



COLEGIO KARL C. PARRISH

"A tradition of excellence"

CEEB Code 925140

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Barranquilla, Colombia
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SCHOOL PROFILE 2026-2027

Our Mission

"Inspiring learners to Be, Think, and Lead in a joyful, bilingual community."

Our Purpose

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.

General Overview

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 2026-2027

9th Grade	- English 9 - Honors English 9 - Math 9 - Honors Math 9	- Biology 9 - Honors Biology 9 - Spanish 9 - AP Spanish Language 9	- Sociales + VER 9 - Health and Fitness 9 - DTI 9 (Design, Technology & Innovation)
10th Grade	- English 10 - Honors English 10 - Math 10 - Honors Math 10	- Chemistry - Honors Chemistry 10 - Spanish - Honors Spanish Literature 10	- Sociales + VER 10 - World History - AP World History - Health & Fitness 10
11th Grade	- English 11 - AP Seminar 11 - Precalculus - AP Precalculus	- Physics - AP Physics I - Spanish - AP Spanish Literature 11	- US History - Filosofía
12th Grade	- English & Senior Seminar - AP Research - Calculus - AP Calculus	- Integrated Science 12 (2) - AP Physics C - Spanish 12 - Sociales & Economía	

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DEMOGRAPHICS



Grades 6-8:

145



Grades 9-12:

144



Senior Class:

43

TRANSCRIPTS

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

In the 2022-2023 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.

AP Class Offerings (20) & Electives (26) : (Grades 9th - 12th)

- HS Orchestra 9th–12th
- Drums and Percussion 9th–12th
- Rockband 9th–12th
- Performing Arts 9th–12th
- Creative Media & Interactive Design Studio 9th–10th
- Art and Design I 9th–10th
- Media and Sports Science 9th–10th
- Sports & Fitness 11th–12th
- HS Orchestra 11th–12th
- Drums and Percussion 11th–12th
- HS Guitar 11th–12th
- Tecnología Musical 11th–12th
- Roots and Rhythms 12th
- Sports & Fitness 12th
- Data Analysis and IT Tools 12th

- AP Human Geography 9th–10th
- AP Computer Science Principles 9th–10th
- AP Macroeconomics & Microeconomics 11th–12th*
- AP Psychology 11th–12th
- AP Statistics 11th–12th
- AP English Language & Composition 11th–12th
- AP Business and Personal Finance 11th–12th*
- AP Cybersecurity 11th–12th*
- AP 2D Art 11th–12th
- AP Biology 11th–12th
- AP 3D Art 12th*
- AP Business and Personal Finance 12th*

- **AP Spanish Language — 9th**
- **AP Computer Science Principles — 9th–10th**
- **AP Human Geography — 9th–10th**
- **AP World History — 10th**
- **AP Physics I — 11th**
- **AP Precalculus — 11th**
- **AP Seminar — 11th**
- **AP Microeconomics & AP Macroeconomics — 11th–12th***
- **AP English Lang & Comp — 11th**
- **AP 2D Art — 11th–12th**
- **AP Statistics — 11th–12th**

- **AP Psychology — 11th–12th**
- **AP Spanish Literature — 11th**
- **AP Business and Personal Finance — 11th–12th***
- **AP Cybersecurity — 11th–12th***
- **AP Calculus — 12th**
- **AP Research — 12th***
- **AP Physics C — 12th**
- **AP 3D Art and Design — 12th***

Classes marked with an asterisk (*) have been added for the 2026–2027 school year.
These courses were not available to current seniors in previous years

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
Numbers of Scholars	33	7	17
Average Score	3.14	3.67	4.08

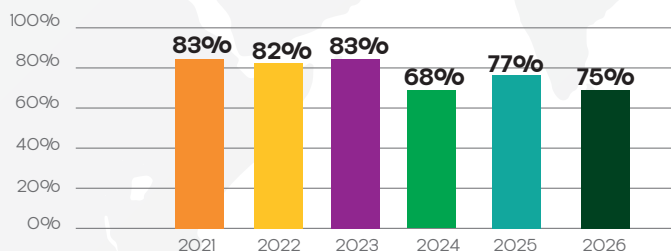
School Summary

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Total AP Students	29	56	76	114	110	113
Number of Exams	43	85	106	194	207	254
AP Students with Scores 3+	24	46	63	78	85	85
% of Total AP Students with Scores 3+	82.76	82.14	82.89	68.42	77.27	75.22

This graph reflects KCP's growing commitment to academic rigor and expanding access to Advanced Placement coursework. From 2021 to 2026, AP participation grew from 29 to 113 students, while the number of exams increased from 43 to 254. During the same period, the number of students earning scores of 3 or higher more than tripled, from 24 to 85. This growth also reflects students' increasing ability to make intentional academic choices by selecting AP courses aligned with their interests, strengths, and future goals, fostering greater ownership of their learning and academic engagement. For the Class of 2027, AP participation is expected to continue this upward trend, with 138 students currently registered and 381 AP exam enrollments.

