



**COLEGIO KARL C. PARRISH**

*"A tradition of excellence"*

CEEB Code 925140

Main Campus:  
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Barranquilla, Colombia  
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## SCHOOL PROFILE 2024 - 2025

### Our Purpose

To educate students to become ethical leaders for the continually changing and diverse globalized world.

### General Overview

Colegio Karl C. Parrish, founded in 1938, is a nonprofit, private, non-sectarian elementary and secondary school that is open to children of all nationalities. KCP integrates a bi-national, multicultural, and bilingual curriculum (Colombian and U.S.) with the purpose of offering its students a broad scope of the world.

Aproximately 95% of our students graduate with both diplomas (**a U.S. High School Diploma & Colombian Bachillerato**). Our mission is oriented toward the formation of well-rounded individuals with discerning and creative minds. The school recognizes the value of every human being and his or her right to liberty, respect, and personal development. The school's purpose is to prepare students to be ethical leaders who are capable of meeting global challenges and of addressing the continuous changes and demands influencing their country. The language of instruction is English and Spanish.

### Faculty

Most of our secondary staff are bilingual, including our local staff, allowing us to have the majority of instruction in English. Our teachers hold teaching certifications from the United States, United Kingdom, Jamaica, Barbados, Colombia and Canada, with 40% of them holding advanced degrees.

## COURSES OFFERED FOR THE CLASS OF 2024

|                   |  |  |
|-------------------|--|--|
| <b>9th Grade</b>  | English<br>Spanish / <b>AP</b> Spanish Language<br>Colombian Studies /Valores,<br>Ética & Religión                             | Biology<br>Health & Fitness<br>Computer Science<br>Mathematics                                     |
| <b>10th Grade</b> | English<br>Spanish<br>Colombian Studies / Valores,<br>Ética & Religión<br>Chemistry  | Health & Fitness<br>World History /<br>AP World History<br>Mathematics                             |
| <b>11th Grade</b> | English / AP English Language &<br>Composition<br>Spanish / AP Spanish Literature<br>Philosophy & Colombian Studies<br>Physics | Pre-Calculus /<br>AP Pre-Calculus<br>U.S. History  |
| <b>12th Grade</b> | English<br>Spanish<br>Philosophy & Colombian Studies<br>Science / AP Physics C. /<br>AP Biology<br>Calculus / AP Calculus AB   | Introduction to<br>Calculus<br>Introduction to<br>Finance /<br>AP Microeconomics<br>Senior Seminar |

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## DEMOGRAPHICS



Grades 6-8:  
**141**



Grades 9-12:  
**206**



Senior Class:  
**55**

## TRANSCRIPTS

The GPA is based on the cumulative grade average (9th - 12th). KCP does not rank students.

In the 2024-2025 school year, Karl C. Parrish School shifted from a 100-point grading scale to a 4.0 scale in a Standards - Based grading approach. The passing grade is 2.0.

### Important Note to Universities

The GPA shift on grades 11th and 12th for the graduating class does not reflect a decline in student performance, but rather an adjustment to a new grading system. We request your understanding and consideration when evaluating the GPAs of these students.

## Electives

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Sports & Fitness           | 11th -12th |
| Global Issues Network      | 9th - 12th |
| Honors 2D Art              | 11th -12th |
| Rock Band                  | 9th - 12th |
| HS Drums & Percussion      | 9th - 12th |
| HS Guitar                  | 9th - 12th |
| HS Orchestra               | 9th - 12th |
| Digital Age Media          | 9th - 12th |
| Data Analysis & Statistics | 12th       |

## AP Electives

|                                       |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>AP</b> Computer Science Principles | 10th -12th |
| <b>AP</b> Environmental Science       | 10th -12th |
| <b>AP</b> Biology                     | 11th -12th |
| <b>AP</b> Microeconomics              | 11th -12th |
| <b>AP</b> Psychology                  | 11th -12th |
| <b>AP</b> World History               | 10th -12th |
| <b>AP</b> Chemistry                   | 12th       |
| <b>AP</b> Physics C                   | 12th       |

