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## Vision

School of the Nations strives to be exemplary among Brazilian and International schools for its commitment to world citizenship and for helping young people develop outstanding academic, ethical and spiritual qualities and a clear understanding of their roles in building a better world.

## Mission

School of the Nations educates students to be world citizens based on standards of academic, bilingual and ethical excellence to develop their capacities to know, love and serve humankind.

## Values

The School is Bahá'í-inspired and cultivates in students the values of the oneness of God, of humankind and of religion; unity in diversity; the elimination of all forms of prejudice; equality of men and women; the essential nobility of man; independent investigation of truth; and service to humankind as the primary purpose of life.

## Description

School of the Nations is a private, not-for-profit, coeducational, international day school offering a dual-language (English & Portuguese) educational program from Nursery through Grade 12. We nurture a transformational learning culture that supports students in becoming conscientious, compassionate, and capable world citizens. The School has two campuses—the Early Childhood Campus for Nursery through Grade 1 and the Main Campus for Grades 2–12.

## Faculty

The School employs seventy-nine teachers, two of whom hold a PhD, thirty-five a Master's, nineteen a postgraduate, and the remaining twenty-three a Bachelor's. Eighteen teachers (22.8 percent) are foreign nationals.

## School Calendar

The school year consists of 200 school days and is divided into two semesters—the first, from August to December, and the second, from January to June. The school day begins at 7:45 a.m. for Grades 6 through 12, 8:00 a.m. for Grades 2 through 5, and 8:10 a.m. for Early Childhood. School ends at 3:00 p.m. for Grades 2 through 5 and at 3:10 p.m. for Early Childhood and Grades 6 through 12.

## Organization

Founded in 1980 by four Bahá'í educators, the School is governed by the School Board and consists of four sections: Early Childhood (Nursery–Kindergarten) Elementary (Grades 1–5) Middle School (Grades 6–8) and High School (Grades 9–12).

## Accreditation

School of the Nations is accredited internationally by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and nationally by the Secretary of Education of the Federal District.

## Moral Education & Community Service

Our moral education program focuses on fostering students' understanding of the role they play in constructing a peaceful, just, and sustainable civilization. All students engage in developing the moral capacities they need to secure personal and social change. Community service is at the heart of our program and serves as a concrete expression of putting ideals into action.

## Extra-Curricular Activities

After-School activities include aerial skills & circus arts, ballet, basketball, *capoeira*, ceramics studio, cheerleading, chess, coding for game development, creative art lab, criart, drama, dance lab, early years gymnastics, French, game development, games & sports, gymnastics, Internet of Things (IoT Maker), judo, karate, keyboard band, Le Parkour, MusiArt, rhythmic gymnastics, robotics & programming, soccer, ukulele, and volleyball.

## Enrollment

Approximately 670 students representing 23 nations, including Brazil, are enrolled.



## Advanced Placement Exams

In 2023, 90 students took 185 AP Exams in the following twenty-four subjects, with 82.22 percent of AP students receiving scores of 3 or higher.

2-D Art and Design	Comp Science Principles	Physics 2
Biology	Eng Language & Comp	Physics C: Mechanics
Calculus AB	English Lit & Comp	Research
Calculus BC	Environmental Science	Seminar
Calculus BC: AB Subscore	Human Geography	Spanish Language & Culture
Chemistry	Macroeconomics	Spanish Literature & Culture
Comp Gov and Politics	Microeconomics	Statistics
Computer Science A	Physics 1	World History: Modern

## AP Awards, Diplomas & Certificates

In 2023, 34 students earned 49 Advanced Placement Awards. (As of August 15, 2023).

Award	Number of AP Students Receiving Awards
AP Scholar with Distinction	12
AP Scholar with Honor	5
AP Scholar	16
AP Capstone Diploma	6
AP International Diploma	5
AP Seminar & Research Certificate	5
Total	49

## Curriculum

The School's college-preparatory program emphasizes the development of academic proficiency in English and Portuguese. Students may earn both the US and Brazilian High School diplomas upon meeting the requirements for each.

## Assessing Student Work

Following best practices of standards-based grading, grades represent the level of mastery achieved by a student in relation to well-defined academic standards. Students demonstrate their learning by completing a combination of ungraded and graded assignments designed around benchmarks.

