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DISCOVERY SCHOOL

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School Profile 2017-2018

“To prepare our students for the challenges of life”

MISSION

Our mission is to prepare students for the challenges of life and future academic work by instilling in them:

- Self-esteem
- Academic Excellence
- Critical Thinking
- Celebration of Cultural Diversity
- Social and Environmental Responsibility

This is accomplished through an internationally enriched U.S.-style curriculum with high academic standards, an internationally diverse student body, and an inquiry-based approach to learning.

ABOUT DISCOVERY

The Discovery School is a private, international non-profit school with a unique learning environment. Founded in 1994, it is located in a purpose-built facility on the outskirts of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, in Central America. With students from over 19 different countries, our diversity is one of our greatest strengths. Approximately 61% of our students are from Honduras, 39% from the United States and other countries around the world. We foster an appreciation and respect for diversity.

Facilities: We are proud of all that has been accomplished since the first year we opened. After renting a facility in the middle of the city for several years, in 2006 the school moved to its new campus. The current facilities consist of five sections: Secondary, Elementary, Early Childhood, Spanish, and Administration. There are special classrooms for Art and Music, as well as a Computer Lab, Science Lab, and Elementary and Secondary Libraries. Wireless Internet access is available on campus. In addition, there is a cafeteria, a soccer field, an open-air gym, a basketball court, two play areas for the younger students, and a green common area. The new school site allows room for expansion as the school continues to grow. Our school was founded on the belief that small classroom sizes and hands-on learning experiences are pivotal for meaningful teaching and learning, and this is an enduring principle that continues to guide us today.

ACADEMICS AND ACCREDITATION

Our faculty is comprised of 37 full-time teachers, and over 65% of them hold a postgraduate degree. Our school covers 36 weeks over two semesters, August-December and January-May with 182 days of instruction, both on and off the campus. Students attend 50 minute class periods per subject. The average class size ranges from 12 to 19 students with English as the main language of instruction.

Discovery School is accredited by AdvancEd (SACS-CASI). We offer an American curriculum based on US standards for Kindergarten through grade 12. Our High School program, which incorporates the Advanced Placement Program (AP), is university preparatory. The High School program is designated to provide a strong academic foundation since 100% of Discovery graduating class pursue higher education in Honduras or abroad.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

High School Graduation Requirements		
Subject	Credit for US Program (9th-12th)	Credit for Honduran Program (7th-12th)
English	4.0 credits	6.0 credits
Math	3.0 credits	6.0 credits
Science	3.0 credits	6.0 credits
Social Studies	3.0 credits	9.0 credits
Foreign Language	2.0 credits	6.0 credits
PE/Health	1.5 credits	2.5 credits
Fine Arts	2.0 credits	4.0 credits
Electives	5.5 credits	3.0 credits

Discovery School grants a High School diploma to students who have successfully completed at least 24 credits (grades 9th -12th). It also offers the students the option of earning the national degree of Bachillerato Internacional en Ciencias y Humanidades granted by the Honduran Ministry of Education by completing additional credits. The Advanced Placement International Diploma (APID) is also available for those students who meet the requirements. One credit is earned for each full year course. One-half credit is earned for a semester course.

GRADING SYSTEM, GPA, AND RANKING

Discovery School uses a 100-point scale grading system for all academic subjects with a passing grade of 70 (effective August 2013) according to the Honduran Ministry of Education. Due to our small classes, we do not provide the specific rank of our students. 2016 graduating class was composed of 17 students.

Grading System			
Grade	Percentage	Grade	Percentage
A	100-94	C	76-74
A-	93-90	C-	73-70
B+	89-87	D+	69-67
B	86-84	D	66-64
B-	83-80	D-	63-60
C+	79-77	F	59-0

The cumulative GPA of our students reflects courses taken at Discovery School only. Grades from previous schools are not included. Discovery School provides the GPA on a quarterly basis in report cards but is not published in the transcript. GPA is calculated on a 4.0 scale as follows:

A+=4.0	B+=3.33	C+=2.33	D+=1.33
A = 4.0	B = 3.0	C= 2.0	D=1.00
A-=3.67	B- =2.67	C-=1.67	D-=0.67
			F=0

SAT SUMMARY FOR THE CLASS OF 2017

Section	Mean
Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	534
Math	497
Total	1031

AP EXAM RESULTS 2017

In May 2017, a total of 16 candidates took a total of 26 AP exams in 7 different subject areas. Passing scores of 3 and higher were achieved by 80% of the students.

