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School profile 2021

School history and community

APDE Solalto School is a private, nonprofit, bilingual, only boys, day school located in Guatemala City. Founded in 1997 the school has grown to over 350 students and graduated its first senior class in 2007. Our students are people of integrity who:

- Have received a well-rounded academic experience
- Have formed a Catholic identity and values
- Are ready to go out and serve their families, communities and society

Solalto is proud of its ability to provide an exceptionally rigorous academic program that is also inclusive to students with special learning needs.

Student enrollment and demographics

Students are almost exclusively Guatemalan nationals, with some guest students from other Latin American countries.

School enrollment	365 students
Class of 2020	29 seniors
College matriculation	100% attended 4-year colleges; approximately 17% matriculated abroad

High School Faculty

Solalto faculty has 47 members (94% are nationals and 6% are foreign). All faculty are certified teachers; 100% hold advanced degrees.

Student-teacher ratio: 8:1
Maximum class size: 16

Accreditation and Institutional Memberships

- Guatemalan Ministry of Education
- International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO)
- Centre for University of Cambridge International Examinations
- International ACAC / NACAC (as part of APDE Schools Guatemala)
- College Board

School Calendar

Solalto's school year begins in January and ends in mid-October. It consists of 180 school days organized into four quarters and it observes local Guatemalan holidays and schedules recesses in Easter, mid-June, and early autumn.



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Testing Restrictions on international students:

In recent years our students have had less access to SAT/SAT Subject and ACT tests because of fewer test dates abroad, fewer sites offering the test, technology difficulties and higher fees. We ask that all higher education institutions take this into account when evaluating our students' applications.



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► Graduation requirements and curriculum

- Students follow a common core, university preparatory bilingual curriculum as mandated by the Guatemalan Ministry of Education.
- 9th & 10th Grades students take an average of 13 courses per year.
- 11th & 12th Grades students complete the two-year International- Baccalaureate Programme in addition to local requirements.
- Each full-year academic course passed earns 1 credit. IB courses in grades 11th & 12th are weighted with an additional 0.5 credit.
- Spanish is the main language of instruction, 82% of the academic courses are taught in Spanish.

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Spanish A	Spanish A	IB Spanish A HL (SPA)	IB Spanish A HL (SPA)
English B	English B	IB English B HL	IB English B HL
Information Technology	Information Technology	IB ITGS SL	IB ITGS HL
Social Sciences	Social Sciences	IB Business SL (SPA)(Elective)	IB Business SL (SPA)
Biology	Biology	IB Math Applications and Interpretation HL (SPA)	IB Math Studies SL (SPA)
Math	Math	IB Biology SL (SPA) (Elective)	IB Environmental Sys-
Productivity	Productivity	IB Physical SL (SPA) (Elective)	IB Biology SL (SPA)
Arts		IB Chemistry SL (SPA) (Elective)	IB Physical SL (SPA)
Music	Arts	IB TOK (SPA)	IB TOK (SPA)
Physical Education	Music	IB Extended Essay (SPA)	IB Extended Essay (SPA)
Religion	Physical Education	IB CAS (SPA)	IB CAS (SPA)
	Religion	Physical Education	Chemistry
	Physics	Philosophy	Religion
	Philosophy	Psychology	Arts
		Statistics	Graduation Seminar
		Religion	Statistics

Students in Solalto may select from the following paths to graduation:

- Guatemalan Ministry of Education Diploma with IB Bilingual Diploma
- Guatemalan Ministry of Education Diploma with or without IB certificates



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▶ Class Rank, Grading, GPA

- Solalto does not rank students.
- All courses are included in the GPA (unweighted). We do not incorporate transfer grades in GPA.
- Students receive numeric grades on a 100 point scale. IB examinations scores ranges 1-7
- El Roble passing grade is 60.

	2020
Highest GPA	92
Lowest GPA	70
Mean	80

GPA Ranges	Students
91-100	8
81-90	12
71-80	9
60-70	0

	EXCELLENT/ HIGH HONORS	ABOVE AVERAGE / HONORS	AVERAGE/ GOOD	BELOW AVERAGE / SATISFACTORY	FAILURE
100% scale	91-100	81-90	71-80	60-70	59 or below
Literal	A	B	C	D	F
IB score	7-6	5	4	3	1-2
GPA	3.5 - 4	2.5 - 3.4	1.5 - 2.4	0.7 - 1.4	0.0

▶ Academic Achievement

Class of 2020 Grade Distribution by Course (year-end 2020)

Subject	90-100	80-89	70-79	60-69	# Students
	A	B	C	D	
IB Spanish A HL (SPA)	5	12	7	5	29
IB English B HL	7	14	8		29
IB ITGS HL	6	15	5	3	29
IB Business SL (SPA) (Elective)	3	9	2		29
IB Math Studies SL (SPA)	7	10	8	4	29
IB Environmental Systems SL	11	12	6		29
IB Biology SL (SPA) (Elective)	3	4	1		8
IB Physical SL (SPA) (Elective)	3	4			7
IB TOK (SPA)	11	13	5		29
IB Extended Essay (SPA)	14	9	6		29
IB CAS (SPA)	26	3			29
Chemistry	16	11	2		29
Religion	12	17			29
Arts	13	12	4		29
Graduation Seminar	16	13			29
Statistics	14	12	3		29





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IB Diploma Data

	2018	2019	2020
Diploma candidates	17	21	22
Diplomas obtained	8	20	22
Average score	26	30	28
Average grade obtained	4.3	4.9	4.5

IB Diploma Candidates

Total class size:	29
Sitting full IB exams:	14
Sitting IB certificates:	8

2020 IB Diploma Results by Subject

Course	Candidates	Average grade	World average grade
IB Spanish A HL	14	4.29	4.60
IB English B HL	14	5.74	5.23
IB Business Management SL	7	4.14	4.39
IB ESS SL	14	4.00	4.05
IB ITGS HL	14	4.07	4.21
IB Physical SL	4	3.25	3.89
IB Biology SL	8	4.50	3.88
IB Math Studies SL	14	3.80	3.88

University and College Matriculations

To this date, Solalto has graduated 280 students, 21% attending international universities. The following is a list of some of the universities where Solalto graduates have matriculated, internationally.

Name of university	Country
EARTH University	Costa Rica
Tecnológico de Monterrey	Mexico
Universidad de Navarra	Spain
Universidad de Salamanca	Spain
Rice University	USA
University of Dallas	USA
University of San Diego	USA
Columbia University	USA
University of Central Florida	USA
Carroll College	USA
St. Mary's College	USA
Universidad San Pablo	Spain
Georgetown University	USA
University of Toronto	Canada