## AP Classes Offerings: 13 (Grades 9th - 12th)

- **AP** Biology
- **AP** Calculus AB
- **AP** Chemistry
- **AP** Computer Science Principles
- **AP** English Language & Composition
- **AP** Environmental Science
- **AP** Microeconomics
- **AP** Physics C
- **AP** Pre-Calculus
- **AP** Psychology
- **AP** Spanish Language
- **AP** Spanish Literature
- **AP** World History

## Graduation Requirements Grades 9th - 12th

| CREDITS FOR BOTH DIPLOMAS | CREDITS FOR THE US HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA | CREDITS FOR COLOMBIAN BACHILLERATO DIPLOMA |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| English 4                 | English 4                              | English 4                                  |
| Spanish 4                 | World Language 2                       | Spanish 4                                  |
| Social Studies 4          | Social Studies 2                       | Social Studies 2                           |
| Science 4                 | Science 4                              | Science 4                                  |
| Math 4                    | Math 4                                 | Philosophy / Ethics 1                      |
| Health and Fitness 2      | Health and Fitness 2                   | Science 4                                  |
| Philosophy 1              | Economics 1                            | Math 4                                     |
| Economics 1               | Fine Arts 1                            | Health and Fitness 2                       |
| Religion 1                | Electives 3                            | Economics 1                                |
| Electives 3               |  | Computer Science 1                         |
| Fine Arts 1               |  | Religion 1                                 |
| Computer Science 1        |  | Fine Arts 1                                |
| <b>Total Credits 30</b>   |  | Electives 3                                |

The high school year runs from August to June with a total of 180 school days.

The Colombian Bachillerato Program is available to students in grades 6th-12th and the U.S. High School Program, which includes the Advanced Placement courses, is available in grades 9th - 12th.

## Scholar Summary

|                     | AP Scholars | AP Scholars with Honor | AP Scholars with Distinction | AP International Diploma | Total Students: 32<br>Average Score: 4.15 |
|---------------------|-------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Numbers of Scholars | <b>17</b>   | <b>8</b>               | <b>7</b>                     | <b>4</b>                 |   |
| Average Score       | <b>3.93</b> | <b>3.97</b>            | <b>4.39</b>                  | <b>4.48</b>              |   |

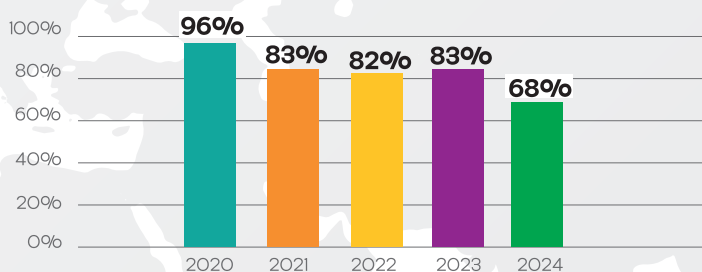
## School Summary

|                                       | 2020  | 2021  | 2022  | 2023  | 2024  |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Total AP Students                     | 48    | 29    | 56    | 76    | 114   |
| Number of Exams                       | 73    | 43    | 85    | 106   | 194   |
| AP Students with Scores 3+            | 46    | 24    | 46    | 63    | 78    |
| % of Total AP Students with Scores 3+ | 95.83 | 82.76 | 82.14 | 82.89 | 68.42 |

This graph demonstrates the growth in Advanced Placement (AP) participation at Colegio Karl C. Parrish from 2020 to 2024. Over this period, the number of AP students and exams taken significantly increased, reaching a record high of 114 students and 194 exams in 2024. While the percentage of students scoring 3 or higher has slightly decreased, this can be partially explained by the increased number of students enrolling in AP courses and taking exams. The broader participation reflects the school's commitment to fostering academic rigor and expanding access to challenging coursework.

