

Welcome to the HOME OF THE WOLVES





HYPOTHESIS

GERMS

CONCLUSION

HYPOTHESIS



MATERIALS

PROCEDURE



WASH YOUR HANDS



Your child's success and happiness is our goal

Welcome from the Head of School

Welcome to Discovery School, the Home of the Wolves!

Greetings and welcome to the Discovery School (DS) ViewBook. It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to learn more about our school. In order to know more about DS, one of the most important things I could do would be to emphasize our commitment to creating an environment of academic excellence, exceptional care, and capacity building. As a professional community of educators, we strive to provide multiple opportunities to develop student skills, character, talents, and passions through a variety of learning experiences.

Locally known as the international school of Tegucigalpa, DS is a close-knit school community committed to our vision of academic excellence, global awareness, and empowering well-rounded individuals who are educated for success in life. Our highly-qualified, multi-national faculty strives to realize this vision daily by challenging students intellectually while supporting their academic and physical, social, and emotional well-being. Working in partnership with parents, DS also encourages students to develop an appreciation for and understanding of the unique and diverse culture of Honduras as well as to celebrate the diversity of the more than 22 nationalities on campus. Tomorrow's diplomatic, business, educational, and scientific leaders are enrolled in our school today. We hope to include your daughters and sons.

If you are not yet a member of our community, please take the time to find out more about us by exploring our website, visiting our social media platforms, or by talking with some of our stakeholders. Better still, please contact our Admissions Manager, Ms. Gaby Chávez (dswolves@discoveryschool.edu.hn), and arrange a campus tour. We are very proud of our school and would love to have you learn more about us and what we have to offer you and your family.

Mr. Bradley McClain
Head of School



About Discovery

Discovery School was founded in 1993 in Tegucigalpa with an innovative and creative learning philosophy.

We are the true international, private, bilingual school in Tegucigalpa, having a diverse student body coming from more than 20 countries around the world.

We make sure to educate the whole child, through the state of the art facilities, exceptional national and international teachers, and high-standard international curricula.

**Our parents say
their child is**

**very happy
at our school**



6 reasons why people *Love* our school



Individual Attention

Our student-to-teacher ratio allows the teacher to work closely with each child, fostering his/her potential.



Happy School

Students thrive at Discovery School, feeling secure and inspired to learn.



Vibrant International Community

Inclusive and richly diverse, expanding horizons and providing unique global experiences.



Exceptional Teachers

Not only are they highly skilled in differentiated learning, but they're also compassionate, dynamic, and fully devoted to students' education.



Rich Learning Environment

Where hands-on, project-based, and inquiry learning activities are created to instill lifelong memories and a deep sense of achievement.



Learning Life Skills

Not just teaching what to think, but fostering skills for creative critical analysis.





VISION

To be leaders in the formation of global citizens with academic excellence, professionalism, empathy, resilience, and to be prepared to contribute positively to society and the environment.

MISSION

Prepare global citizens in a safe environment so that they can successfully face challenges in their life, academic and professional careers.

Strengthening in them:

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

VALUES

Respect
Diversity
Creativity
Integrity
Responsibility
Commitment

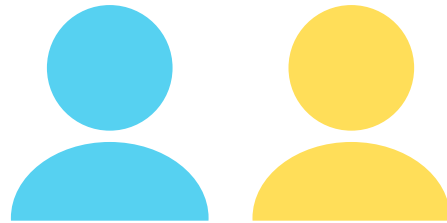


Quick Facts



**220 students
on campus**

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**Teacher
to Student ratio**



