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School Profile 2010 -2011

MISSION: To provide a holistic education that inspires students to become outstanding citizens and committed leaders who will serve society and their country.

SCHOOL INFORMATION: Founded in 1982, Colegio Los Nogales, a bilingual Colombian private, non-profit, coeducational day school provides students, pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade, with the fundamental knowledge, skills, values, and processes essential for lifelong learning. The school promotes the development of the intellectual, emotional, physical, moral, aesthetic, and spiritual dimensions. In the process, students attend religious instruction, especially in the Catholic faith since most of our community is Catholic. Colegio Los Nogales' primary goal is to help prepare students to become Colombia's future leaders. The school is accredited by the Council of International Schools, CIS, by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, NEASC and the Colombian Ministry of Education. Colegio Los Nogales accepts approximately 42% of all applicants. The average class size is 24 in elementary and middle school, and 18 in high school. The faculty/student ratio is 1:9.

STUDENT BODY: Currently there are 960 students enrolled in the school: 455 in secondary, 285 in elementary, and 220 in pre-school. This year's senior class has 56 students. The school celebrated the graduation of its first senior class in June 1992. Students are mostly Colombians who come from families that value a rigorous bilingual education for their children. The school has been working hard in the last years to diversify its student body, especially in regards to nationality; our objective is to attract students who value an educational experience in a Colombian school with an international curriculum.

CURRICULUM: Elementary and Middle School curricula run in a bimester system and are taught in English and Spanish. English, Math, Science, and some Social Studies courses are taught in English, while other Social Studies and Spanish courses are taught in Spanish. In Colegio Los Nogales the High School (Grades 10 -12) runs in a semester system and meets rigorous requirements. Most math and science classes are taught in English, while some social studies and Latin American and Spanish literature classes are taught in Spanish. The school offers Advanced Placement (AP) courses in AP Physics C, AP Calculus AB, AP Statistics, AP Computer Science A, AP Biology, AP Spanish Literature, AP World History, AP English Literature and Composition, AP English Language and Composition and AP Studio Art. The school highly encourages students to take at least 3 AP classes. Scheduling availability can also be a factor in course selection. All graduates attend 4-year university level institutions, either in Colombia or abroad.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: The following requirements are to be met in the last three years of school, 10th, 11th and 12th (a credit corresponds to a course).

Fine Arts	4 credits	Spanish	6 credits
Performing Arts	2 credits	Philosophy	1 credit
Science	5 credits	Social Studies / Philosophy Elective	2 credits
Science Elective	1 credit	French	6 credits
Computer Science	1 credit	English	6 credits
Health (CAV), Ethics and Community Service	4 credits	Mathematics	6 credits
Physical Education and Sports	6 credits	Religion and Catechism	2 credits*
Leadership Activities (grade 12)	2 credits	Social Studies	4 credits

* Parents may ask to be included in the corresponding class according to the faith they profess.

FACULTY: All 119 faculty members hold university degrees in education and/or their field of specialty. 46% hold a masters degree. The teaching staff is mainly Colombian. This year the school has fourteen native English-speaking teachers, the majority of whom the school has recruited from North American universities. Colegio Los Nogales through its Professional Development Department promotes the continuing education of faculty, administrators, and staff.



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM: Every junior and senior participates in the school’s community service program for a total of 80 hours in activities such as the Best Buddies program, teaching students from the Alianza Educativa schools or the School Mediation program. The Alianza Educativa is a group of public schools that Colegio Los Nogales administrates, through the “Concesión” system, which is similar to the charter school system in the USA. Students who participate in the School Mediation program take a course in School Conflict Management and Resolution to carry out their job as mediators.

STUDENT SUPPORT: Support for students who are not performing satisfactorily in the academic areas is provided at all levels. This support is designed to ensure that all students can achieve school expectations. Faculty trained to meet the special needs of students provide extra help sessions before and after school.

