



GIMNASIO CAMPESTRE

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SCHOOL PROFILE 2017 - 2018

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OUR MISSION Gimnasio Campestre educates Men of Honor through the practice of Christian values, so that they are honest men, competent, proud of their identity and committed to their vocation for service and leadership aimed at the construction of a sustainable country and world, more just and equitable.

GENERAL INFORMATION Gimnasio Campestre is a private nonprofit school founded in 1946, that provides a Catholic and bilingual education for young men. The school is certified by Bureau Veritas International and accredited by the Colombian Ministry of Education, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and the Council of International Schools (CIS). The School delivers its bilingual (Spanish-English) curricular program from Pre-K through Grade 11, offering French as a third language from grades 5 to 9. The average class size is 25, being 28 the maximum by school policy. The faculty/student ratio is 1:10. This year Gimnasio Campestre enrolled 37.5% of all applicants. The school year begins in August and ends in June.

STUDENT BODY There are 1030 students currently enrolled: 235 in Preschool (PK, K, Transition), 385 in Elementary (1st – 5th grade) and 410 in High School (6th – 11th). Our 2018 senior class has 61 young men. Students are mostly Colombians whose families pursue a values-based and rigorous bilingual education for their boys. All Gimnasio Campestre's formative principles and practices encourage self-discipline, responsible decision-making and a deep sense of social awareness. Interculturalism and internationalism are also part of the formative context allowing the school's community to take part of globalization, to assume the cultural diversity and to promote the ideals of democracy and citizenship. International students and families from diverse backgrounds are welcome to the school. Ninety-eight percent (98%) of our 2017 senior class have pursued university studies.

CURRICULUM The curriculum is organized towards the development of competences that allow the integration of different areas of study. In this way, all subjects converge into four common competences, ensuring that students use their motor skills, cognitive aptitudes and emotional resources appropriately at each stage of their growth. All subjects aim to form students to become capable of managing information, thinking critically, being creative and aware of their learning process.

Preschool, Elementary, Middle and High School curricula run in trimestral periods. Math, science and social studies are taught in English in Preschool and Elementary levels. Arts, physical education and religion are taught in Spanish. In High School, social studies, arts, music and religion are taught in English, whereas science, math and philosophy are taught in Spanish. Furthermore, students from the fifth to the ninth grade are learning a third language: French. In tenth and eleventh grades, students are able to choose their fine arts emphasis from visual arts, music or moving image depending on their vocation.

Achievement standards are set for all subjects meaning that every student is required to take the most demanding coursework.

COLOMBIAN GRADES	GRADE EQUIVALENCE
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

COLOMBIAN GRADES	GRADE EQUIVALENCE
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

SUBJECT	WEEKLY HOURS			
	8°	9°	10°	11°
Spanish	6	5	5	5
English	7	7	5	5
Social Studies	6	5	3	4
Natural Science	5	5	0	0
Chemistry	0	0	5	5
Physics	0	0	5	5
Biology	0	0	2	2
Mathematics	6	6	5	5
Music	2	0	0	0
Art	2	0	0	0
Fine Arts <small>(Music, Art & Moving Image)</small>	0	4	2	2
Physical Education	2	2	2	2
Research	2	2	1	0
Religion	2	2	0	0
Ethics	0	0	2	2
Philosophy	0	2	4	4
TOTAL	40	40	41	41

GRADING SCALE AND EQUIVALENTS			
SCHOOL GRADING SCALE	EQUIVALENT RANGE	AMERICAN GRADING SCALE EQUIVALENCE	QUALITY POINTS
E	4.75 - 5.0	A+	4
S	4.25 - 4.74	A	
B	4.05 - 4.24	B	3
	3.75 - 4.04		
I	2.6 - 3.74	C	2
D	0 - 2.59	F	1

GRADING AND EVALUATION

Gimnasio Campestre's evaluation system is qualitative and competence driven. Grades are expressed in five letters indicating the student's level of achievement: E (excellent), S (outstanding), B (good), I (insufficient) or D (deficient). These letters have an equivalent numerical range from 1 to 5. It is important to point out that while Colombia's passing grade is B=3,0 for Gimnasio Campestre it is B=3,75 or, in other words, students must satisfactorily accomplish 75% of the assessment indicators rather than the national 60%.

GPA

We do not calculate Grade Point Average (GPA) as part of our students' regular evaluation. If a GPA is requested, we use a 5-point scale considering all subjects from 8th to 11th grade. Each subject shows the same relative weight for the GPA calculation.

RANK

The School has chosen not to publicly rank the students. There is an internal rank used confidentially to reward the academic achievement of students at the end of the year with the following recognitions:

MAXIMA CUM LAUDE MEDAL

To award the student who obtained the highest academic performance in High School during the academic year.

ACADEMIC HONORS

To award students who obtained the highest academic performance in their class.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

To award the students who obtained the second and third best academic performance in their class.

OTHER RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

"ORDEN DE SAN JORGE"

This award honors those students who stand out for exemplary conduct, dedication to the fulfillment of academic duties and impeccable manners. Under the Order, one may belong to: First degree (Caballero) - Outstanding Men of Honor who are students; Second degree (Oficial) - Service to the church, homeland or society; or, Third degree (Comendador) - Loyalty to the School's principles and public recognition by means of national highest honors.

OUR SENIOR STUDENTS ARE ALSO AWARDED FOR:

- Best research project of the year.
- The Alfonso Casas Morales Medal for Honorability.
- The Lorenzo Casas Morales Medal for Loyalty.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS Students must succeed in at least 82% of the grade's level subjects in order to be eligible for graduation. In addition, every student must achieve 100 hours of community service and present an original research paper at the end of 11th grade.

