



SCHOOL PROFILE 2024

Beacon, an IB World School, provides bilingual education (English-Portuguese), cherishing its Brazilian heritage. It emphasizes a warm, vibrant, and respectful atmosphere, nurturing academically rigorous, research-based learning. Our aim is to equip students to be conscientious citizens who embrace diversity, seeing it as a means to enhance both individual development and societal progress.

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OUR SCHOOL

Founded in 2010, Beacon is an IB Continuum World School, hosting more than 1,350 students from Early Childhood to High School. We offer the IB Primary Years Programme since 2014, the IB Diploma Programme since 2021, and the IB Middle Years Programme since 2024. **The inaugural graduating class in 2023 saw 90.5% of students accepted into higher education.**

APPLICATIONS

56% of our applications were to US universities,
28% to Brazilian institutions, and the remaining
16% to various countries: UK, Netherlands, Italy,
Spain, Germany, France, and Canada.

We are a nonsectarian, independent, coeducational school with inclusive, non-selective admissions, encouraging all of our students to pursue both the IB Diploma and the Brazilian High School programs. Our institution is not associated with Beacon Schools located in different parts of the world.



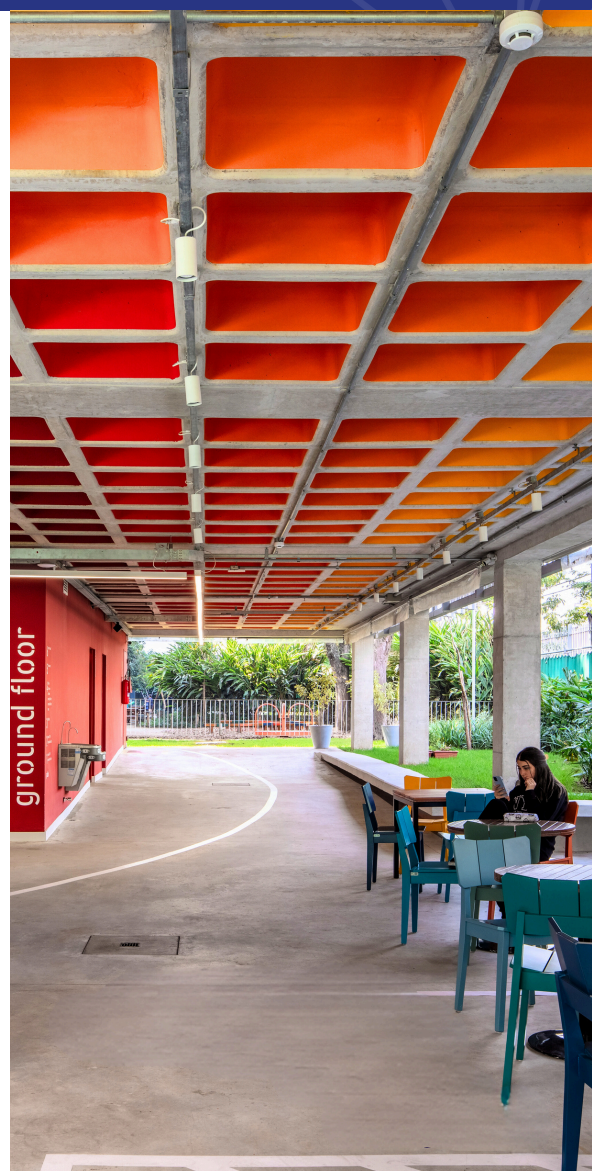
Teachers
218



**Total
Beacon Team**
470






**Campus Size
Construction**
18,648 m²
= 4,60 acres



OUR STUDENTS

Beacon develops individuals with international mindedness, aware of their role in the construction of a better and more peaceful world. Our students are inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, caring, principled, open minded, risk takers, balanced and reflective.

