

Marian Baker School

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High School Profile 2010-2011

THE SCHOOL

Marian Baker School (MBS) is a private international English-speaking school educating preschool through high school students. The school offers a United States and Costa Rican based curriculum to prepare students for college and university study in the United States, Costa Rica, as well as other countries. There are fourteen different nationalities represented among teachers and students. Staff vigorously supports parent expectations of the school: preparation for university, authentic learning experiences, small class size, open-ended critical thinking strategies, special needs and intervention services, and family-oriented school-wide events.

THE FACULTY

All MBS teachers possess college degrees and are certified in their field of work, and more than 62% hold a Master's degree. Teachers participate in the selection of in-service topics to keep up-to-date with current developments in education, and also attend a variety of workshops and seminars both locally and internationally. There are four different nationalities represented by the staff: Costa Rican, Canadian, Honduran and USA.

THE STUDENT BODY

The total enrollment of the Marian Baker School in the 2010-2011 is 207 students.

High School – 52 students

Seniors – 13 - Juniors – 9

Sophomore – 22 - Freshmen – 8

Middle School – 49 students

Elementary 106–(Kinder 3 – 5th grade)

The students come from different countries including: Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Colombia, Holland, Honduras, Italy, México, Panama, South Korea, Sweden, USA, Venezuela.

Twelve percent of the student body in Elementary, Middle and High School receive ESL services and the remaining 88% are fluent in English.

GRADING SYSTEM

GPA is based on a 4.0 points scale with the exception of Honor classes which are weighted in the amount of 5.0 points. The GPA provided in the transcript is cumulative from 9th to 12th grade courses. Core subjects are annual or semester courses, the annual courses weight 1 credit, semester courses weight 0.5 credits. Electives and PE are quarter courses and weight 0.2 credits each.

A+	97-100	C+	77-79
A	94-96	C	74-76
A-	90-93	C-	70-73
B+	87-89	D	65-69
B	84-86	F	64 & below
B-	80-83		

ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIPS

The Marian Baker School is fully **accredited** by the Costa Rican Ministry of Public Education (MEP) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). MBS is also a member of the following professional organizations:

- Asociación de Centros Educativos Privados (ACEP), Costa Rica
- Association of American Schools in Central America (AASCA)
- The National Honor Society
- Association for Advanced of International Education

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HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

English CP (College Prep)
 English H (Honors)
 English as a Second
 Language (ESL)
 Writing

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

Latin American History
 World Culture CP & H
 World History CP & H
 US History CP & H
 US Government CP
 Costa Rican Social
 Studies (CRSS)

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

Advanced Mathematics
 Algebra and
 Trigonometry
 Algebra II
 Calculus H
 Geometry
 Pre-Calculus
 Statistics

FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

Spanish H
 Spanish as a Second
 Language (SSL)

PERFORMING ARTS

Light & Sound
 Acting & Directing
 Chorus
 Juggling

PRACTICAL ARTS

Cooking
 Costume & Set Design
 Home Maintenance

LETTERS

Classic Literature
 Mythology
 Literature Work
 Film Appreciation
 Public Speaking

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

General Science-9
 Biology I, II, III H
 Physics I, II
 Chemistry I, II, III H

SCIENCE/MATH

SAT Math Prep

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/TEAMS

Soccer, Volleyball,
 Basketball Team
 Physical Education

FINE ARTS

Art
 Sculpture

TECHNOLOGY

Digital Camera
 Photoshop
 Publishing
 Video Production
 Yearbook

To graduate from the Marian Baker School a student must complete 4 credits each of English, Social Studies and Spanish; a total of 7 credits of Math and Science, 1 credit of Latin American History or Costa Rican Social Studies, and 6 credits of electives and PE. Students must earn a total of 28 credits. In addition, the students must meet computer competency standards.

CLASSES OF 2008-09-10 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

US	U. of Pennsylvania
Amherst Col.	Virginia Tech
Asbury Col.	Wheaton Col.^*
Azusa Pacific U.	Yale U.
Berry College•	Canada
Boston College	York U.
Brown U.^	Trent U.
Butler U.	Alberta Col. Of Art and Design*
Col. of William and Mary	U. Of British Columbia
Darmouth U.	Argentina
Drew U.	U. Católica de Argentina^
Elon U.^	U. of Buenos Aires
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical U.	Switzerland
Florida International U.	Le Roches School of Hotel Mgt^
Georgia Southern U.^	Costa Rica
Indiana Wesleyan U*	UCR*•
Loyola U.	UNA
Northeastern U.^ ^	U Interamericana*
Pacific Lutheran U^	UCIMED*
Penn State U.	Universidad Latina ^•
Princeton U.^	^Class 2008Enrollments
Purdue U.	*Class 2009 Enrollments
San Francisco State U. ^	
Stone Hill Col. •	
SUNY Albany•	
SUNY at Buffalo	
SUNY Binghamton^	
Tufts U.	
U. of Illinois at Urbana^	
U. of Maryland	
U. of Miami	•Class 2010 Enrollments