



# High School Profile 2024 - 2025

**Balboa Academy**  
Luis Bonilla Street, Building 104  
City of Knowledge, Panama  
Republic of PANAMA  
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## MISSION

Together we cultivate a caring community of lifelong learners, independent thinkers, and builders of a promising future.

## OVERVIEW

Balboa Academy is a private, co-educational day school founded in 1999 to provide students (PK 3 - 12) with a US standards-based curriculum in which English is the language of instruction. BA is accredited by Cognia/AdvancED and the Panamanian Ministry of Education (MEDUCA). The school year begins in August and ends in June and this year's enrollment was 829. The student body is international consisting of 41% Panamanian, 15% U.S., and 44% from other countries. There are a total of 31 nationalities at Balboa Academy.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Balboa Academy is a member of International Association of College Admissions Counseling, American School Counselor Association, The National Honor Society, The National English Honor Society, and the Association of American Schools in Central American.

## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT BODY

Currently, there are 314 students enrolled in high school, grades 9-12. The Senior class number is 82, the Junior class 77, the Sophomore class 79, and the Freshman class 76. All students graduate with the U.S. High School diploma and a Bachiller en Ciencias y Letras from Panama. Ninety-nine percent (99%) of graduates go on to university studies.

## CURRICULUM

Courses at Balboa Academy are college preparatory. We currently offer 22 Advanced Placement courses and 7 PreAP courses. The maximum enrollment depends on the schedule and acceptance by the AP teacher. AP subjects include Art History, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science Principles, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, Human Geography, Physics 1, Pre-Calculus, Psychology, Seminar, Research, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, Statistics, Studio Art 2D, Studio Art Drawing, US Government, and World History.

## AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMA

The AP Capstone Diploma allows students to engage in the rigorous development of inquiry, research, collaboration, and writing skills. It's meant to complement the in-depth, subject-specific rigor of AP courses and exams. To earn the AP Capstone Diploma students must successfully complete at least 4 AP subjects in addition to passing the AP Seminar and AP Research courses.

## SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

Balboa Academy empowers students to become citizens of leadership and service through community service. Students need 80 hours of community service to graduate. Our high school student council (DRACO) plans and implements all activities in the school. Balboa Academy has over 45 student founded / lead clubs.

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CEEB code # 880000

## Graduation Requirements

All students must complete requirements to earn both the US and the Panamanian Diploma upon graduation.

SUBJECT	CREDITS
English .....	4
Social Studies .....	4
Math .....	4
Science .....	4
Spanish .....	4
Technology .....	1
French* .....	1
Fine Arts .....	1
Philosophy* .....	0.5
Latin American Studies* .....	0.5
Panama History* .....	0.5
Civics* .....	0.5
Physical Education .....	0.5
Health .....	0.5
Additional Credits .....	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28</b>

\* Are courses required by Panama's MEDUCA for for the "Bachiller in Ciencias y Letras". (French, Philosophy, Latin American Studies, Panama History, Civics, Chemistry and Physics.

## CLASS OF 2025 DISTRIBUTION

Cumulative weighted GPA range

8 STUDENTS 4.10 or higher 9.76%

6 STUDENTS 4.00 to 4.09 7.32%

21 STUDENTS 3.50 to 3.99 25.61%

26 STUDENTS 3.00 to 3.49 31.71%

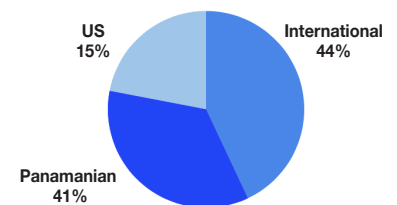
21 STUDENTS Below 3.00 25.61%

## GPA AND RANK

Balboa Academy does not rank its students. AP courses receive a 0.5 weighting. As of the graduating class of 2025, honor and advanced courses receive a 0.15 weighting. The cumulative GPA of our students reflects courses taken at Balboa Academy only.

Grade	Percent	Grade Point
A	90-100	4.0
B	80-89	3.0
C	70-79	2.0
D	60-69	1.0
F	59 and below	