MATH AND PHYSICS OLYMPIADS: Our students participate in National and Regional Math, Physics and Science Olympiads every year. Students are encouraged to participate and we have a significant participation of students from grades 7 - 12.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS: The school promotes the Model United Nations from 6th grade up to 12th grade with the participation of other schools. Each year Colegio Los Nogales hosts a Model United Nations. Last year the school participated in 4 models and obtained 6 presidencies and 17 awards.

LEADERSHIP PROGRAM: The school’s goal is to form exemplary individuals, capable of leading in the service of society and committed to a better future for their country. As an institution, the school also strives to exercise its leadership in the educational realm. Students throughout their school life participate as House Captains, Student Council, Spokesperson, School Newspaper, Literary Magazine, Web Page, Second Hand Store, Yearbook, and Environmental Committee.

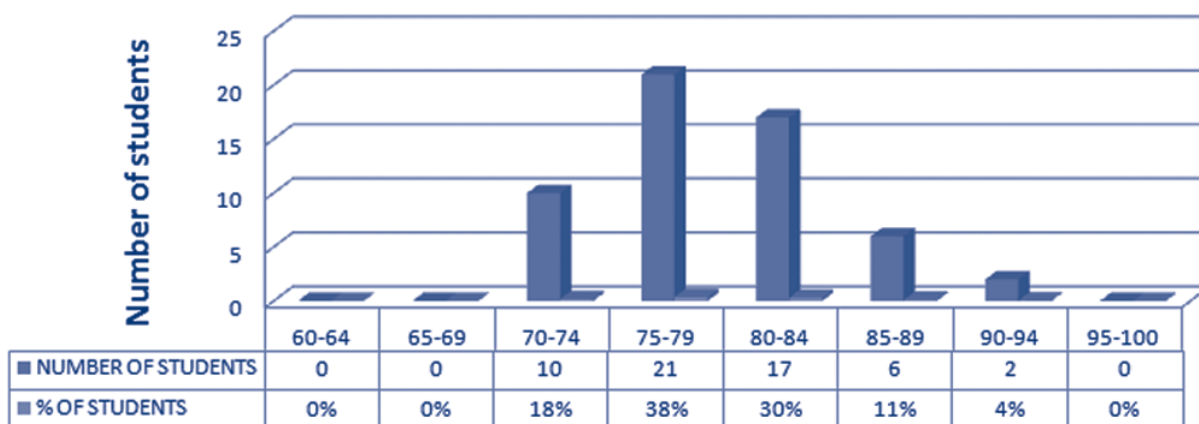
HOUSES: Students are grouped into three houses that bear the names of the school values. Eudikia stands for honesty, Politeia for responsibility, and Filia for respect. Each of them is led by two senior captains who have the profile of positive leaders and outstanding individuals. Competitions in sports, academics and ecological activities are enthusiastically organized by the House Captains each year.

SPORTS: Colegio Los Nogales students are required to complete 6 credits in Physical Education and Sports (6 semesters in the sophomore, junior and senior years). Students also participate in team sports at the varsity and intramural levels (soccer, volleyball, basketball and hockey). The school has excellent sports facilities, which include basketball and volleyball courts, a hockey rink, two soccer fields, and several outdoor playing fields. Students participate in other intramural and varsity athletics such as: high jump, long jump, shot put, javelin, disc, 100 meters, 200 meters, 400 meters cross country, 2000 meters cross, 4 x 100 relay, olympic gymnastics, dance, chess and ping pong.

FINE ARTS: The Arts Center was inaugurated last school year. This new school facility has art and music rooms, rooms for choir and dance as well as recording rooms. The center has a small auditorium and an exhibition room.

GRADING: Colegio Los Nogales is considered one of the top private schools in Colombia, as such it functions in full compliance with the regulations imposed by the Colombian Ministry of Education. Colegio Los Nogales uses an unweighted rigorous grading system. The school does not rank based on the student’s GPA (Grade Point Average) because our student’s classes are small, and our grades are distributed in a narrow range. The school prefers to show the class profile through the information provided by a grade distribution table.