## KCP AP Scores 2024

### 68% of Total KCP AP Students with Scores 3+



Total Number of Exams Taken: 106

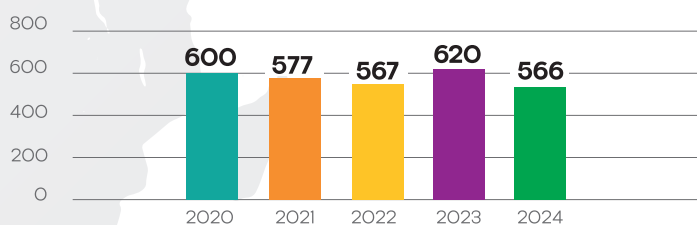
### AP WEIGHT INFORMATION

A 0.2 Weight is added to AP COURSES at the end of the year.

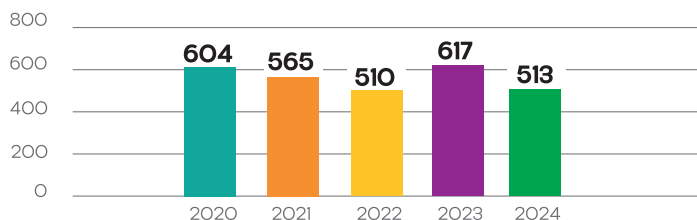
**Code of Honor:** KCP reviews and makes determinations whether any disciplinary issue in a student's file reaches the level for reporting to universities.

## SAT Mean Scores Class of 2024

### Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW)



### Math



## Academic Support

Our Optimal Resource Center (ORC) is a service for students identified with learning exceptionalities in Middle School and High School.

The program focuses on supporting students with their specific needs and teaching them strategies to be successful, life-long learners.

## Field of Study



Business **46%**  
 STEM **11%**  
 Health Professions **11%**  
 Communication **11%**  
 Design **8%**  
 Social Science **5%**  
 Exploratory Studies **3%**  
 Political Science **3%**  
 Engineering **2%**

## Colleges / Universities Attended by Classes 2023 & 2024

KCP Graduates have a 100% College / University Acceptance Rate



### US UNIVERSITIES

- American University
- Babson College
- Boston University
- Columbia University
- Florida International University
- Fordham University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Hult University
- Miami Dade College
- Notre Dame University
- Northeastern University
- Penn State University
- Purdue University
- Texas A&M University
- Trinity University
- University of Michigan
- University of South Florida
- University of Miami
- Virginia Tech
- Yale University
- Loyola University Chicago
- Indiana University Bloomington
- The New School-Parsons
- The Pennsylvania State University
- Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD)
- UMass Boston



### CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES

- University of Toronto
- University of Guelph



### COLOMBIAN UNIVERSITIES

- CESA
- EAFIT
- Pontificia Universidad Javeriana
- Universidad de los Andes
- Universidad del Norte
- Universidad del Rosario



### EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES

- Carlos III De Madrid (Spain)
- CEU San Pablo (Spain)
- IE BUSINESS SCHOOL (Spain)
- ESIC Business & Marketing School (Spain)
- Istituto Europeo di Design (Spain)
- Universidad Complutense de Madrid (Spain)
- Universidad de Navarra (Spain)
- Universidad Europea (Spain)
- CEU Cardenal Herrera (Spain)
- NABA (Italy)
- University of Southampton (UK)

## Standards - Based Grading Scale



| KCP SBG Scale | Traditional Grading Scale | Numerical Grading Scale |
|---------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 4             | A+                        | 97 – 100                |
| 3.5 – 3.90    | A-                        | 94 – 96                 |
| 3.0 – 3.49    | B+                        | 89 – 93                 |
| 2.5 – 2.90    | B-                        | 83 – 88                 |
| 2.0 – 2.49    | C                         | 75 – 82                 |
| 1.0 – 1.90    | D                         | 65 – 74                 |
| 0             | F                         | 51 – 64                 |
| 0             | NE                        | Below 50                |



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