## Student Population





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## STANDARD SECONDARY ACADEMIC BY CURRICULAR AREAS

Department	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
<b>English Language Arts</b> (4 credits)	English 9 or PreAP English 1*	English 10 or PreAP English 2*	English 11 or AP English Language	College Writing, AP English Language, or AP English Literature
<b>Spanish Language Arts</b> (4 credits)	Spanish 9, Spanish 9 Honors, or Spanish 1,2,3,4,5 for Non-natives	Spanish 10, Spanish 10 Honors, or Spanish 1,2,3,4,5 for Non-natives	Spanish 11, Spanish 11 Honors, Spanish 1,2,3,4,5 for Non-natives, or AP Spanish Language	Spanish 12, AP Spanish Literature, Spanish 1,2,3,4,5 for Non-natives, or AP Spanish Language
<b>Mathematics</b> (4 credits)	Algebra 1, Geometry, PreAP Geometry & Statistics**, Algebra 2, Algebra 2 Honors, Pre-Calculus, or AP Pre-Calculus	Geometry, PreAP Geometry & Statistics**, Algebra 2, Algebra 2 Honors, Pre-Calculus, AP Pre-Calculus, or Calculus	Algebra 2, Algebra 2 Honors, Pre-Calculus, AP Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Statistics & Probabilities, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, or AP Statistics	Pre-Calculus, AP Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Statistics & Probabilities, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, or AP Statistics
<b>Sciences</b> (4 credits) Panama requires Chemistry and Physics	Biology or Pre AP Biology**	Chemistry or Pre AP Chemistry**, and Physics 1 or Advanced Physics	Physics 1, Advanced Physics, AP Physics 1, Environmental Science, AP Environmental Science, AP Biology, or AP Chemistry	
<b>Social Sciences</b> (4 credits) Panama requires Panama History / Civics and Philosophy / Latin American Studies	US History or AP Human Geography	Modern World History, AP Human Geography, AP Art History, or AP World History	Philosophy / Latin American History, Panama History / Civics, AP Human Geography, AP World History, AP Art History, AP Psychology, AP US Government***, or AP Comparative Government***	
<b>Arts</b> (1 credit)	Studio Art, PreAP Visual Arts, HS Music, or Drama		Studio Art, PreAP Visual Arts, HS Music, Drama, AP Art History, AP Art 2D & Design, or AP Drawing	
<b>Technology</b> (1 credit)	Introduction to Robotics, or Advanced Robotics		Introduction to Robotics, Advanced Robotics, Computer Programming, AP Computer Science Principles, and Microsoft Certification	
<b>Physical Education and Health</b> (0.5 / 0.5 credits)	Physical Education / Health			
<b>Electives</b> (5 credits)		French 1	AP Capstone Seminar, Introduction to Economics / Entrepreneurship, or Personal Finance	AP Capstone Research

\* Course available as of SY 2022-2023  
\*\* Course available as of SY 2024-2025  
\*\*\* Course offered on alternate years

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM RESULTS

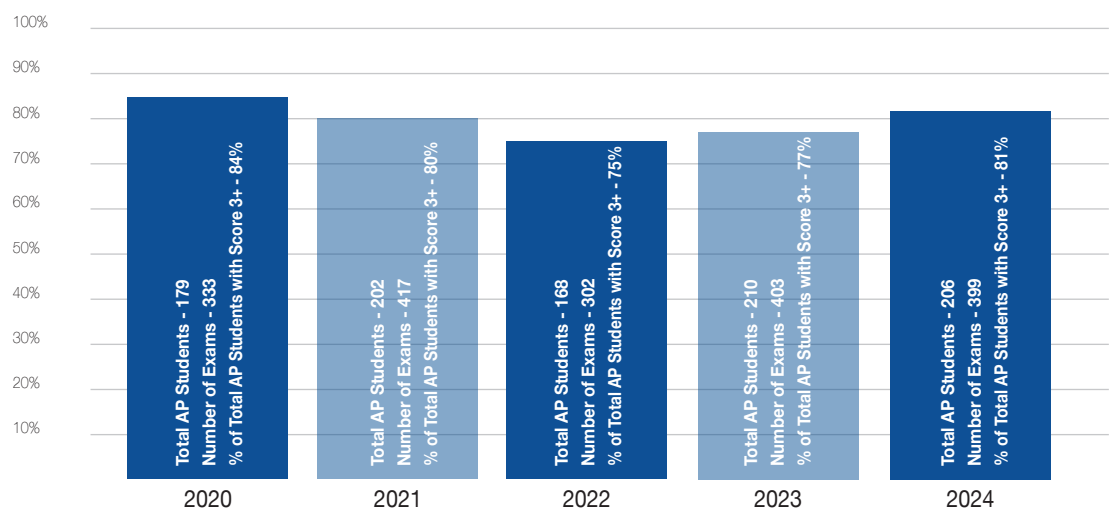
### AP HIGHLIGHTS

In 2024, 206 students took a total of 399 AP exams. 81.55% of our students scored 3+ on at least one AP exam they took in 2024.

### 2024 AP Recognitions

AP Scholar .....	28
AP Scholar with Honors .....	5
AP Scholar with Distinction .....	25
AP International Diploma .....	13
AP Capstone Diploma .....	4

% OF TOTAL AP STUDENTS WITH SCORES 3+





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### COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES, CLASSES OF 2020-2024

Asterisks indicates 2023 acceptance, Bold indicates 2024 matriculation.