**University
Acceptances**



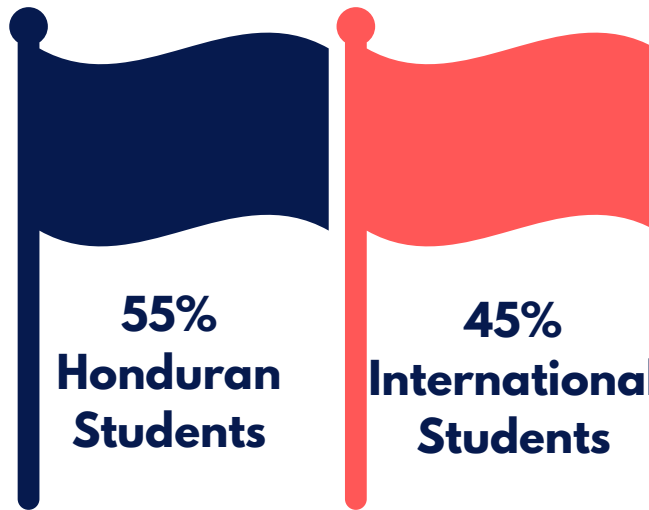
**+80% of our
alumni study
abroad**

+60

**Universities
visit our
campus
every year**

+40

**Honduran and
International
teachers**



**55%
Honduran
Students**

**45%
International
Students**

**STEM/STEAM
EDUCATION**



**Years of
Quality
Education**

Technological **RESOURCES**

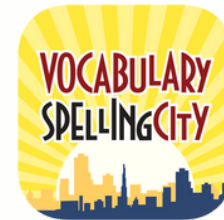


SAVVAS

Raz-Plus



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We are a BYOD (bring your own device) school from grades 2-12.

Teachers use different apps to integrate technology within their classrooms to enhance the learning experience.



HOME OF THE WOLVES

PHILOSOPHY

Discovery School chooses to be different and consciously **creative and innovative in its curriculum** and approach in an effort to make learning fun, exciting, challenging, relevant, and long-lasting. This focus on discovery can be seen in the following areas: student-centered learning, development of the whole person, rich learning environment, emphasis on learning skills, development of emotional intelligence, experience beyond the campus, and dynamic, enthusiastic teachers.



Portrait OF A DISCOVERY STUDENT

It is easy to spot Discovery students.

They are independent and self-confident. They enjoy a good challenge and are highly motivated to learn new things.

They are unafraid to take on a difficult task and are willing and capable to work as part of a team. They easily assume leadership when needed. They are very creative and solve problems thinking outside the box.

They respect their peers and love to share all their world experiences with others. They have the desire to help others and take social and environmental responsibility.



Intellectual **ENGAGEMENT**

Discovery School's American-style curriculum meets high academic standards and engages students and their teachers in intellectual exploration that makes going to school exciting.

A warm and welcoming environment engenders a love of learning for our children.

Our classrooms and facilities are specially designed to create a space where innate curiosity is fostered. Students strive for discoveries and reach for insights that will enhance their understanding of math, social sciences, history, art, science, and the art of communication. The many informal spaces allow the children to interact and have spontaneous activity throughout the day. The science curriculum integrates NGSS (21st Century Next Generation Science Standards) and STEM education (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math).

Discovery School students can hardly wait to come to school in the morning because it is here they will learn about the world in ways that are useful and relevant to their lives. **Here other bright and happy children national and international who will share and encourage their zest for knowledge will surround them.** They will feel the joy and exhilaration of an academic culture that takes your children and their ideas seriously.

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our Index of Education Quality®
(IEQ®) is

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assuring the *BEST* academic
and social-emotional education



EARLY CHILDHOOD

Nursery Through First grade

In these early years, every day is an opportunity for astounding growth. Your little one will thrive in our EC program that is a fun-filled learning experience.

Circle time is one of the most valuable times for teachers to give the instructions of the day. The children participate and learn to express themselves as well as listen to others.

Students will be engaged in their learning through working stations (art, language arts, math/science, STEM, and others). They will rotate to different centers every 10-12 minutes, keeping them active throughout the day. Teachers incorporate mini-topics into our curriculum; these are based on children's interests and their natural curiosity about the world around them.



- Entry age: Nursery (age 3), Pre-K (age 4), Kinder (age 5), 1st grade (age 6).
- Nursery and Pre-Kinder have a homeroom teacher and a bilingual assistant.
- Special classes include French, Motricity, Music, and Spanish (K & 1st grade)
- Focus on positive discipline, self-regulation, and practicing values.

Small CLASS SIZES

From its inception, Discovery School has maintained a low student-to-teacher ratio, with a **maximum of 17 students per class**. Our class average ranges between **12-15 students per section**.

Research has proven that small class sizes benefit students both academically and socially.

This can help teachers provide more attention to each student and be more sensitive to individual learning styles. In this environment, students are able to develop skills, knowledge, and build better friendship connections.



Exceptional Teachers

Our Education Team
has experience
working with children
from all over the world.

All of the staff are qualified with at least a BA or BS degree. More than 60% of the teaching staff have earned a Master's Degree, and some of the teachers have more than one Master's Degree.

Discovery School is constantly providing opportunities for training with highly qualified consultants. Teachers teaching **AP classes** are trained by institutions sponsored by College Board.



ELEMENTARY

Second grade to Fifth grade

We are committed to ensuring that our students become life-long learners and good citizens.

