

# ACADEMIA INTERAMERICANA DE PANAMA

In 2020, the Ministry of Health announced the closure of schools for in-person instruction due to the pandemic. AIP students fulfilled their subjects' requirements through the use of different platforms and online education tools. During 2021, students gradually returned to in-person classes.

## THE SCHOOL

The Academia Interamericana de Panama is a private, co-ed, Catholic, bilingual school for pupils in Pre-School through Grade 12. With an emphasis on strong moral values, those at AIP strive to create an environment where respect and support enable each student to thrive and reach their academic potential.

AIP is fully accredited by the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Panama and not only meets the educational requirements of Panama, but also endeavors to thoroughly prepare students for successful study abroad. Beginning in Pre-School, both English and Spanish are taught as first languages. Emphasis is placed on the importance of being able to communicate well in both languages. The Mathematics and Science programs are also strong, resulting in a curriculum that is extremely demanding.

Enrollment: 1387 students (Pre-Kinder - 12th grade)

## GPA AND GRADING INTERPRETATION

The AIP calculates GPA on a 5-point scale, which is the equivalent of 100%. The school uses a weighted GPA to determine the students' final averages.

It is important to note that the students' grades reflected on their transcripts are unweighted.

**Ranking Policy: AIP does not rank.**

GPA	NUMERICAL	LETTER
4.5 - 5.0	90 - 100%	A
4.0 - 4.4	80 - 89%	B
3.5 - 3.9	70 - 79%	C
3.0 - 3.4	60 - 69%	D

## ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS

Students with a GPA of 4.5 or higher in academic subjects earn their place on the Honor Roll and those who have a GPA of 4.7 or higher are on the Excellence Roll.

## CURRICULUM AND HONORS LEVEL COURSES

A comparative review of the curriculum determined that the honors courses offered at AIP are more comprehensive and rigorous than the equivalent courses for other programs. The AIP Honors (H) courses are indicated as such on the student's transcript.

**Honors (H) courses offered:**

Analytical Geometry, Calculus, Statistics, Chemistry, Physics, International Relations, French III, World Literature I & II.

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## PROGRAM OF STUDY FOR NINTH THROUGH TWELFTH GRADES

Math	Science	Social Sciences	Languages			Other Courses
			English	Spanish	French & Italian	
Algebra II	Physical Science and Biology	World Geography	Literature	Literature	Intro to Italian	Philosophy
Geometry	Biology II	World History	Grammar & Writing	Latin American Lit.	Intro to French	Computer Science
Trigonometry	Chemistry I	Contemporary History	American Literature	Spanish Literature	<b>Electives:</b>	Physical Education
Intro to Analytical Geometry	Physics I	History of Panama	British Literature	World Literature	French II	<b>Electives:</b>
Analytical Geometry	<b>Electives:</b>	<b>Electives:</b>	World Lit. I Honors		French III Honors	Art History
Analytical Geometry Honors	Chemistry II	International Relations Honors	World Lit. II Honors			Business I & II
Intro to Calculus	Chemistry III Honors		Creative Writing			Applied Excel
Calculus	Physics II					Coding
Calculus Honors	Physics II Honors					Communication I & II
<b>Electives:</b>	Biology III					
Statistics Honors						

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Students are both required to participate in the school's social service program and encouraged to get involved in other community service activities.

- The most impacting of these is their required participation during the vacation period following completion of their tenth grade. This Social Service Program takes them to rural communities of extreme poverty where they live and work with community members for a three-week period.
- The AIP Student United Way chapter is the first in all of Latin America. Students advocate and volunteer in the community, and this year they have creatively continued many of their initiatives online. This student-led organization is involved in:

**Eco-AIP** focuses on environmental issues and animal rights.

**AIP for Paws** promotes and coordinates the adoption of stray animals.

**Operation Smile**

**Special Olympics**

**GirlUpAIP**

**Balanced Minds**

**Banco de Alimentos** supports the local food bank.

**Somos Voces** helps teenage mothers from low income communities to complete their high school education.

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

### MATH & PHYSICS OLYMPICS

AIP students take a series of tests in order to qualify for the Math Olympics team. Based on the test results, the top twelve students from ninth through twelfth grades make up the team.

Students participate in a similar competition in the area of physics.

### DEBATE

Following a process of instruction and coaching, delegates are chosen to represent the school in Hacia Democracy, a Harvard University sponsored debate involving Latin American High School students and focused on social issues. They also participate in other forums to which they are invited.

### THEATER

The AIP Parent-Teacher Association sponsors a musical theater production each year. Professional artists are involved in choosing cast members. The Director, Musical Director, and Producer are all proven professionals so that rehearsals are strenuous and demanding.

### ATHLETICS

Competition in sports is encouraged. Students compete in basketball, football, soccer, volleyball, and track at both intramural and intermural levels and have won national awards in these sports. AIP promotes and administers an intermural sports program, ADECOP, for intercollegiate competition in these sports.

## US COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS

American University, DC  
 Amherst College, MA  
 Barnard College, NY  
 Bentley University, MA  
 Boston College, MA  
 Boston University, MA  
 Brown University, RI  
 Bryant University, RI  
 Carnegie Mellon University, PA  
 Columbia University, NY  
 College of William & Mary, VA  
 Cornell University, NY  
 Duke University, NC  
 Emory University, GA  
 Georgetown University, DC  
 George Washington University, DC  
 Georgia Tech, GA  
 Gettysburg College, PA  
 Harvard University, MA

Holy Cross College, IN  
 John Hopkins University, MD  
 Loyola Marymount University, CA  
 Loyola University Chicago, IL  
 Loyola University New Orleans, LA  
 Louisiana State University, LA  
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MA  
 New York University, NY  
 Northeastern University, MA  
 Northwestern University, IL  
 Penn State University, PA  
 Princeton University, NJ  
 Purdue University, IN  
 Rice University, TX  
 SCAD, GA  
 Southern Methodist University, TX  
 Stanford University, CA  
 St. Edward's University, TX  
 Texas Christian University, TX

Texas A&M, TX  
 Tufts University, MA  
 Tulane University, LA  
 University Chicago, IL  
 University of Illinois, IL  
 University of Miami, FL  
 University of Notre Dame, IN  
 University of Pennsylvania, PA  
 University of South Florida, FL  
 University of Southern California, CA  
 University of Texas, TX  
 University of Villanova, PA  
 University of Vermont, VT  
 University of Virginia, VA  
 Washington University in St. Louis, MO  
 Wellesley College, MA  
 Williams College, MA  
 Vanderbilt University, TN  
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute, MA