**ARGENTINA**  
Universidad Torcuato Di Tella



**CANADA**  
Carleton University, Ontario \*  
Concordia University, Montreal  
McGill University, Montreal \*  
Queen's University  
University of British Columbia, Vancouver \*  
**University of Toronto, Ontario** \*  
University of Waterloo, Ontario  
Western University \*  
**Wilfrid Laurier University**  
York University \*



**COLOMBIA**  
Universidad de los Andes, Bogota  
**Universidad del Rosario, Bogota**



**COSTA RICA**  
**Texas Tech University, San Jose** \*



**FRANCE**  
L'Institut Supérieur des Arts Appliqués, Paris



**GERMANY**  
Jacobs University, Bremen



**ISRAEL**  
Reichmann University (IDC Herzliya)



**ITALY**  
**John Cabot University, Rome**  
Istituto Europeo de Design, Milan  
**Instituto Marangoni, Milan**  
Università Bocconi, Milan



**JAPAN**  
International Christian University, Tokyo



**KOREA**  
Korea University, Seoul  
University of Korea, Seoul



**MEXICO**  
TEC de Monterrey, Monterrey  
**Universidad Panamericana, Ciudad de México**



**THE NETHERLANDS**  
Eindhoven University of Technology \*  
**University College Utrecht**  
University of Amsterdam  
University of Groningen  
University of Twente \*



**STATE OF QATAR**  
Weill Cornell Medicine



**REPUBLIC OF PANAMA**  
Florida State University \*  
Isthmus  
Universidad Latina  
**University of Louisville**  
**Universidad del Arte GANEXA**  
**Universidad Nacional de Panamá**  
Universidad Santa María la Antigua \*  
Universidad Tecnológica de Panamá



**REPUBLIC OF CHINA**  
National Taiwan University, Taipei



**SPAIN**  
ESADE, Barcelona \*  
European Business School - Madrid  
**IE University, Segovia**  
Saint Louis University - Madrid \*  
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid  
Universidad Católica de Murcia  
Universidad CEU San Pablo  
Universidad de Loyola

**Universidad de Navarra** \*

Universidad de Nebrija  
Universidad de Sevilla

**Universidad Europea de Madrid** \*



**SWITZERLAND**  
Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne



**UNITED KINGDOM**  
Lancaster University \*  
King's College London \*  
Oxford Brookes University, Oxford  
University College London \*  
University of the Arts London \*  
University of Richmond, London  
University of Edinburgh\*  
University of Essex \*  
University of Exeter  
University of Northampton \*  
University of Glasgow \*  
University of St. Andrews \*  
University of Warwick



**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

American University \*  
**Arizona State University**  
Babson College  
Barnard College \*  
Baylor University \*  
Belmont University \*  
**Bentley University** \*  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Brandeis University  
Brown University  
California College of the Arts  
Chapman University  
Clark University  
College of William and Mary  
Colorado College \*  
Cornell University \*  
Drake University \*  
Emerson College \*  
Emmanuel College  
Emory University  
Florida Institute of Technology \*  
**Florida International University**  
**Florida State University** \*  
Fordham University \*  
Georgia Institute of Technology \*  
George Mason University \*  
**George Washington University** \*  
Georgetown University  
Gonzaga University  
Haverford College\*  
**Harvard University**  
Hofstra University  
Hult International Business School \*  
Indiana University - Bloomington \*  
**James Madison University**  
John Hopkins University  
Johnson and Wales University  
Lipcomb University \*  
Loyola Marymount University \*  
Loyola University, Chicago \*  
Loyola University, New Orleans \*  
Lynn University \*  
Maine Maritime University  
Massachusetts Maritime Academy  
Michigan State University \*  
Michigan Technological University \*  
Middle Tennessee State University \*  
Mississippi College  
New York University \*  
North Carolina State  
**Northeastern University** \*  
Northwestern University  
**Pennsylvania State University** \*  
Pitzer College  
Pratt Institute

**Purdue University** \*

Reed College  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute \*  
Rhodes College \*  
Rice University  
Ringling College of Art and Design  
Rollins College \*  
Saint Edward's University  
Saint Joseph's University  
Saint Leo University  
Santa Monica College  
Savannah College of Art & Design  
Smith College

**St. Edwards University** \*

Stetson University

**Southeast Missouri State University**

**Suffolk University**

SUNY Maritime College

**Swarthmore College**

Syracuse University

Texas A&M University, San Antonio

**Texas Christian University** \*

The Catholic University of America \*  
The New School, New York \*  
The Ohio State University  
The University of Texas, Arlington  
Trinity University  
Tufts University \*  
Tulane University \*  
UCLA \*

University of California, Berkeley \*

**University of California, San Diego**

University of California, Santa Barbara \*

University of Central Missouri  
University of Chicago  
University of Cincinnati \*  
University of Colorado, Boulder \*  
University of Colorado, Denver \*  
University of Connecticut \*  
University of Florida \*  
University of Illinois Urbana / Champaign \*  
University of Iowa \*

**University of Massachusetts - Lowell**

University of Maryland

**University of Miami**

University of Michigan \*

University of Missouri  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
University of Notre Dame \*

**University of Pennsylvania**

University of Richmond  
University of Rochester \*  
University of San Diego  
University of San Francisco \*  
University of South Alabama \*  
University of Southern California  
University of Southern Indiana

**University of Tampa** \*

University of Tennessee - Knoxville \*

**University of Texas - Austin**

**University of Virginia** \*

University of Washington

**University of Wisconsin-Madison**

Vanderbilt University \*  
Virginia Commonwealth University \*  
Virginia Tech \*  
Washington University in St. Louis \*  
Wesleyan University \*  
Whitman College \*  
Williams College \*

MATRICULATION - Class of 2024

