



**COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL  
COSTA RICA**  
A NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION SCHOOL

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## 2020-2021

### *School and Community*

Country Day School, founded in 1963, is a private, college-preparatory school enrolling 752 students in Preschool through Grade 12. There are approximately 205 students in the high school. Thirty percent of the students at Country Day School are United States citizens, thirty percent Costa Rican citizens, and forty percent citizens from all parts of the globe. Country Day School is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and the Costa Rican Ministry of Education. Both the U.S. High School and the Costa Rican Baccalaureate programs are offered and diplomas are awarded for each. Students in the high school pursue a U.S. - based curriculum. The language of instruction is English, and the average class size is 20.

### *Academic Program and Profile*

#### *Grading Scale*

93-100=4.00 90-92=3.67 87-89=3.33 83-86=3.00 80-82=2.67 77-79=2.33 73-76=2.00 70-72=1.67 67-69=1.33 63-66=1.00  
60-62=0.67 <60=0.00 An additional point (1.0) is computed for AP courses and 0.5 for honors courses.

#### *GPA and Rank*

GPA is calculated over a three-year period of grades 10-12. Only approved courses taken at Country Day School are calculated into the GPA. All online courses attached to the transcripts are from fully accredited providers. Due to the small number of students in the class and the multicultural and varied scholastic backgrounds of our population, we do not rank our students.

#### *AP and Honors Courses*

Country Day School offers the following AP courses: Art, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Capstone, Chemistry, Comparative Government, Computer Science, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Psychology, Physics Part I, Seminar, Statistics, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, US History and World History. In addition, Country Day School offers the following honors courses: Algebra II, Pre-calculus, Linear Algebra and Abstract Algebra.

#### *Costa Rican Baccalaureate Program*

The Costa Rican Baccalaureate program (grade 12) is the Costa Rican Ministry of Education's secondary school credential. This program and diploma enable students to study at universities in Costa Rica.

#### *Extracurricular Activities*

Country Day School offers extracurricular activities such as band, choir, community service, Model UN, Student Council, and yearbook. Sports include soccer, volleyball, basketball, cross-country, swimming and tennis.

#### *National Honor Society*

Students with a cumulative high school average of 90% are candidates for National Honor Society. Students demonstrating scholarship, leadership, character and service are candidates for membership selection.

## Graduation Requirements/ Courses Offered

<b>ENGLISH</b> *required per yr.	<b>4 CREDITS</b>	English 9: Journeys, English 10: Culture and Identity, English 11: US Culture and Identity, English 12: Global Problems and Solutions, AP English Language and Composition, AP English Literature, AP Seminar, AP Capstone
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>	<b>3 CREDITS</b>	World History I-II, Costa Rica Social Studies, U.S. History, Economics, AP Economics, AP World History, AP Comparative Government, AP US History, Baccalaureate Social Studies 12, AP Psychology
<b>MATHEMATICS</b> *required per yr.	<b>4 CREDITS</b>	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Honors Algebra II, Honors Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics, Honors Linear Algebra, Abstract Algebra, Baccalaureate Math, Applied Math
<b>SCIENCE</b> *required per yr.	<b>4 CREDITS</b>	Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Environmental Science, AP Environmental Science, AP Biology, AP Physics Part I, AP Chemistry
<b>LANGUAGES</b> *required per yr.	<b>3 CREDITS</b>	Spanish Beg., Spanish Int., Spanish Adv., Spanish 9, Spanish 10, Spanish 11, Baccalaureate Spanish 12, AP Spanish Language, AP Spanish Literature
<b>FINE ARTS</b> *required per yr.	<b>2 CREDITS</b>	Pre-AP Studio Art, AP Studio Art, High School Art, PE 9, Music 9, Choir, Wind Ensemble, String Orchestra
<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>.5 CREDIT</b>	Robotics and Engineering, Technology and Design, AP Computer Science
<b>CORE ELECTIVES</b>	<b>3.5 CREDITS</b>	Three and one half additional credits required
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24 CREDITS</b>	

## School Statistics

<i>Graduating Class &amp; Sat Scores</i>		<i>AP Program</i>	
<i>Class of 2019:</i> <b>48 GRADUATES</b> Costa Rican Bach: 26 # Students SAT: 37 Average SAT Scores: Critical Reading – 661 Math – 689	<i>Class of 2020:</i> <b>45 GRADUATES</b> Costa Rican Bach: 36 # Students SAT: 32 Average SAT Scores: Critical Reading – 601 Math – 597	<i>May 2019:</i> Score of 5 - 29% Score of 4 - 30% Score of 3 - 18% Score of 2 - 17% Score of 1 - 7% Total # Exams - 274	<i>May 2020:</i> Score of 5 - 32% Score of 4 - 26% Score of 3 - 23% Score of 2 - 12% Score of 1 - 7% Total # Exams - 284

## Universities and Colleges where CDS Students Enrolled 2015-2020

American University of Paris  
Babson College  
Baldwin Wallace University  
Baylor University  
Bentley University  
Bocconi University  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Brown University  
Cal Tech. University  
Carl Benz School of Engineering  
Carleton University  
Colorado College  
Columbia University  
Cornell University  
Dalhousie University  
Dartmouth College  
Duke University  
ESCADE Business School (Spain)  
Ecole Hôtelière de Glion (Switz.)  
Emmanuel College  
Emerson College  
Emory University  
FIDM  
Florida Institute of Technology

Georgia Tech. University  
Georgetown University  
Goucher College  
Harvard College  
Haverford College  
Houston Baptist University  
Johns Hopkins University  
Lynn University  
Loyola University  
McGill University  
Michigan State University  
Memorial University of Newfoundland  
New York Film Academy  
New York University  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern University  
Penn State University  
Pompeu Fabre University  
Princeton University  
Purdue University  
Radford University  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Rollins College

Sarah Lawrence College  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
Suffolk University  
Swarthmore College  
Syracuse University  
Texas A&M University  
Texas Tech University  
Trent University  
Trinity University  
Tulane University  
University of Aberystwyth (England)  
University of Boulder  
University of British Columbia  
University of Calgary  
Universidad de Costa Rica  
U. of California- Berkeley  
U. of California- Davis  
U. of California- San Diego  
U. of Central Florida  
UCIMED  
U. of Chicago  
U. of Connecticut  
U. de la Sabana- Colombia

U. of Edinburgh (Scotland)  
U. of Florida  
U. of Indiana- Bloomington  
ULACIT  
U. of Loyola- Chicago  
U. of Miami  
U. of Michigan  
U. of Northern Colorado  
U. of Ottawa  
U. of Pennsylvania  
U. of Richmond  
U. of Southern California  
U. of Tampa  
U. of Texas- Austin  
U. of Toronto  
U. of Utrecht (The Netherlands)  
U. of Victoria  
U. of Virginia  
Villanova University  
Virginia Tech. University  
Walsh University  
Washington and Lee University  
Washington State University  
Yale University

### CLASS OF 2021

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic and quarantine in Costa Rica, Country Day School was required to change from on campus learning to distance learning in March 2020. We went from numeric grades to PASS/FAIL; as is reflected on the transcript for the second semester (2020) and for the final yearly grade. There were no changes to the students' courses.