They expand their knowledge by providing diverse learning experiences that range from managing apps, practicing several sports, learning new musical instruments, and have social and environmental responsibility.

Early childhood and primary teachers (K-grade 5) follow the guided reading program which helps build and strengthen students' literacy skills in phonics, vocabulary, and comprehension.

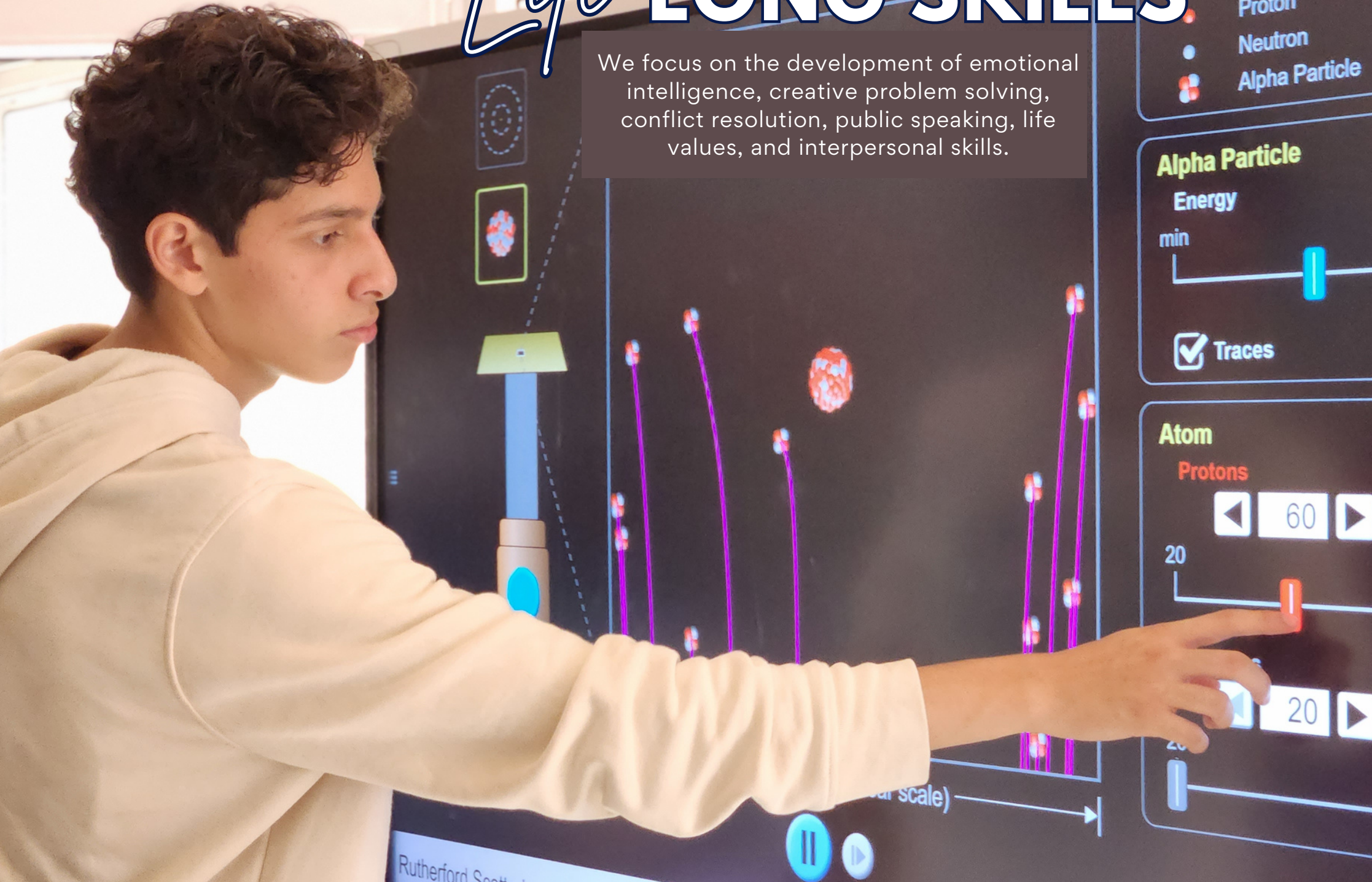
We aim to develop a well-rounded child that is well prepared for future years.



- We focus on skill development and working collaboratively with other students.
- Their technological and computer skills are broadened and deepened.
- Special classes include French, Physical Education, Music, Spanish, Spanish Social Studies.
- Lions Quest, our Social-Emotional Learning Program (SEL), will help to reinforce the positive attitudes and behaviors in students in these years.

