

Colegio Peterson

Mexico City, Mexico

Montessori roots since 1965, four Mexico City campuses now converging on a single IB diploma track

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	55/100
Academic outcomes	56/100
University placement	54/100
Prestige & heritage	54/100
Alumni network	53/100
Facilities	56/100
Transparency	44/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Colegio Peterson occupies a distinct niche in Mexico City: a long-established bilingual day school with **Montessori roots**, a non-religious outlook and a clear international lane through the IB. The key point for parents is continuity. Children can enter at ***age 2*** and stay through to ***18***, in English and Spanish, without a forced switch into a different educational culture at sixth form. The school has offered the IB Diploma Programme since ***2004***, and its current direction is plain: four campuses feeding into a single IB diploma track. That matters in a crowded market where many schools claim an international ethos but run a more fragmented academic model.

What sets Peterson apart is not mystique but structure. The school’s own language centres on self-direction, curiosity, technology and holistic development. That combination gives it a recognisable profile: **bilingual fluency**, **self-directed learning** and an explicit interest in digital competence, all inside a secular framework. Parents who want old-fashioned academic severity, public exam data on every page, or a narrowly traditional school culture will find Peterson less compelling. The school talks more about educational environment, values and student development than about headline results. That is a real limitation for hard-nosed families comparing outcomes across the city: the school does not publish aggregate IB scores in the public domain.

Why keep it on a shortlist? Because Peterson offers something many Mexico City schools do not package as coherently: **international ambition** without religious framing, a broad age range, and a bilingual pathway that does not treat English as a decorative extra. For internationally mobile families, mixed-nationality households and Mexican parents who want **a secular, outward-facing education**, that has weight. Its accreditations — IB World School, CIS and SEP — give the school external anchors, and the multi-campus footprint points to institutional scale rather than a boutique operation.

The right student for Peterson is curious, adaptable and comfortable in two languages. This suits children who thrive in a *warm and caring environment* but still need intellectual stretch, and older students who want the IB rather than a local-only leaving qualification. It also fits families who value *multicultural ease* and *personal growth* as much as raw score-chasing. Students who need relentless competition, a highly formal atmosphere or published performance metrics at every turn will fit better elsewhere.

STRENGTHS

- Offers the full IB continuum (PYP, MYP and DP), giving families a single coherent curriculum pathway from early years through to university entrance.
- Bilingual English-Spanish instructional model suits both expatriate families and local Mexican families seeking international credentials.
- Day-school structure keeps students embedded in family life and the local Mexico City community rather than a boarding environment.
- Located in Mexico City, giving access to the city's broader expatriate and diplomatic community networks common to IB day schools in the capital.

TRADE-OFFS

- Low editorial rank (1276) indicates limited international visibility and fewer independently verifiable outcome or university-placement statistics compared with higher-profile IB schools.
- As a day school, it offers no boarding option, which limits its suitability for relocating families without a settled Mexico City base.
- Public information on fees, class sizes and specific graduating results is sparse, making it harder for prospective families to benchmark against peer schools.
- Being one of several IB day schools in the Mexico City area, it competes directly with better-known institutions for teaching talent and reputation.

ADMISSIONS

Colegio Peterson admits students across its IB continuum from early years through diploma level, with entry points typically at the start of each academic stage (PYP, MYP, DP). Applications generally require academic records, an assessment or interview, and proof of language readiness given the bilingual model. Competitiveness varies by grade level and campus capacity; families relocating mid-year should confirm space directly with admissions, as places in upper IB Diploma years can be limited. Documentation for foreign transcripts and immunisation records is typically requested during enrolment.

WTS RATING 

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