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## Marymount School Medellín School Profile 2024-2025

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**Note:** In Colombia, “Transition” is the equivalent of First Grade in the USA or Europe. Therefore, students in Colombia graduate in Grade 11, which is, in fact, Grade 12 in the American and European educational systems. **For transcript consideration in overseas applications grades presented will be from Grades 8 – 11 so as to cover the last four years of schooling.**

### Characteristics

An international, Catholic oriented, multilingual school founded in 1954 by the Religious Order of the Sacred Heart of Mary (RSHM) as part of the network of Marymount schools in Europe, the United States and Latin America. Originally an all girls school, Marymount Medellín has recently started receiving boys at the lower levels. The school is an active member of the RSHM Network of Schools promoting exchange programs for students and staff and the sharing of activities and experiences.

### Accreditation

Colombian Ministry of Education  
New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)  
Council of International Schools (CIS)

Marymount School Medellín is consistently awarded AAA++ based on the annual Col-Sapiens Research firm rankings. Results are based on category, according to the ICFES national leaving exams results; quality, as recognized by the Ministry of Education; and international academic accreditation and recognition. The school has been awarded the “Exemplary School Management Award 2020” and the “Most Socially Minded School Award” by the City of Medellín, and with the “Most Successful Experience Award” presented to InnovaT, the school department devoted to instilling innovative practices in the school.

### Student Body

Currently there are 986 students enrolled: 255 in preschool, 283 in Elementary School, 267 in Middle School, and 181 in High School. This year’s senior class has 65 students. Approximately 95% of our students are Colombian with the remaining 5% from other nationalities or of dual citizenship.

### Faculty

All ninety-three faculty members hold university degrees in education and/or their specialty field and 72% are in the process of obtaining or already hold a Master’s degree. The average teaching experience of the faculty is fifteen years and the average number of teaching at Marymount School Medellín is seven. The teaching staff is mainly Colombian, seven are foreign faculty members, with 68% bilingual in either Spanish/English, or Spanish/French.

### Curriculum

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The school is organized into four academic sections, as follows:

Preschool: Nursery, Pre-Kinder, Kindergarten, and Transition

Elementary: Grades 1-4

Middle School: Grades 5-8

High School: Grades 9-11.

The school year, divided into trimesters, runs from August to June. All courses are college preparatory where 75% is taught in English. All seniors take the ICFES SABER 11 national leaving exam and graduate with the Colombian Bachillerato Diploma. Furthermore, the school has adapted the University of Cambridge International Curriculum meeting international standards and providing students with the possibility of graduating with the ICE Diploma. In order to graduate, students must also take the IELTS as well as the DELF exams to certify proficiency in both English and French according to CEFR standards. We do not offer Advanced Placement (AP) classes or IB Curriculum.

## Grading Scale

Passing grade: Level 2 (Meeting). We do not use decimals, nor do we rank order our students.

Grade (According to Colombian standards)	Number Grade (based on a 1-4 scale)	Grading Scale Description
Superior - Excelling	4	The student demonstrates mastery of the standards.
Alto - Exceeding	3	The student demonstrates proficiency of the standards.
Básico – Meeting	2	The student demonstrates some proficiency towards the standards.
Bajo - Approaching	1	The student demonstrates limited proficiency of the standards.

Average of 11th grade results: GPA 2023-2024: 3

## Course Requirements For Graduation

Classes are 45 minutes each with number of classes per week in parentheses.

### 8th Grade (US 9th Grade)

Spanish (5) – English (6) – French (4) – Social Studies (3) – Global Perspectives (1) – Math (6) – Science (5) – ICT (2) – Religion (1) – Ethics and Values (1) – P.E. (2) – Art (3) – Wholebeing (1)

### 9th Grade (US 10th Grade)

Spanish (5) – English (5) – French (4) – Social Studies (4) – Global Perspectives (1) – Math (6) – Science and Environmental Education (5) – ICT (2) – Religion (1) – Ethics and Values (1) – P.E. (2) – Art (3) – Wholebeing (1)

### 10th Grade (US 11th Grade)

Spanish (4) – English (3) – French (4) – Social Studies (1) – Philosophy (1) – Economics (1) – Global Perspectives (1) – Math (5) – Biology (2) – Chemistry (4) – Physics (4) – ICT (2) – Religion (1) – Ethics and Values (1) – P.E. (2) – Art (3) – Wholebeing (1)

### 11th Grade (US 12th Grade)

Spanish (5) – English (3) – French (4) – Social Studies (1) – Philosophy (2) – Economics (1) – Math (5) – Biology (2) – Chemistry (4) – Physics (4) – ICT (1) – Religion (1) – Ethics and Values (1) – P.E. (2) – Art (3) – Wholebeing (1)

## Senior Research Project

Seniors are required to do a short internship related to their chosen field of study. During senior year students formulate a question and develop a product through the Design Thinking model, a business through the Canvas model, or write an academic article, and the project concludes with the presentation of their final work to a large audience and jury. Classes are intensified in the third term according to their chosen major, and schedules modified to accommodate the students. Various university experts are brought in to teach specialized subjects. Emphasis is placed on engineering, business related majors,

social sciences, science, or the arts, depending on the student. It is optional to enroll in a first

Semester college class at one of the major universities in the city in order to obtain college credit.