Life LONG SKILLS

We focus on the development of emotional intelligence, creative problem solving, conflict resolution, public speaking, life values, and interpersonal skills.



SECONDARY

Sixth grade to twelfth grade

This is an important transition for our students. They are now in the Secondary school that is divided into Middle School (MS) that goes from Sixth to Eighth grade, and High School (HS) that goes from Ninth to Twelfth grade.

We encourage students to pursue other areas of interest and assume a greater role in the leadership of the student body, leading sports teams, social clubs, and community initiatives.

Our goal is that our students will be well prepared for the university and equipped with the necessary skills, confidence, and character to succeed in life.



- Co-curricular activities are a fundamental part of the Secondary. Many of the co-curricular activities involve sports, arts, music, science, and math competitions inside and outside the country.
- The grading system changes in the Secondary. The GPA starts in High School (9th grade).
- A range of Advanced Placement (AP) classes are offered for students from 10th grade to 12th grade. Students take college-level courses and gain credits for universities abroad. The APID (Advanced Placement International Diploma) is optional and the student must take at least 5 different AP courses.

About **THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM**

The Secondary program is designated to provide a strong academic foundation since 100% of Discovery's graduating class pursue higher education in Honduras or abroad.

Our High School program (grades 9-12), which incorporates the Advanced Placement Program (AP) is university-preparatory. The academic program, including Pre-AP and AP courses, prepares students for entrance into competitive universities in the U.S. and throughout the world.

The school currently offers 8 AP courses: AP Environmental Science, AP Calculus AB, AP Human Geography, AP English Language and Composition, AP English Literature and Composition, AP Spanish Literature & Culture, AP Computer Science Principles, and AP Drawing. Other AP courses are offered in alternate years.

The final score for each AP Exam is reported on a 5-point scale that offers a recommendation about how qualified the student is to receive college credit and placement.





EXTRA-CURRICULAR *Activities*

Enrichment and sports-related activities support the well-being of our students. They can participate in diverse activities with other students that share their same interests.

Some extra-curricular activities are:

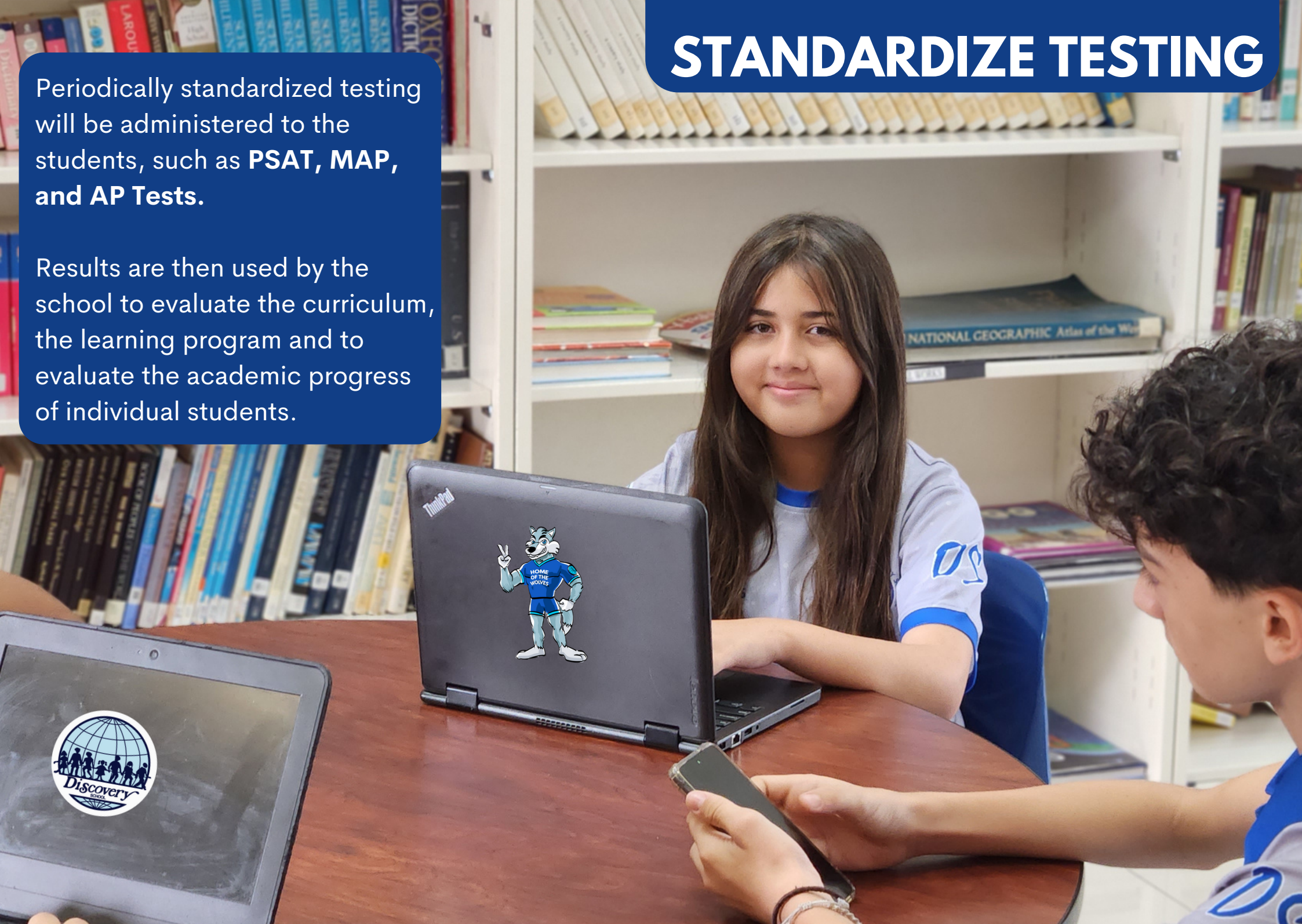
- Basketball I, II, III
- Volleyball I, II
- Soccer I
- Art Club I, II
- Community Service club
- Model UN Club
- Math Club
- Jazz Band
- Reading Club
- Homework Club
- Karate (Early Childhood)



