards students who obtain the second and third best academic performance in their class.
- Best research project of the year, for senior students.

Other recognitions:

- **“Orden de San Jorge”:** This award honors students who stand out for exemplary conduct, dedication to the fulfillment of academic duties, and impeccable manners.
- Alfonso Casas Morales Medal for Honorability (seniors).
- Lorenzo Casas Morales Medal for Loyalty (seniors)

Graduation Requirements

• Students must take and successfully pass all grade level subjects in order to be eligible for graduation.

• In addition, every student must achieve of community service and write an original research paper at the end of 11th grade.

100 hours

Testing Information

• All seniors take the PRUEBA SABER 11, which is the required Colombian National Examination for university entrance.

• Students take PSAT 8/9 in 8th grade and (PSAT/NMSQT) in 10th grade.

• Juniors and Seniors may take the SAT if they choose to.

Grading and assessment

• Students must approve all competence indicators, to get a minimum passing grade in each subject.

• We report an unweighted Grade Point Average (GPA) including all subjects from 8th to 10th grade on a 4.0 scale. Each subject has the same relative weight for GPA calculation.

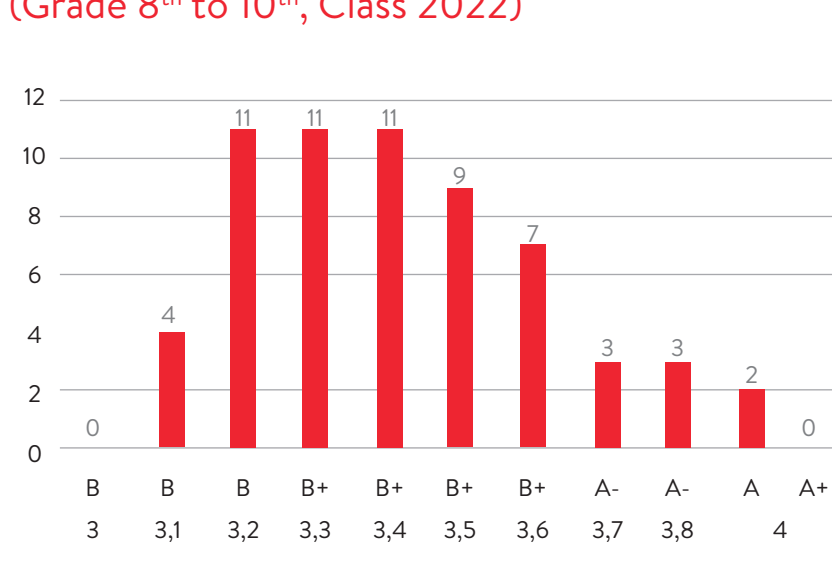
• Seniors approving AP courses obtain 0.3 additional quality points which are added to their GPA calculation.

• Transcripts are reported in a US-grading scale with Quality Points.

Ranking

School does not publicly report students' rankings. Instead, class profiles are displayed through grade distribution tables.

Grade distribution of unweighted GPA'S (Grade 8th to 10th, Class 2022)



Highlights

Marching band: Student - directed Students manage the band, select their members, create and adapt the music, and coordinate rehearsals and presentations.

Scouts: Our scout group called “Grupo Noveno” is the oldest in the country.

Weekly Broadcasting (film, radio, digital media) for the whole community, produced by teachers and students.

Young-researchers program: Students interested in research become active researchers in this program, which spans throughout their student life.

Astrolabio
Our research magazine contains more than 350 published articles produced by teachers and students. Our electronic version can be read at: <http://www.revistaelastrolabio.com/>

Forefront Of Catholic Social Action (Vacs): This organization directed by 11th grade students aims to create social programs to aid underprivileged communities.

Research Centers
Students develop their interests and talents in arts, astrophysics, ecology, molecular biology, music, and social studies.

10th and 11th grade

Subjects	Hours
MFT (Math. Physics, Technology)	8
Biology and Statistics	3
Chemistry	5
Fitness and Sports	2
Fine Arts	2
Visual Arts	
Music	
Moving Image	
Critical reading	4
Global Citizenship	5
Ethics	2
Research	2
Electives: (10 th - 11 th grades)	
Subject, image and identity	4
Health & Fitness	4
Creative Writing	4
Musical Ensemble	4
Applied Sciences	4
Financial Education	4
Communication practices	2
Nutrition and Industry	2
Cultural Studies	2
Literature and History	2
Big Data and Artificial intelligence	2
Mobile Apps Design	2
Honors	
AP Calculus	6

ACE recognition (NEASC) as a result of the high quality, international projection and impact of our learning ecosystem.

College summary

About 28% of the Seniors apply abroad. Gimnasio Campestre graduates have been admitted to the following universities over the last four years:

IN COLOMBIA

- CESA
- Pontificia Universidad Javeriana
- Universidad de los Andes
- Universidad de la Sabana
- Universidad del Rosario
- Universidad Jorge Tadeo Lozano

ABROAD

Unites States Of America

- Alabama A&M University (2020)
- Barry University (2021)
- Bentley University (2021)
- Broward College (2018)
- Case Western University (2021)
- Carleton College (2021)
- Concord University (2021)
- Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (2018)
- Florida International University (2021)
- Fordham University (2021)
- Furman University (2021)
- Full Sail University (2018)
- Georgetown University (2021)
- George Washington University (2017)
- Jacksonville University (2021)
- Lee Strasberg Acting Institute (2021)

Louisiana State University (2021)

- Loyola Marymount University (2019)
- Lynn University (2021)
- MICA (2021)
- Menlo College (2020)
- Northwestern University (2021)
- NOVA Southeastern University (2021)
- Oklahoma University (2021)
- Pennsylvania State University (2021)
- Plymouth State University (2020)
- Rhode Island University (2021)
- Rice University (2018)
- Rochester Institute of Technology (2021)
- Santa Fe College (2019)
- SCAD: The University for Creative Careers (2020; 2021)
- School of Visual Arts Chicago SAIC (2021)
- St John's University (2018)
- The University of Utah
- Trinity Baptist College (2021)
- University of South Carolina (2021)
- Worcester Institute of Technology (2021)

CANADA

- Brock University (2021)
- Calgary University
- Capilano University (2021)
- Concordia University
- Concordia University of Edmonton (2020)
- Dalhousie University (2021)
- Huron at Western University (2020; 2021)
- The University of British Columbia (UBC) (2017)
- University of Guelph (2020; 2021)
- Wilfrid Laurier University (2020; 2021)

EUROPE

- ESCP Europe (2021)
- Instituto de Empresa, Spain (2020; 2021)
- Universidad Europea de Madrid, Spain (2018)
- Universidad Navarra, Spain (2018; 2020; 2021)
- Universidad CEU Cardenal Herrera, Spain (2017)
- Toulouise Business School, France (2017)
- Jacobs University, Germany (2019)
- John Cabot University, Italy (2019)

AUSTRALIA

- Monash University (2018)