



Dorado Academy

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“An Advanced Learning Community”

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 on our website (doradoacademy.org), 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 neighbors of the Dorado del Mar community that needed a school curriculum geared towards the needs of English-speaking families in the area.

Many of these families were closely linked to the pharmaceutical companies established in the Dorado area and therefore a relationship of collaboration and support was formed with our school. This is the foundation of our long history of students who had an innate interest in STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) related fields.

Shortly thereafter, an increase of Spanish speaking families were adopting Dorado as their primary residence and choosing Dorado Academy as their children's school. This positioned our academy as one of the top English instruction schools of the island.

At Dorado Academy, students have the opportunity to begin school in Pre-Kinder and remain until the 12th grade. As educators, it gives us the opportunity to nurture the growth of each child from pre-school through secondary school. We take this task seriously and we are aware of the awesome responsibility of preparing our students for their future roles in life.



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.

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.

Clubs

- Eco-logical Club
- Math Club
- Poetry Out Loud
- Art Club
- Music Club
- Love for the Satos Club
- Math Team
- United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund Club (UNICEF)

Organizations

- National Honor Society
- National Junior Honor Society
- National Student Council
- Model United Nations
- Forensics League
- Liga de Oratoria en Español de Puerto Rico
- Rotary International (Interact Club)
- Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE)

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.

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 2022-2024

American University
 American University - Dubai
 Auburn University
 Babson College
 Barry University
 Bentley University
 Boston University
 Bradley University
 Brigham Young University
 Bryant University
 Carnegie Mellon University
 Case Western University
 Century College
 Clark University
 Colorado State University
 Cornell University
 Culinary Institute of America
 Dartmouth College
 Dayton University
 DePaul University
 Drexel University
 Eckerd College
 Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
 Emerson College
 Emory University
 Escuela de Artes Plásticas de Puerto Rico

Escuela Técnica de Electricidad
 Farleigh Dickinson University
 Florida Institute of Technology
 Florida International University
 Florida Southern College
 Fordham University
 Gannon University
 George Mason University
 George Washington University
 Georgetown University
 Georgia Institute of Technology
 Indiana University - Bloomington
 Jacksonville University
 Johns Hopkins University
 Johnson and Wales University - Providence
 Louisiana State University
 Loyola University - Chicago
 Loyola University - Maryland
 Loyola University - New Orleans
 Lynn University

Marquette University
 Massachusetts College of Art and Design
 New York University
 North Carolina State University
 Northeastern University
 Northwestern University
 Nova Southeastern University
 Ohio State University
 Penn State University
 Purdue University
 Regis College
 Rhode Island College
 Ringling College
 Rollins College
 Saint Joseph's University
 Saint Leo University
 Santa Fe College
 Savannah College of Art and Design
 Springfield College
 St. Louis University
 Stetson University
 SUNY - Cortland
 Syracuse University
 Tulane University

UMASS - Boston
 Universidad de Sagrado Corazón
 Universidad Interamericana - Bayamón
 Universidad Interamericana - Metro
 Universidad Politécnica de Puerto Rico
 Universidad Sagrado Corazón, PR
 University of California - Santa Cruz
 University of Central Florida
 University of Connecticut
 University of Georgia
 University of Hawaii - Manoa
 University of Illinois - Chicago
 University of Massachusetts Amherst
 University of Miami
 University of Michigan
 University of Minnesota
 University of New Haven
 University of North Florida
 University of Oregon
 University of Pennsylvania

University of Pittsburgh
 University of Puerto Rico - Bayamón
 University of Puerto Rico - Mayagüez
 University of Puerto Rico - Río Piedras
 University of Puerto Rico - Utuado
 University of San Francisco
 University of South Florida
 University of Tampa
 University of Virginia
 University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire
 University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
 University of Wisconsin - White Water
 Utica College
 Valencia College
 Vanderbilt University
 Villanova University
 Wake Forest University
 Webber International
 Western Michigan University
 William Penn
 Xavier 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 1st grade.

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL

From grades 6th to 8th, 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, Library Skills, Life Skills, 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
- Parenting
- Marine Biology
- College Algebra
- Statistics
- Pre-Calculus
- Word Processing Specialist
- Web Design and Development

- Office Applications
- Life Skills
- Music
- Theater
- Art

- **AP COURSES:** Biology, Calculus, English Literature, Psychology, Spanish

- **HIGH SCHOOL TEST PREP COURSES:** English, Math and Spanish

• ON-LINE ELECTIVES INCLUDE:

Agriculture; Astronomy; Animation; American Sign Language; Biotechnology; Criminal justice; Cosmetology; Cybersecurity; Engineering and Technology; Fashion and Interior Design; Game Design; Law and Order; Marketing; Nutrition and Wellness; Renewable Technologies; Social Media; Sports Entertainment Marketing; and Veterinary, among others.

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 6TH 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 (1st – 12th 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 (9th – 12th grades)

Special notes:

- For Pre-kinder admission, the student must be 4 years old by September 1st. For Kinder admission, the student must be 5 years old by September 1st.
- Dorado Academy will supply a list of books and uniforms and where to buy them.
- School hours are from 7:40 a.m. to 2:30 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 9th – 12th, are required to participate in our mandatory drug testing program.
- Dorado Academy admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate based on race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, and athletic and other school-administered programs.
- **The following is the Admission to Dorado Academy order of priority:** Siblings, children of alumni, children of Dorado del Mar residents, and then all other applicants.
- All candidates must fulfill all entrance requirements established by our school. Admission to our school also depends on available spaces in each grade.

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