STANDARDIZE TESTING

Periodically standardized testing will be administered to the students, such as **PSAT, MAP, and AP Tests.**

Results are then used by the school to evaluate the curriculum, the learning program and to evaluate the academic progress of individual students.



CONNECTING WITH

World

UNIVERSITIES



Discovery School is a university preparatory school. Our students have been accepted to prestigious and academically rigorous universities in the United States, Canada, Europe, Asia, Central, and South America.

Most of our students have been awarded partial or full scholarships based on their academic achievements and/or talents.

They all meet or exceed the criteria required to be admitted to these universities and earn these scholarships.

Alumni ABROAD

Our alumni study abroad at these universities

Canada

Trent University
Memorial University
University of New Brunswick
University of British Columbia
University of Calgary

USA

Yale University
UC Berkeley
University of Notre Dame
Loyola University
Penn State University
University of Kentucky
Purdue University
Babson College
Baylor University

Mexico

Tecnológico de Monterrey
Universidad Anáhuac
Universidad de las
Américas (UDLAP)

Germany

Gisma Business School
Jacobs University

Spain

Harbour Space University
Universidad Europea del Atlántico
EU Business School
Universidad de Navarra

Switzerland

Les Roches University

Italy

Instituto Europeo de Diseño (IED)

Poland

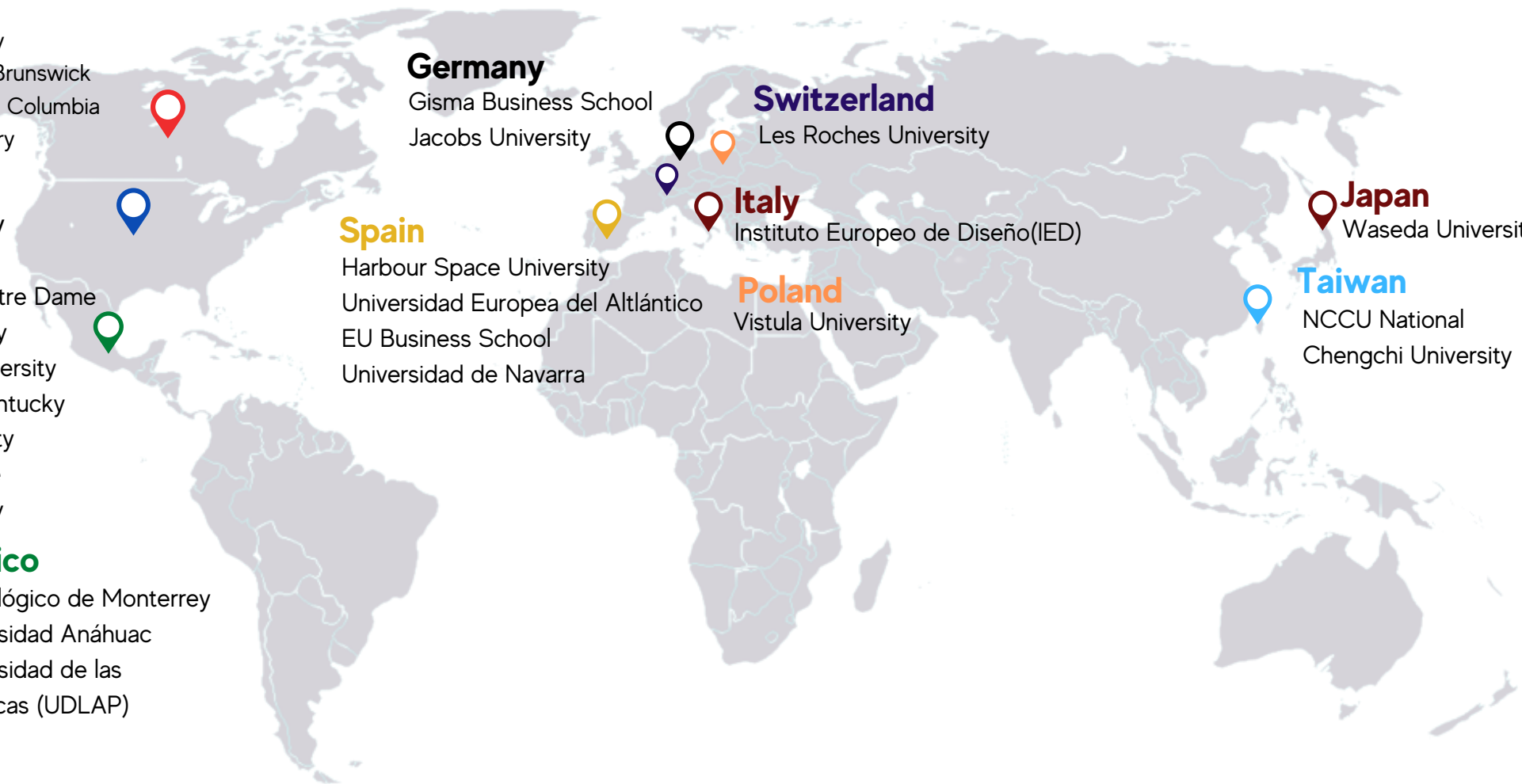
Vistula University

Japan

Waseda University

Taiwan

NCCU National
Chengchi University



PARENTS ARE OUR *Partners*

Parents contribute with their ideas, energy, and enthusiasm to the continual evolution and definition of our school. Discovery School builds community through school-wide activities, such as School's Anniversary, United Nations Day, Honduran Independence Day, Winter and Spring Songfest.