 Primary Years Programme		 Middle Years Programme		 Diploma Programme		Total Students
ECE	Elementary School	Middle School	High School			
419	540	313	117		1389	

OUR ACADEMIC PROGRAM

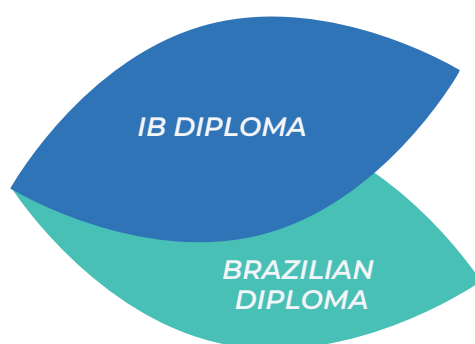
HIGH SCHOOL



We adhere to the January-December calendar system. As a result, our students commence the IB Diploma program earlier than most, in Year 10, and complete it at the onset of Year 12 (after the May Session and exams). In the second semester of Year 12 (August-December), students attend morning classes and dedicate their afternoons to working on their university applications and supplemental prep for local universities.



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS BY DIPLOMA TYPE



IB DIPLOMA	INTEGRATION	BRAZILIAN DIPLOMA
<p>2 years of at least 3 subjects in Standard Level (SL) and 3 subjects in Higher Level (HL) courses in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language and Literature • Language Acquisition • Individuals and Societies • Sciences • Mathematics <p>The Arts or any subject from the other areas of knowledge</p> <p>IB Core</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theory of Knowledge (TOK) • The Extended Essay (EE) • Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) 	<p>All Beacon students must take as a minimum requirement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portuguese SL • Brazilian Social Studies BSS SL • Biology SL • Mathematics AA or AI SL • English B SL 	<p>Content and skills related to the National Common Core (BNCC) are: Physics, Arts, Chemistry, Physical Education, Social Emotional Learning.</p> <p>Electives - students must take at a least 2 different paths in each High school semester:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studies in Language • Individuals & Societies • Sciences • Studies in Mathematics

GRADING SCALE

A	9,0 - 10,0
B	7,6 - 8,9
C	6,0 - 7,5
D	3,0 - 5,9
F	0 - 2,9

Our students undertake the IBDP and the Brazilian Curriculum at the same time, enhancing their academic rigor with over 1,300 yearly school hours. Those not attaining the full IB Diploma can earn IB Certificates per subject alongside the Brazilian High School Diploma, requiring a minimum 6.0/10 average grade and 75% attendance per subject.

Our transcript score combines Activity-Based Assessments (ABAs) at 40% and four exam sessions at 60%, graded on a **0-10 scale**. Following a semester-based grading system on a **January-December calendar, we submit both the school transcript (Year 9 - Year 12; 1-10 scale) and the FINAL IB Diploma Scores to universities (scale 1-7)**. This accounts for our IB|DP starting in the latter half of Year 10 and concluding in the first half of Year 12.

We do not rank our students.

IB | DP Subjects offered

1. Studies in Language & Literature

Portuguese SL/HL

2. Language Acquisition

English B SL/HL
Spanish B SL/HL
French ab initio SL

3. Individuals & Societies

Brazilian Social Studies BSS SL
History SL/HL
Business Management SL/HL
Economics SL/HL
Psychology SL/HL
Digital Society SL/HL



4. Science

Biology SL/HL
Chemistry SL/HL

5. Math

Math Analysis & Approaches SL/HL
Math Applications and Interpretation (SL/HL)

