

Colégio Santo Agostinho-Leblon

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



Founded by Augustinian Recollect friars in 1946, this Leblon institution pairs Catholic tradition with consistently high Enem scores.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	59/100
Academic outcomes	60/100
University placement	62/100
Prestige & heritage	70/100
Alumni network	48/100
Facilities	60/100
Transparency	45/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Colégio Santo Agostinho-Leblon occupies a strong niche in Rio: a Catholic day school in one of the city’s most desirable neighbourhoods, with a long institutional history and a clear academic purpose. Founded in ****1934****, it offers Brazilian schooling for ages ****6–18**** in Portuguese and English, under Augustinian Catholic stewardship. What distinguishes it is not novelty but coherence. Parents looking for **moral seriousness**, **institutional discipline** and a school culture that values study as much as formation will find a recognisable proposition here. The Leblon address adds convenience and status; the religious identity adds structure.

This is a school for families who want a mainstream Brazilian academic pathway anchored by explicit values, not an experimental model or a loose progressive atmosphere. The attraction lies in the combination of Catholic tradition and strong Enem performance, which gives the school credibility where it matters in Brazil: university preparation. That will appeal to ambitious local families who want *clear expectations*, *adult authority* and a community with a defined ethical frame. It also suits children who do well in ordered environments and who benefit from consistency across pastoral, academic and behavioural life.

Why shortlist it? Because it offers something hard to fake: *deep-rooted identity* with academic relevance. Plenty of schools promise character and results; fewer have sustained both over decades. Families who want a secular or international-curriculum education should look elsewhere. Families who want a polished bilingual international school experience should also test whether this school’s priorities match their own. Colégio Santo Agostinho-Leblon earns shortlist status for parents who value *Catholic continuity*, *serious academic intent* and a school that knows exactly what it is.

STRENGTHS

- Founded in 1946 by Augustinian Recollect friars, giving the Leblon campus nearly eight decades of continuous operation in Rio de Janeiro's Zona Sul.
- Consistently ranks among Rio de Janeiro state's top-scoring schools on the Enem national exam, placing 7th in the state ranking in 2023.
- Full day-school infrastructure includes science and computer labs, a library, sports courts, an auditorium and a chapel on a single Leblon site.
- Offers a broad extracurricular menu -- reported to include robotics, music, multiple sports and theatre -- alongside the core Brazilian curriculum.
- Located in Leblon, one of Rio's most established residential neighbourhoods, giving families easy access without a Barra da Tijuca commute.

TRADE - OFFS

- Enem ranking slipped from 7th to 10th place among Rio state schools between 2023 and 2024 as newer bilingual competitors have risen.
- The school does not publicly disclose its tuition fee table; figures are only shared directly with parents at enrolment, limiting upfront cost transparency for relocating families.
- Curriculum is Brazilian-only at this campus (the bilingual American and Canadian High School tracks are offered at the separate Novo Leblon/Barra da Tijuca unit, not at Leblon itself), so families wanting an international pathway here have limited options.
- Reputation for strict discipline and a Catholic, values-based ethos may not suit families seeking a more progressive or secular day-school culture.

ADMISSIONS

Admissions open annually for Ensino Fundamental I (1st grade) and for lateral entry from 3rd grade through the final year of Ensino Medio, subject to space. Applicants submit a completed registration form and fee, required documents (birth certificate, prior school transcripts) and sit a Portuguese and mathematics assessment; a guided campus visit is also offered. Given the school's strong Enem track record, places in popular entry years can be competitive, though the process itself is procedural rather than opaque.

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