The Discovery Parent-Teacher Organization (DPTO) promotes school spirit community activities such as Family Day, Movie Day, Bingo, and Staff Appreciation Week.



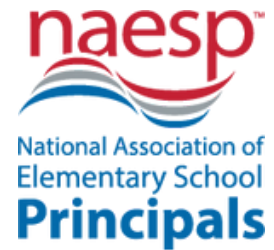
OUR MEMBERSHIPS *and* ACCREDITATIONS

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Schools in Central America



Association for
the Advancement of
International Education
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ABSH

Association Of Bilingual
Schools Of Honduras



TRI-ASSOCIATION



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SECRETARÍA DE EDUCACIÓN



The accreditation is a public recognition to those educational institutions that have certain quality standards. It also certifies the brand legitimacy of the school.

- **COGNIA**—It is the largest community of education professionals in the world. Their commitment is to help the institutions continuously improve. They are one of the largest accreditation and most important organization worldwide for education accreditations.
- **AASCA**—It was formed to support and encourage academic, artistic, athletic, and cultural interaction between international/American schools that offer a US-style education in Central America.
- **INTERNATIONAL ACAC**—International ACAC effectively brings together primary and secondary school counselors, independent counselors, college admission and financial aid officers, enrollment managers, and organizations engaged in guiding students through the secondary to the higher education transition process.
- **COLLEGE BOARD**—It is a mission-driven not-for-profit organization that connects students to college success and opportunity. Each year, the College Board helps students prepare for a successful transition to college through programs and services in college readiness and college success — including the SAT and the Advanced Placement Program.

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