



COLEGIO KARL C. PARRISH

"A tradition of excellence"

CEEB Code 925140

Main Campus:
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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

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

AP Computer Science Principles	10th -12th
AP Environmental Science	10th -12th
AP Biology	11th -12th
AP Microeconomics	11th -12th
AP Psychology	11th -12th
AP World History	10th -12th
AP Chemistry	12th
AP 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	Philosophy / Ethics 1
Math 4	Math 4	Science 4
Health and Fitness 2	Health and Fitness 2	Math 4
Philosophy 1	Economics 1	Health and Fitness 2
Economics 1	Fine Arts 1	Economics 1
Religion 1	Electives 3	Computer Science 1
Electives 3		Religion 1
Fine Arts 1		Fine Arts 1
Computer Science 1		Electives 3
Total Credits 30		

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 Average Score: 4.15
Numbers of Scholars	17	8	7	4	
Average Score	3.93	3.97	4.39	4.48	

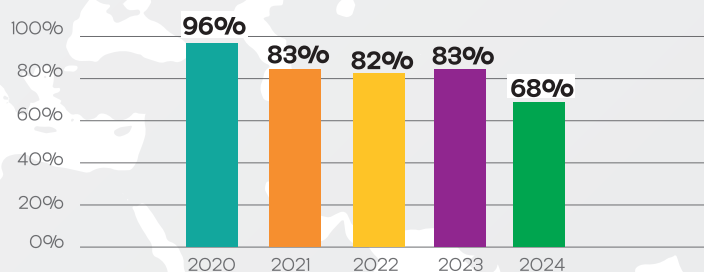
School Summary

	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

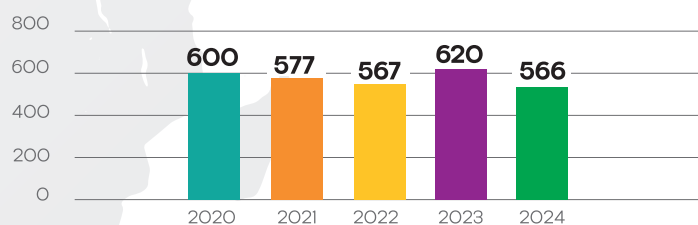
AP WEIGHT INFORMATION

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

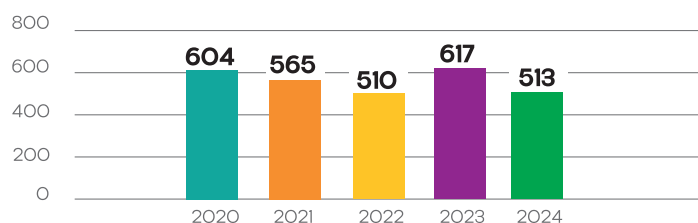
Code of Honor: KCP reviews and makes determinations whether any disciplinary issue in a student's file reaches the level for reporting to universities.

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
	NE	Below 50



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