



**Dorado Academy**

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## Welcome to Dorado Academy!!!

Thank you for your interest in Dorado Academy as an educational option for your child.

Dorado Academy is an independent, non-profit/nonsectarian, English language co-educational college preparatory school of the highest academic standards, established under the laws of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Our academic services extend from Pre-Kinder to 12th grade.

As a school, we have one purpose; to provide an exceptional education for every individual. Whatever our role in school –teaching or support staff– everyone has a contribution to make towards that purpose to provide a world-class educational experience.

We are committed to offering a well-balanced academic program, with an engaging curriculum that helps create a community of learners fully devoted to developing their skills and talents for college and career readiness in the 21st Century. Also ensuring that all children experience success, reach their full potential and have a lifetime of memories.

Beyond this attention to academic and personal achievement, we work to reinforce the enduring values of honesty, respect, compassion, integrity, and sportsmanship. It is our priority to protect the health, integrity and safeguard that every child who sets foot in Dorado Academy feels that they are part of a family within a learning community where everyone thrives.

Although most of our information is available here, visiting the school is a special way of learning more about Dorado Academy and will allow you to ask questions that are important to you.

We look forward to meeting you.

Warm regards,

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# Welcome!

Dorado Academy was founded in 1972 by a group of English-speaking neighbors of the Dorado del Mar community. It began as an elementary school, with thirty-three students from Kinder through 5th grade, as a response to the need for an English instruction private school in the town of Dorado and surrounding areas. Classes were initially conducted at the Dorado Beach Hotel premises. In 1973 the developers of Dorado del Mar granted the academy the use of the sales offices and the land around it for the development of the school.



Until 1980 the Dorado Academy was under the control of non-resident directors who developed a curriculum geared towards the needs of these English-speaking families, mostly officials of pharmaceutical companies. This began our long-time history with students who had an innate interest in STEM-related fields and established the collaboration and support from these companies with our school.



Shortly thereafter, a decrease in the number of English-speaking families moving into Dorado del Mar began to be evident, but at the same time, an increase of Spanish speaking families was adopting Dorado del Mar as their permanent primary residence and choosing Dorado Academy as their children's school. This positioned our academy as one of the top English language schools of the island.

Today our school facilities are located on 100 Madre Perla street in Dorado del Mar across from the golf course. Our education services now extend from Pre-Kinder to the 12th grade. In May of 1993, Dorado Academy celebrated the graduation of its first Senior Class, this being a very significant event, both in social and educational terms, since all students were accepted by universities in Puerto Rico and the United States. Since then every graduating class has had a 100% college acceptance rate.



# Developing well-rounded individuals

Our **mission** is that Dorado Academy will strive every day to maintain the highest educational standards, while fulfilling the following commitments:

**To its students:** Innovative education that will empower self-learning, promote resiliency and cater to individual academic interests, while preparing them for their lifelong pursuits.

**To its faculty:** Recognition as our most critical resource through competitive compensation and our full support in their continued development and certification.

**To its community:** Sponsor a family-first environment that will effectively interact with our neighbors through strong principles of participative citizenship.

Our **vision** is to be recognized as the premier English instruction institution in Puerto Rico, by continuously ensuring the highest quality of education through an integrated learning program focused on the creation of innovative leaders and upstanding citizens, well-prepared to meet the challenges of today's society.

## Clubs & Organizations

Organizations, like the Junior and National Honor Society, Student Council and club activities, help improve communication and team work skills, practice leadership, and understand the importance of collaborating ideas to develop a creative and innovative mindset.

## Arts

For us, it is important to have a strong Music, Arts and Theater program to stimulate our students as they share a common interest with their peers. All throughout their education at Dorado Academy, we provide a creative and imaginative environment, that will inspire them and develop self-confidence through performing.

## Athletics

For many years, our sports teams have been recognized as one of the top contenders within Puerto Rico's private schools. We're members of LAMPEI (Liga Atlética Mini de Escuelas Privadas Inc.), for 4th to 6th grades, and the PRHSAA (Puerto Rico High School Athletic Alliance), for 7th to 12th grades.