KCP AP Scores 2026

77% of Total KCP AP Students with Scores 3+



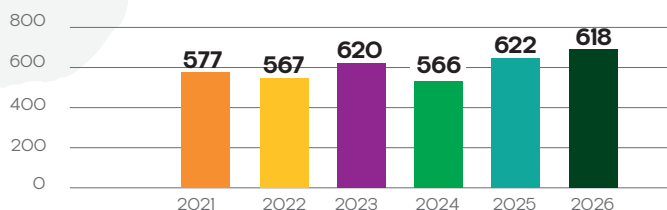
AP WEIGHT INFORMATION

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

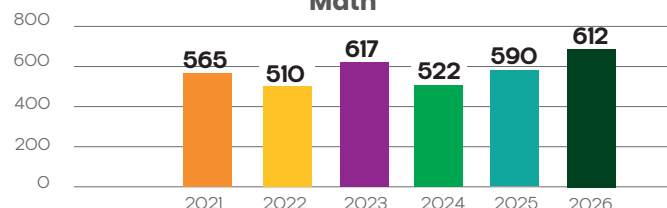
Code of Honor: KCP reviews and makes determinations whether any disciplinary issue in a student's file reaches the level for reporting to universities.

SAT

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.

Colleges / Universities Attended 2024-2026



US UNIVERSITIES

- Augustana College (1)
- Bentley University (2)
- Berklee College of Music (1)
- Boston College (1)
- Boston University (1)
- Delaware State University (1)
- Emerson College (1)
- Emory University (1)
- Florida International University (1)
- Full Sail University (1)
- George Washington University (1)
- Georgia Institute of Technology (2)
- Harvard University (3)
- Hult International Business School (3)
- Indiana University Bloomington (1)
- Loyola University Chicago (1)
- Miami Dade College (2)
- New York University (1)
- Northeastern University (2)
- Northwestern University (1)
- Pennsylvania State University (6)
- Purdue University (1)
- SCAD (2)
- Texas A&M University-College Station (2)
- Texas Christian University (1)
- The New School (2)
- Trinity University (1)
- Tulane University of Louisiana (1)
- University of Florida (1)
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (1)
- University of Notre Dame (6)



CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES

- McGill University (1)
- University of Guelph (1)



COLOMBIAN UNIVERSITIES

- CESA (16)
- Pontificia Universidad Javeriana (11)
- Universidad de los Andes (14)
- Universidad del Norte (16)



EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES

- CEU Cardenal Herrera (1) – Spain
- IE University (6) – Spain
- IED Barcelona – Instituto Europeo di Design (1) – Spain
- UDIT (1) – Spain
- Universidad de Navarra (6) – Spain
- Universidad Europea de Madrid (1) – Spain
- Universidad Francisco de Vitoria (1) – Spain
- Istituto Marangoni (1) – Italy
- NABA – Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti Milano (2) – Italy
- University of Southampton (1) – UK

KCP Graduates have a 100% College / University Acceptance Rate

Class of 2026: Enrollement DATA

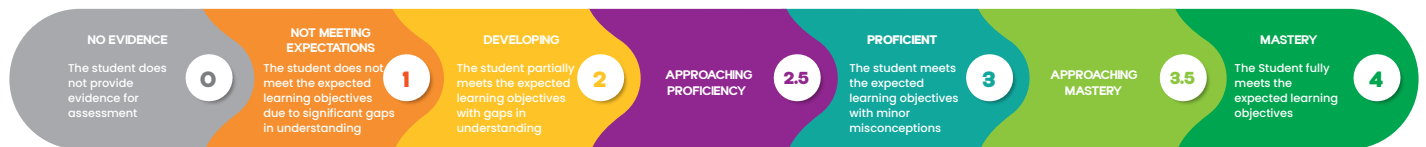
Higher Ed. Destination:

Colombia: **44%**
 United States: **46%**
 Spain: **4%**
 Italy: **2%**
 Canada: **2%**
 Soccer-Sports Academy: **2%**

Fields of Study:

Business **43%**
 STEM **12%**
 Social Science **13%**
 Health Professions **8%**
 Design **6%**
 Communication **10%**
 Arts & Music: **2%**
 Non Degree **2%**
 Undecided **4%**

Standards - Based Grading Scale



KCP SBG Scale

3.90 – 4.0
3.5 – 3.80
3.0 – 3.49
2.5 – 2.90
2.0 – 2.49
1.0 – 1.90
0

Traditional Grading Scale

A+
A-
B+
B-
C
D
F
NE

Numerical Grading Scale

97 – 100
94 – 96
89 – 93
83 – 88
75 – 82
65 – 74
51 – 68
Below 50



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