TESTING INFORMATION All seniors take the PRUEBA SABER 11, which is the required Colombian National Examination for university entrance. PSAT 7/8 is offered in eighth grade (8°) and all tenth grade (10°) students are required to take the Preliminary SAT (PPSAT/NMSQT). Juniors and seniors may take SATs if they choose too.

LEARNING SUPPORT SERVICES The Pedagogical Support Center (CAP) attends students' needs for therapy or tutoring in specific areas (learning difficulties or particular learning needs). A team of psychologists and therapists admit boys who might need special attention regarding developmental, educational or emotional issues, in order to guarantee that each student is able to succeed in school.

INTERESTING FACTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

RESEARCH The School's innovative research model is carried out by six Research Centers created in 1999, where students' ability to question their environment and social relationships is encouraged, turning those questions into motives for research and learning while producing new knowledge. In order to attend the great variety of interests that arise within our school, Gimnasio Campestre uses its Research Centers to work with the community in: astrophysics, molecular biology, ecology, music, arts and social studies.

"Fun Science" is a research program for Preschool that was acknowledged by UNESCO as one of few international curriculums that encourages young children to internalize science and technology skills. From Preschool through ninth grade students attend a research seminar on a regular basis during the school year.

SCIENTIFIC MAGAZINE In order to formally divulge teachers and students research results, every semester the School publishes "El Astrolabio". The magazine is distributed for free to more than 1500 academic and scientific institutions. For more information, please refer to www.revistaelastrolabio.com

MIT THE MEDIA, INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

It is a cross-curricular area that supports the community in technology matters.

TV PRODUCTION The school has its own T.V. production studio, where students can use technological tools to creatively and effectively communicate news and information.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM Students from preschool to 11th grade are encouraged to participate in different after-school activities. Courses such as astronomy, robotics, drama, marching band, rock band, chess, junior engineers and photography are offered on a weekly basis at school facilities. In addition, senior class students are invited to act as leaders of some school lineups that cover many aspects of community life.

SPORTS Sports are one of the most welcoming activities among our students. Soccer, volleyball, basketball, hockey, athletics, table tennis, taekwondo, fencing and squash are some of the most popular sports offered by the school. Gimnasio Campestre belongs to UNCOLI - Association of International Schools- which promotes high level sports competition between students from other international schools located in Bogota.

MARCHING BAND The marching band is one of the most traditional activities at Gimnasio Campestre. During its years of existence, it has been constituted as an autonomous space for students, who assume the entire responsibility role of music composition, martial order and administrative organization. The rigor and character which students devote to this project has allowed them to become Campestre's best ambassadors and one of the greatest bands in the city.

UNITED NATIONS MODEL The School sponsors a Model United Nations program as an extra-curricular activity for students between grades 6th to 11th.

SCOUTS Gimnasio Campestre's "Grupo Noveno" Scout is one of the oldest in the country. Students, teachers, senior administration staff and alumni are welcome to take part in outdoor activities for the promotion of the mental, physical and emotional wellbeing of the participants.

VACS FOREFRONT OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION

This organization is directed by 11th grade students and focuses its efforts in generating different programs to help underprivileged communities located near the school. Community service is not only a graduation requirement; students are exposed to community service throughout their entire school life.

COLLEGE SUMMARY

Graduates from Gimnasio Campestre have been admitted over the past five years to the following institutions:

IN COLOMBIA

- Aeroandes (aviation academy)
- CESA
- Universidad de la Sabana
- Universidad de los Andes
- Pontificia Universidad Javeriana
- Universidad del Bosque
- Universidad del Norte
- Universidad del Rosario
- Universidad Externado de Colombia
- Universidad Jorge Tadeo Lozano
- Universidad Nacional de Colombia

ABROAD

United States of America

- American University
- Averett University
- Bentley University
- Briar Cliff University
- Broward College*
- California College of the Arts*
- Clarkson University*
- College of the Holy Cross
- Concordia College
- Cornell University
- Creighton University
- DePaul University
- DePauw University
- Drew University
- Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
- Epic Flight Academy
- Florida International University*
- Fordham University
- George Washington University
- Georgetown University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- High Point University
- Hofstra University

- Houston University
- Kansas Wesleyan University
- Lynn University
- Miami University
- Musicians Institute
- New York Film Academy
- New York University
- Ohio State University
- Ohio Wesleyan University
- Pace University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Purdue University*
- Santa Fe University of Art and Design
- Sarah Lawrence University*
- Snow College
- St. Edward University
- Syracuse University*
- Texas Tech University
- The University of Alabama at Birmingham
- The University of Southern Mississippi
- Transpac Aviation Academy*
- Tulane University
- University of Colorado – Boulder
- University of Dubuque
- University of Miami
- University of Minnesota
- Wagner College
- Wittenberg University
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI)

South America

- Fundación Universidad del Cine - Argentina*

Canada

- Algonquin College
- Acadia University
- Brock University
- Concordia University
- Dalhousie University
- Niagara College
- The University of British Columbia (UBC)
- Mount Royal University

Europe

- EU European University - Spain
- Escuela Internacional de Administración Hotelera Vatel - Spain
- Folkehogskole Ringsaker – Norway
- Gloucestershire University –UK
- Hotel-Escuela de Sant Pol de Mar - Spain
- Hotelschool The Hague – Netherlands
- Hult International Business School -UK
- IESEG - School of Management - France
- Instituto de Empresa - Spain*
- Instituto del Cine - Spain*
- Toulouse Business School - France
- Universidad Carlos III de Madrid - Spain
- University of Sheffield – UK
- Universidad CEU Cardenal Herrera - Spain

Asia and Australia

- Monash University – Australia*
- William Anglis University – Australia
- South China Agricultural University- China*

**Admitted by the class of 2016
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