## Extra Curricular Activities

Students participate in athletic clubs ranging from soccer, track and field, ultimate frisbee, gymnastics, skating, basketball, softball and volleyball, among others. Cultural and academic clubs include music, dance, theater, painting, cooking, languages, and robotics. Under the guidance of the Research Development and Innovation Department, students are also encouraged to participate in activities around the city, solving real life problems through critical thinking, creativity, autonomy and teamwork. Additionally, the school participates in and hosts different United Nation Models around the city.

## Global and Local Citizenship Development Activities

Students from Transition to 10th grade participate in a range of academic and cultural programs both within Antioquía and around Colombia, from Santa Elena to the Amazon. Students have the opportunity to take part in exchange programs within the RHSM Global Network having the opportunity to go to Marymount New York, Rome and Brazil and hosting students from these schools here in Medellín. In 5th grade students participate in an immersion program in schools in Canada. During middle and high school students have various international summer programmes to choose from to develop their global citizenship skills.

## Community Service

Colombian law requires that all students must complete eighty hours of community service in order to graduate. Our school values promote ethical, moral, social and cultural principles, and our students in grades 9-11 participate actively in different activities around the city not only to fulfill this requirement, but as volunteers of “Marymount Social”, the School’s Social Project which encompasses many different activities in the school and around the city.

## Colleges and universities that have accepted our students 2016-2024

After graduation, 100% of our students attend four or five-year undergraduate programs.

Actual registrations appear in bold type.

\*Denotes scholarship offers

## Colombia

Colegiatura Colombiana  
Escuela de Ingeniería de Antioquia\*  
Universidad CES  
Universidad de Antioquia  
Universidad del Rosario\*  
Universidad EAFIT\*  
Universidad de Los Andes  
Universidad Externado de Colombia  
Universidad Nacional  
Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana

## USA

Adelphi University\*  
Arizona State University\*  
Augustana University\*  
Berklee School of Music\*  
Boston College  
Boston University\*  
California Lutheran University\*  
Colorado State University\*  
Columbia College Chicago\*  
Cornell College\*  
**Cornell University**  
Cotley College\*  
Drexel University  
Earlham University\*  
Elon University  
Emerson College  
Emmanuel College\*  
Emory University  
Flagler College\*  
Florida Institute of Technology\*  
Florida International University  
Florida State University\*  
Fordham University\*  
George Washington University  
Georgetown University\*  
Georgia Institute of Technology\*  
Gonzaga University\*  
Goucher College\*  
High Point University\*  
Illinois Institute of Technology\*  
Indiana University\*  
Ithaca College\*  
Jacksonville University\*  
Johnson and Wales University\*  
Kansas State University\*

Knox College\*  
Loyola University – Chicago\*  
Lynn University\*  
Marian University\*  
Marist University\*  
Marquette University\*  
Marymount University\*  
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS)\*  
Mercy College\*  
Miami Dade College  
Midwestern State University\*  
Michigan University\*  
Minerva Schools at KGI  
Northeastern University  
Northern Illinois University\*  
Northern Kentucky University\*  
NOVA Southeastern University\*  
Ohio Northern University\*  
Otis College of Art and Design\*  
Palm Beach Atlantic University\*  
Palm Beach College  
Parsons College  
Penn State University\*  
Purdue University  
Quinnipiac University\*  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute\*  
Roger Williams University\*  
Rollins College\*  
Sarah Lawrence College\*  
Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD)\*  
Slippery Rock University\*  
State University of New York at Geneseo\*  
State University of New York at New Paltz\*  
St. Francis College\*  
St. John's University\*  
St. Leo University\*  
Suffolk University\*  
SUNY Purchase\*  
Susquehanna University\*  
**Syracuse University\***  
Temple University\*  
The College of Wooster\*  
The New School\*  
Thomas More University\*  
Truman State University\*  
University of Delaware  
University of Denver\*

University of Florida  
University of Iowa\*  
University of La Verne\*  
University of Miami  
University of NC - Chapel Hill  
University of New Haven\*  
University of San Diego  
University of South Dakota\*  
University of South Florida\*  
University of Tampa\*  
University of the Incarnate Word\*  
University of the Pacific  
University of Virginia  
University of Mount Union\*  
Wagner College\*  
Wake Forest University  
Wartburg College\*  
Westminster University\*  
Whitworth University\*  
York College of Pennsylvania\*

## Europe

American University Paris\*  
American University Paris\*

### **Bocconi**

Cambridge School of Visual and Performing Arts\*  
City University of London\*  
Geneva Business School  
HULT Int'l Business School\*  
IE University\*  
IÉSEG School of Management  
Ileri - Institute Libre de Relaciones Internacionales des  
Sciences Politiques\*  
Jacobs University\*  
Lancaster University Leipzig\*  
NABA  
QUASAR Institute\*  
Richmond, The American University in London\*  
Sorbonne Université  
The American University of Rome\*  
The Hague Pathway College\*  
Toulouse Business School\*

### **Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne**

Université Paris Nanterre  
Universidad de Navarra\*  
Universidad Europea de Madrid  
Universidad Europea del Atlántico\*  
Universidad Francisco de Vitoria

University of Exeter  
University of Sheffield  
University of Sussex  
Vesalius University

## Canada

Niagara College\*  
Saint Mary's University\*  
St. Thomas University\*  
University of Lethbridge\*  
University of Toronto\*

## Arab Emirates

New York University - Abu Dhabi\*