## University and College Acceptances

Arizona State University  
Baylor University  
Berkeley College  
Boston University  
Brigham Young University  
Bryant University  
California Institute of Technology (Cal-Tech)  
Carnegie-Mellon University  
Case Western Reserve University  
Clark University  
Colorado State University  
Columbia University  
Cornell University  
DePaul University  
Duquesne University  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
Emory University  
Escuela de Artes Plásticas y Diseño de P. R.  
Florida Gulf Coast University  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Florida International University  
Fordham University  
Georgetown University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Harvard University  
Indiana University  
Iowa State University  
John Hopkins University

Louisiana State University  
Loyola University Chicago  
Loyola University New Orleans  
Lynn University  
Manhattan College  
Marquette University  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)  
Mercy College  
New York University  
Northeastern University  
Nova Southeastern University  
Ohio State University  
Oklahoma State University  
Old Dominion University  
Pennsylvania State University (Penn State)  
Pontificia Universidad Católica de Puerto Rico  
Purdue University  
Regis College  
Richmond University, London  
Ringling College  
Rutgers University  
Saint John's University  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
Southeastern University  
Stanford University  
Stevenson University  
Syracuse University  
Texas A&M University

Universidad Ana G. Méndez  
Universidad de Puerto Rico (All campuses)  
Universidad del Sagrado Corazón  
Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico  
Universidad Politécnica de Puerto Rico  
University of Arizona  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of Central Florida  
University of Chicago  
University of Connecticut  
University of Florida  
University of Georgia Goldsmiths  
University of Illinois  
University of Iowa  
University of London  
University of Maryland  
University of Massachusetts  
University of Miami  
University of Michigan  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of South Florida  
University of South Florida  
University of Texas in Austin  
Villanova University



**WE PROVIDE...**

Excellent Facilities

**Science and Computer Labs**

Secure Environment

**Modern Indoor Basketball Court**

Remodeled Cafeteria

**Auditorium**

Elementary and  
Middle/High School Libraries

**Wi-Fi Access**





## PRE-SCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We start with early childhood social skill developments and an introduction to primary education. Kindergarteners have a graduation ceremony before they are promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

Students receive the following **curriculum** up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade: English, English Lab, Math, Science, Science Lab, Spanish or SSL, Social Studies, Physical Education, Computers, Art, Music and Theater.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

From grades 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>, students are given more independence, moving to different classrooms for different subjects.

Middle School's **basic subjects curriculum** consists of: English, Math, Science, Science Lab, Spanish or SSL, Social Studies, Health, Physical Education.

**Elective courses** available are: Computer Basics, Digital Literacy, Introduction to programming, Art, Dance, Music and Theater.

## HIGH SCHOOL

Added to the usual **basic courses** like English, Math, Science, Science Lab, Spanish or SSL, History, Health and Physical Education, students in High School are able to choose their electives.

Since grades become part of a student's official transcript at this moment, their choice of electives and AP Courses can enrich their preparation towards their College education. The **electives** are:

- Sociology
- Environmental Science
- Forensics
- Human Anatomy
- Marine Biology
- College Algebra
- Journalism Spanish
- Office Applications
- Word Processing Specialist
- Web Design and Development
- French I & 2
- Preparatory Music Ensemble
- Introduction to Acting
- Acting
- Introduction to Design
- Photography
- Advanced Drawing and Painting
- **AP COURSES:** Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, English Literature, Psychology, Spanish, Statistics
- **HIGH SCHOOL TEST PREP COURSES:** English, Math and Spanish
- **ON-LINE ELECTIVES:** Astronomy: Exploring the Universe; Biotechnology; Careers in Criminal justice; Concepts of Engineering and Technology; Fashion and Interior Design; Forensic Science; Game Design; Inside the Criminal Mind; Law and Order: Introduction to legal studies; Marketing; Sports Entertainment Marketing; and Veterinary: the care of animals

# GENERAL ADMISSIONS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW STUDENTS

- Application form and \$250.00 application fee
- Picture 2x2"
- Immunization (P-VAC-3) green form
- Physical and eye examination reports
- Original birth certificate
- Social Security card copy
- Psychometric evaluation:
  - Beery-Buktenica Developmental Test of Visual-Motor Integration (BEERY VMI 6<sup>TH</sup> EDITION, WISC\_IV, WISC-R-PR, or WPPSI).
  - All observations and recommendations should be included in the report.
- Screening or exams:
  - Pre-School screening (Pre-kinder and Kindergarten)
  - Entrance exam (1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades)
- Official transcript from previous school
  - Student must have a G.P.A. of 2.50 or more.
- Letters of conduct and recommendation from previous school
- Payment history certification from previous school
- Interview (1-12 grades)
- Mandatory drug tests consent form (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades)

### Special notes:

- For Pre-kinder admission, the student must be 4 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Dorado Academy will supply a list of books and uniforms. Uniforms are available for purchase at Uniform Authority and books will be sold at Librería Educativa.
- School hours are from 7:40 a.m. to 2:50 p.m. Our After School Program is available until 6:00 p.m. pick-up time.
- Office hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Breakfast, snack and lunch may be purchased at the cafeteria or brought from home.
- All students enrolling at Dorado Academy and entering grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, are required to participate in our mandatory drug testing program.

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