



COLEGIO BILINGÜE SANTA MARTA

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COMMUNITY

Colegio Bilingüe Santa Marta is located in Santa Marta, Colombia, on the Caribbean coast. It was the first bilingual school founded in the city and is currently one of the two internationally certified academic institutions. Our School was founded in 1983 and our first senior class graduated in June 1991.

STUDENT BODY

For the year 2022-2023, CBSM has a community of :

708 students in three sections:

Preschool 180 students

Elementary 273

High School 255

Our 2023 Senior Class 44 students

CURRICULUM

Our curriculum is based on inquiry and understanding of concepts, with a disciplinary, transdisciplinary and interdisciplinary approach.

We developed a curriculum guided by the Colombian national standards, which are also aligned with the American international standards of CCSS, NGSS and MI.

We are a Bilingual school (English-Spanish), so we understand the importance of using these languages in different contexts. As such, we teach the following subjects in English: Science, Mathematics, Social Studies and Art and the following subjects in Spanish: Social Sciences, Chemistry, Physics, Religion, Physical Education, Music and Technology.

We implement the Cambridge University suite of exams in our foreign language (English) curriculum to monitor results in relation to the Common European Framework. We are a Cambridge test preparation centre for English Qualifications.

For Seniors and Juniors, we offer AP World History and AP Biology courses. Additional and optional AP courses are offered with the support of Virtual High School (an online organization).

GRADING SYSTEM

For High School Students CBSM uses the following scale to assess students from **7th to 12th grade**. The school doesn't rank the students. Upon request a student's position in the class can be given for admission purposes.

Colombian Grades	CBSM GRADES (7 th to	Letter Grade (US System)	GPA (US System)
Superior	7	A	4
High	6	B	3.7
High	5	B	3.5
Basic	4	C	3
Low	3	D	2
Low	2	F	1
Low	1	F	1

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Challenge

The Challenge project seeks to encourage and promote the acquisition of skills by using technology and robotics with students. It is a project that promotes students' technological literacy, STEAM skills, 21st century skills and maker culture.

Character Counts

Character Counts is an international program used in schools around the world, which strives to have a positive impact on various aspects of the school through the 4 Wheels of Success:

- Academic Domain
- Social and Emotional
- Character
- School Climate

House System

CBSM students are organized into four HOUSES: Windsor, Lancaster, Tudor, Stuart. Academic and sports activities involving Houses promote healthy competition and, above all, TEAMWORK. These activities also transcend grade levels which enable students to enhance their social skills and strengthen their sense of belonging.

After School Program

Our students have the opportunity to develop many talents according to their particular interests, with the possibility of choosing amongst the options available for the current school year:

Tennis, Athletism, Goalkeeper, Music, Taekwondo, Vocal Technique, Cheerleaders, Volleyball, Soccer, Arts and Crafts and Model United Nations.

MUN

CBSM has involved students in Model United Nations since 2000. Our model (SAMUN) was launched in 2006 and is recognized nationally.

In 2017 the first international MOAS trip took place and from that year on we have continued participating in MOAS (Washington), YMUN (Yale University) and HMUN (Harvard University).

Learning Centre

Our Welfare Department identifies learning difficulties and gives timely support to students. It provides them with constant socio-emotional, cognitive and behavioral guidance.

We have an inclusive educational system in which we implement a School Accommodations' Program for students and, when needed, we design Individual Plans with Reasonable Adjustments (PIAR - Plan Individual de Ajustes Razonables).

Permanent services include neuro-psychology, psychology, speech therapy, occupational therapy and academic tutors.

SCHEDULE

In High School we have a regular schedule of 6 periods each of one hour, 30 minutes each day of advisory guidance, recess and lunch.

On Wednesdays the hours are reduced to 45 minutes to leave at 1:30 for teachers to have professional development activities.

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

Honor Roll – Honor Society: From 1st to 12th grade our students strive to achieve excellence; those who stand out for their academic performance each bimester are recognized in Honor Roll Ceremonies.

Students from 3rd to 12th grade who stand out for their academic and behavioral performance in all subjects at the end of the year have the privilege of entering CBSM's Honor Society.

For the Senior Year, the student with the best academic results for High School and who is an example of the school's identity and values program, is granted the **Alberto Dávila Díaz Granados Scholarship**.

During the graduation ceremony, the student with the best academic and behavior results during the last 3 grades at school, will be granted the **Valedictorian medal**.

The student with the second best academic and behavior results will receive the **Salutatorian medal**.

Students who achieve level B2 or higher in the IELTS exam or 1 AP receive the **American High School Diploma**.

Graduates from Colegio Bilingue Santa Marta have been admitted over the past five years to the following institutions:

NATIONALS

UNIVERSIDAD DEL ROSARIO
UNIVERSIDAD DE LOS ANDES
UNIVERSIDAD JAVERIANA
UNIVERSIDAD DEL NORTE
UNIVERSIDAD SERGIO ARBOLEDA
UNIVERSIDAD DE LA SABANA
ESCUELA DE INGENIERIA DE ANTIOQUIA
CESA
EAFIT
ESCUELA NAVAL DE CADETES ALMIRANTE PADILLA
UNIVERSIDAD AUTONOMA DE BUCARAMANGA
UNIVERSIDAD EXTERNADO DE COLOMBIA
UNIVERSIDAD DE ANTIOQUIA
UNIVERSIDAD DEL BOSQUE

INTERNATIONALS

UNIVERSIDAD DE NAVARRA
DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY
PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSIDAD DE VICTORIA EN CANADA
MENDEL UNIVERSITY
PURDUE UNIVERSITY
ROLLINS COLLEGE
BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY
WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
HULT INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS SCHOOL
BUNKER HILL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students need to:

1. Take and pass all the subjects corresponding to the CBSM academic curriculum.
2. Present and pass the Extended Essay.
3. Take the IELTS exam that measures the level of proficiency in English.
4. Complete 80 hours of mandatory Social Service, certified by the school through the program or agreements established for this purpose.

ACCREDITATIONS

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English Qualifications