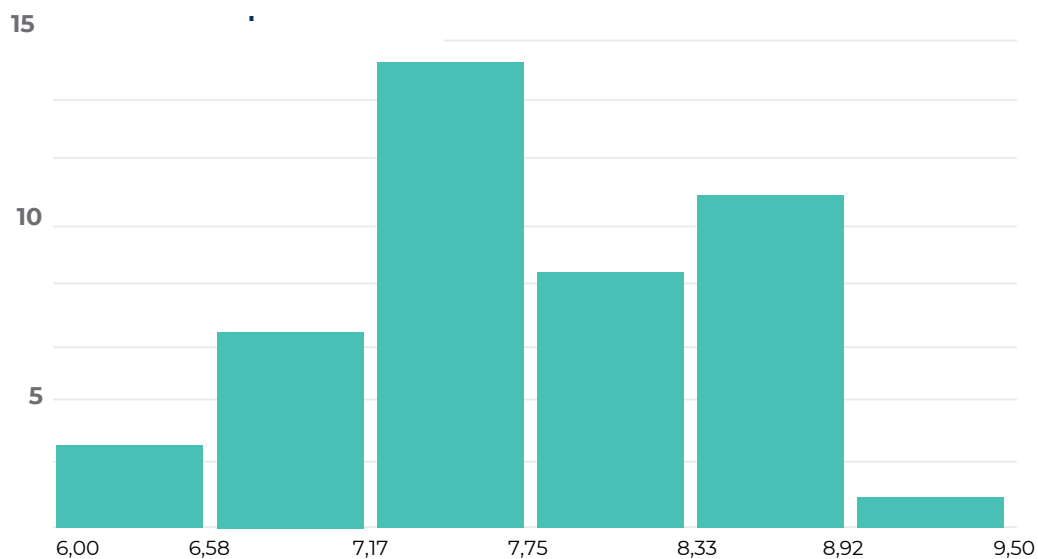
6. The Arts

Visual Arts SL/HL
Film SL
Or any subject from another group

IB | DP - CLASS OF 2023

Beacon pass rate	Global pass rate
95%	79%

School Transcript Grade distribution (Scale 1-10)



Note: Integrating both the IB and Brazilian curricula renders our school academically demanding. While the passing grade is 6.0, the majority of our students typically achieve scores ranging from 7.0 to 7.75. Only a very small percentage score above 9.0.

EXPANDING STUDENTS EXPERIENCES

Beacon School extends learning beyond regular class time with optional programs and experiences. These include Job Shadowing, access to various clubs (such as MUN, Coding, Girl Up, Chess Club, Math Club, STEAM Club), academic Olympiads, and additional activities. The school hosts numerous events annually, including University Fairs, Career Day, university lectures, and master classes, with over 100 higher education representatives visiting each year. Moreover, our Expanding Horizons program enables students to enhance their skills through summer programs both domestically and internationally.

Optional Activities					
Arts	Competitive Sports	Recreational Sports	STEM	Well-being & Sustainability	Extended Day
Circus	Basketball	Adventure Sports	Chess	Mindfulness & Yoga	Learning Through Play
Dance	Handball	Capoeira	Math Circle	Nutri Lab / Cooking	Time 4 Projects
Drama	Soccer	Fencing	Tech Lab		Supervised Study Time
Magic & Action	Volleyball	Judo		Science & Nature	
Music		Skateboarding			
Photography		Sports School			

CLASS OF 2023 | ACCEPTANCES

BRAZIL

Belas Artes
Escola Superior de Artes Célia Helena
ESPM
FAAP
FEI
FGV
Insper
Inteli
Istituto Europeo di Design
Mackenzie
PUC PR
Santa Marcelina
Universidade de São Paulo
Universidade Federal de São Carlos
Universidade Federal de Viçosa
Universidade Federal do Ceará

CANADA

Humber College

GERMANY

Constructor University

ITALY

Polimoda

NETHERLANDS

Maastricht University
Radboud University
The Hague University of Applied Sciences
Zuyd University of Applied Sciences

SPAIN

Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
Universidad CEU San Pablo

UK

Northumbria University Newcastle
Bangor University
Nottingham Trent University
University of Reading
University of the Arts London
University of the West of England, Bristol

USA

Arizona State University
Artcenter College of Design
Binghamton University, State University of New York
California College of the Arts
Columbia College Chicago

Daemen University
DePaul University
Emerson College
Florida International University
Fordham University
Gonzaga University
Goucher College
Hofstra University
Hult International Business School
Lynn University
Maryland Institute College of Art
Nazareth University
New York Film Academy
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwest Missouri State University
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Portland State University
Pratt Institute
Purdue University Northwest
Ringling College of Art and Design
San Diego State University
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
School of Visual Arts New York City
Seattle University

St. Mary's College of Maryland
The College of Wooster
The New School (Parsons)
University of California San Diego
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Denver
University of Florida
University of Illinois Chicago
University of North Florida
University of San Francisco
University of South Dakota
University of Southern California
University of Tampa
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Wartburg College
Xavier University (Cincinnati, Ohio)
York College of Pennsylvania