## University Acceptance 2019–2023

**Brazil:** Centro Universitário IESB, Escola Superior de Publicidade e Marketing, Faculdade Casper Libero, Fundação Armando Alvares Penteado, Fundação Getúlio Vargas, Instituto Brasileiro de Direito Público, IESB, INSPER, Mackenzie, Pontifícia Universidade Católica, Universidade Católica Brasília, Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo, UNAERP, UNICEPLAC, UniCEUB, UNIEURO, UNIFENAS, Universidade Anhembi Morumbi, Universidade Católica de Brasília, Universidade de Brasília, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Universidade Santo Amaro de Medicina, USP **United States:** Academy of Art Univ, Arizona State Univ, Art Academy of Cincinnati, Baylor Univ, Belmont Univ, Berklee College of Music, Berkeley Univ, Boston Univ, Brandeis Univ, Brown Univ, Bryant Univ, California State Univ-Northridge, Case Western Univ, Christopher Newport Univ, Clark Univ, College of Wooster, Colorado State, Columbia College Chicago, DePaul Univ, Drexel Univ, Elon Univ, Fashion Institute of Technology, Florida Atlantic Univ, Florida International Univ, Florida Southern College, Florida Tech Univ, Hofstra Univ, Hult International Business School, Indiana Univ Bloomington, Indiana Univ-Purdue Indianapolis, Ithaca College, LIM College-Maxwell Hall, Los Angeles College of Music, Loyola Marymount Univ, Lynn Univ, Michigan State, Minerva Schools at KGI, Missouri Univ of Science and Technology, Musicians Institute: College of Contemporary Music, Ohio Univ, Oklahoma Univ, Pace Univ, Penn State, Pratt Institute, Rhode Island School of Design, Savannah College of Art & Design, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, School of Visual Arts, Siena College, Southern Baptist Univ, Stevens Institute of Technology, Stonehill College, Suffolk University, Syracuse Univ, Temple Univ, Texas Tech, The New School, UC Davis, Univ of Arizona, Univ of Denver, Univ of Hartford, Univ of Indiana-Bloomington, Univ of Iowa, Univ of Kentucky, Univ of Maine, University of Massachusetts, Univ of Michigan-Flint, Univ of Nebraska, Univ of San Francisco, Univ of Tampa, Valencia College, Virginia Tech, Wagner College, Washington State, Wentworth Institute of Technology **Australia:** Bond Univ, Curtin Univ, Griffith Univ, Monash Univ, Univ of Melbourne, Univ of Queensland, Univ of Tasmania **Canada:** Acadia Univ, Concordia Univ, Emily Carr Univ of Art + Design, McMaster Univ, OCAD Univ, Ontario Tech Univ, Ryerson Univ, Toronto Metropolitan Univ, Trent Univ, Trent Univ, Univ of Alberta, Univ of British Columbia, Univ of Calgary, Univ of Carleton, Univ of Guelph, Univ of Lethbridge, Univ of Manitoba, Univ of Ottawa, Univ of Prince Edward Island, Univ of Toronto, Univ of York, Vancouver Island University **Europe:** Aeres Univ, Bard Univ, Bellerbys College, Breda Univ, Cardiff Univ, Catholic Univ of Milan, Durham Univ, Erasmus Univ Rotterdam, ESMOD, EU Business School, Hanze Univ of Applied Sciences, IE Univ, Instituto Europeo di Design, John Cabbot, King's College London, Lancaster Univ, Leiden Univ, London College of Fashion, London Metropolitan Univ, Loughborough Univ, Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti, Paris School of Art, Sciences Po, Teesside Univ, Tilburg Univ, Univ of Coimbra, Univ College Dublin, Univ of Amsterdam, Univ of Bath, Univ of Birmingham, Univ of Bristol, Univ of Greenwich, Univ of Groningen, Univ of Pecs, Univ of Sirling, Scotland, Univ of Surrey, Univ of theArts London, Univ of Twente, Van Hall Larenstein Univ of Applied Sciences, Vesalius Univ, Vrije Universiteit, York St. John Univ **New Zealand:** Univ of Canterbury International College, Univ of Otago, Univ of Wakato, Victoria Univ of Wellington

## Graduation Requirements

All students must earn a minimum of twenty-four credits in 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade to be eligible for the American High School diploma.

Subject	Number of Credits
English Language and Literature	4
Foreign Language and Literature	4
Mathematics	4
Science	3
Social Science	3
Physical Education	2
Fine Arts	2
Electives	2

## SAT

Eight students in the Class of 2023 took the SAT, four of whom scored in the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile or above. The highest score of Nations' students on the SAT for the 2022-23 school year was in the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile.

Percentile Range	Class of 2021 % & (Number of Students)	Class of 2022 % & (Number of Students)	Class of 2023 % & (Number of Students)
90 <sup>th</sup> percentile +	58.3% (7)	29.4% (5)	12.5% (1)
80 <sup>th</sup> percentile +	66.7% (8)	29.4% (5)	50.0% (4)
70 <sup>th</sup> percentile +	83.3% (10)	29.4% (5)	50.0% (4)
60 <sup>th</sup> percentile +	91.7% (11)	41.2% (7)	50.0% (4)
50 <sup>th</sup> percentile +	100% (12)	58.8% (10)	50.0% (4)

## Grading Scale

Teachers assess students using a grading scale that gives actionable feedback on specific criteria, including depth of understanding, level of sophistication of work completed, and level of autonomy. School of the Nations does not calculate GPA or rank students. It works directly with colleges everywhere ensuring they fully understand our pedagogy of assessment.

Grade	Description	Grade	Description
AE	Achieves Excellence	MS	Meets Standard
HP	Highly Proficient	ID	In Development
PR	Strongly Proficient	NI	Needs Improvement
SP	Solidly Proficient	NW	No Work