Subject Area	5	4	3	2	1
English Lang & Composition	1	4	1	2	
Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio	1	1			
Environmental Science		1			
Human Geography	4		2	2	
Psychology		1		1	
Spanish Lang & Culture		1			
Spanish Lit. & Culture	1	2	1		

MAP TESTING

Research and data driven decisions have become an important part of our academic program. The Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) is administered twice a year to our students in Kindergarten through Grade 10. This supports, guides, and validates our core curriculum. Since each test is tailored to the student's ability and level, teachers and administrators collaborate to reach individual students with comprehensive and carefully planned instruction activities, and assessments. Students use their own scores to develop personal goals and work towards achieving them.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Our students are given opportunities to experience the culture and countryside of their host country, with academic field trips and community service opportunities within Honduras. Our co-curricular activities include the following: Math Olympics, Model United Nations, Concert Choir, Speech, Homework Club, CAPE Cares Medical Brigades, Swimming, "Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos", Recycling, Track & Field, Basketball, Soccer, French, Art Club, Kempo Karate, Jazz Band, Violin Band, and Bricks4Kidz.

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

English

Language Arts 9
Language Arts 10
British Literature
World Literature
AP English Language & Composition
AP English Literature & Composition
English as a Second Language (ESL)

Mathematics

Integrated Mathematics 1
Integrated Mathematics 2
Integrated Mathematics 3
Pre- Calculus

Social Studies

World History II
Civics Education (in Spanish)
Sociology
Psychology
Honduran History (in Spanish)
AP US History
AP Human Geography
Political Science
Philosophy
Socioeconomic Development (in Spanish)
History of Culture (in Spanish)

Science

Biology
AP Environmental Science
Chemistry
Physics

Languages

Spanish 9
Spanish 10
Spanish 11
AP Spanish Literature & Culture
Spanish as a Second Language (SSL)

Physical Education

PE

Fine Arts

Art
Music
AP Studio Art: Drawing
Choir

Computer Science

AP Computer Science Principles

Universities and Colleges Where Discovery School Students Have Been Accepted

United States

Augusta State University (Georgia)
Augustana College (South Dakota)
Bentley University (Massachusetts)
Berry College (Georgia)
Calvin College (Michigan)*
Colorado State University*
DePaul University (Illinois)
Duquesne University (Pennsylvania)
Emmanuel College (Massachusetts)
Emory University (Georgia)
Fashion Institute of Design & Marketing (California)
Florida Atlantic University
Florida State University
Georgetown University (Washington, D.C.)
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia Southern University
Johnson & Wales (Rhode Island)
Loyola University (Louisiana)*
Loyola University (Illinois)*
Lynn University (Florida)
Lynwood University (Washington)
Mercyhurst University (Pennsylvania)
Michigan State University
New Mexico Military Institute *
North Carolina State University
Oglethorpe University (Georgia)
Parsons College (New York)
Purdue University (Indiana)
Rollins College (Florida)*
Southern Methodist University SMU (Texas)
Springhill College (Alabama)
Saint Mary's University (Texas)
Sewanee the University of the South (Tennessee)
Stetson University (Florida)
Tarrant County College*
UC Berkeley (California)*
University of Central Oklahoma
University of Kentucky*
University of Notre Dame (Indiana)*
University of Oregon*
University of Southern Florida
University of Tampa*
University of Texas San Antonio
Valencia College (Florida)*
Worcester Polytechnic Institute WPI (Massachusetts)

Canada

Carleton University*
Memorial University
Thompson Rivers University
Trent University*
University of British Columbia*
University of New Brunswick*

Mexico

Universidad Anáhuac*
Universidad Panamericana, D.F.
Tecnológico de Monterrey *

Honduras

Universidad Católica de Honduras
Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras (UNAH)*
Universidad Tecnológica Centroamericana (UNITEC)*

Costa Rica

UCIMED

Nicaragua

Universidad Autónoma de Nicaragua

United Kingdom

King's College
London School of Economics
University of Bath
University of Roehampton
Westminster University

Argentina

Universidad de Palermo

Germany

Jacobs University (Bremen)*

Spain

Les Roches University
Harbour Space University*

Switzerland

Les Roches University*

Taiwan

Chin Hwa University
National Chengchi University *

*2013-2017 are matriculated