Grade Distribution of the Senior Class of 2011 through six semesters



Letter grades are required for all courses. Our grading system comprises five grades with equivalent numerical and USA letter equivalents as follows:

Letter Grade		Numerical Equivalent	Letter Grade Equivalent
AH	High Honors	100-90	A +
H	Honors	89-80	A
S	Satisfactory	79-70	B
A (M)	Acceptable	69-60	C
I	Insufficient	<59 (fail)	F

Courses Offered: (10-12)

SCIENCE:

- General Physics
- Advanced Physics
- General Chemistry
- Advanced Chemistry
- General Biology
- Environmental Science
- AP Physics C: Mechanics
- AP Biology

MATH:

- Functions and Statistics
- Functions, Trigonometry and Probability
- Pre-Calculus and Discrete Mathematics
- Differential Calculus
- Geometry
- Statistics
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Statistics

SOCIAL STUDIES:

- XIXth and XXth Century Colombian History
- World Current Events
- Colombian Current Events
- Economics
- AP World History (Foundations, Modern and Contemporary)

SPANISH:

- Colombian Literature
- Literature: From the Middle Ages to the Golden Century
- Modern Literature
- Contemporary Literature
- Cinematographic Appreciation

- XXth Century Latin American Literature
- AP Spanish Literature

ENGLISH:

- Introduction to Literature
- Composition and Speech I
- Composition and Speech II
- British Literature
- United States Literature
- Introduction to World Mythology
- Creative Writing
- AP English Literature and Composition
- AP English Language and Composition

FRENCH:

- French I
- French II
- French III
- French IV
- French V
- French VI

PHILOSOPHY:

- Philosophy I
- Philosophy II

ARTS:

- Bidimensional Expression Workshop
- Sculpture Workshop
- Contemporary Painting Workshop
- Photography Workshop
- Digital Graphic Design Workshop
- History of Art and Music

- Basic Industrial Design Workshop
- Advanced Sculpture Workshop
- Advanced Photography Workshop
- Studio Art
- AP Studio Art

MUSIC:

- History of Art and Music
- Instrumental Ensemble
- Wind instruments
- String Orchestra
- Drama - Vocla Music
- Modern Dance

COMPUTER SCIENCE:

- Introduction to Programming - Visual Basic
- Introduction to Programming - Java
- AP Computer Science A

VALUES EDUCATION:

- Contemporary Religious Phenomena
- Christian Morality
- Ethics
- Contemporary Ethical Problems
- Health
- Social Service

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND

SPORTS:

- Physical Education
- Girls and Boys Basketball
- Girls and Boys Soccer
- Girls and Boys Volleyball
- Coed Hockey
- Coed Gymnastics
- Yoga

Testing Information

All seniors take the ICFCES, which is the required Colombian national examination. In the recent past the school has been consistently ranked among the top schools in the nation.

All students who enroll in AP Courses are required to sit for the exam.

Seniors are required to take the Delf B/1 (French Proficiency) too.

SAT REASONING MEAN SCORES FOR THE CLASSES OF 2009 AND 2010

Class	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
2009	620	705	620
2010	623	665	632

SAT scores represent the students who applied to US and Canadian universities.

College Summary

Nogales' graduates have been admitted to the following universities in the last 4 years:

IN COLOMBIA

CESA

Universidad de la Sabana

Universidad de Los Andes

Universidad Javeriana

Universidad Jorge Tadeo Lozano

ABROAD

United States

American University

Amherst College

Bard University

Boston University

Brandeis University

Brown University

Earlham College

Emerson College

Georgia Institute of Technology

Lesley College

New York University

Northeastern University

Penn State University

Purdue University

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Swarthmore University

Suffolk University

University of California, Berkeley

University of Maryland

University of the Pacific

Wesleyan University

Canada

University of British Columbia- Canada

Concordia University

Central and South America

Universidad de Palermo, Argentina

Europe

Bocconi, Italy

Elisava, Escuela Superior de Diseño, Spain

Bold type indicates matriculation by the class of 2010.