

American School of Brasilia

Brasília, Brazil



Born a year after Brasilia itself, this embassy-rooted campus braids American, Brazilian and IB diplomas into one bilingual education.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	74/100
Academic outcomes	80/100
University placement	78/100
Prestige & heritage	74/100
Alumni network	68/100
Facilities	76/100
Transparency	84/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

American School of Brasilia sits in a narrow but important niche: a long-established, English-medium international school in the federal capital with a full-through route from early years to graduation, and a rare three-way academic proposition. Families here are not choosing between American schooling, Brazilian schooling and the IB; EAB has built a structure that braids them together. Founded in 1964, a year after the capital itself, it carries the institutional weight that matters in a diplomatic city: continuity, international reach and a campus culture shaped by transient as well as settled families. The school’s own numbers are strong. An average IB diploma score of ****36**** is a serious result. A ****9:1**** student-to-faculty ratio points to close attention in class. So does a community spanning ****48**** nationalities. This is not a

mass-market school.

What puts EAB on a shortlist is breadth with coherence. Many schools offer plenty of activities and weak academic identity; many academically driven schools run thin outside the classroom. EAB does better than that. It advertises **60** free after-school clubs, more than 400 students in athletics and arts, and over ten service groups, while keeping a clear academic spine. The school also publishes an average MAP figure of 93% for upper school students in maths, reading and languages, though that headline needs context because it is not a standard external benchmark in the way IB scores are. The college profile carries weight too: acceptances to 21 top-50 universities worldwide over three years, plus US university scholarships totalling \$1.5 million in 2022. That signals ambition and competent university guidance, even if aggregate destination data are not published in full. *Serious academic intent*, *a cosmopolitan peer group*, *a strong extracurricular engine* and *real university traction* define the offer.

The school will suit students who thrive in an international environment and want options at the end of secondary school. This is a good fit for bilingual or internationally mobile children, embassy and expatriate families, and Brazilian families who want an English-language education without giving up local recognition. It also suits self-directed students who will use the school's scale well: those ready to join clubs, sport, arts, leadership and service rather than drift through a timetable. The learner profile language on the website is standard-issue international-school rhetoric, but the operational facts underneath it are more persuasive: a stable institution, a broad programme and outcomes strong enough to justify the fees such schools command. For the right child, EAB offers *intellectual range*, *a clear sense of momentum* and *a worldly, outward-facing education* in a city where that combination is hard to match.

STRENGTHS

- The school is also an authorized IB World School (IBO) and American School of Brasilia (EAB) is an independent, non-profit day school offering preschool through Grade 12 education, providing International Baccalaureate, American, and Brazilian High School diplomas.
- The school hosts an international community representing 48 nationalities, with over 680 students, giving a genuinely mixed expatriate and local peer group.
- The school offers the opportunity for students to develop bilingualism with its strong Portuguese language program, useful for families expecting a multi-year Brazil posting.
- The IB Diploma average is 36 according to school-reported data, above the global IB average, though this figure is self-reported rather than independently audited.
- The Board consists of seven to eleven voting members, with the Chief of Mission of the U.S. Embassy in Brasilia automatically a non-voting member; at least 50% of the Board are U.S. citizens and two members are Brazilian citizens,

TRADE-OFFS

- The international fee for guaranteed placement is \$15,000 per year per student, on top of standard tuition, a significant premium for families entering outside the regular local queue.
- The publicly available student materials and admissions pages do not publish a detailed table of tuition rates by grade or term; exact per-grade, per-term or annual fee figures are provided to families through the school's enrollment/contract process rather than in the publicly posted handbooks, making upfront cost comparison difficult.
- Boarding is not applicable, so families relocating without existing local housing arrangements must handle accommodation independently.
- Brasilia's diplomatic-corps market is served by only a handful of international schools including EAB, the British School of Brasilia, the Lycee Francais Francois Mitterrand and Maple Bear Brasilia, with smaller cohorts and stronger faculty retention compared with the larger Sao Paulo and Rio institutions, meaning course and

giving the school unusually direct diplomatic-community oversight.

activity breadth is narrower than at bigger-city IB schools.

ADMISSIONS

Entry points run from K3 through grade 12, with places generally allocated on a rolling basis to suit Brasilia's transient diplomatic and corporate population. Applications require photo ID, immunization records, prior report cards, and confidential teacher and support-services recommendation forms, with admissions testing for older grades. A nonrefundable application fee applies at every level. Families entering outside the standard queue can pay for an 'international guarantee' placement fee historically set at 15,000 USD per year. Exact current tuition by grade is not published online; figures are confirmed only through the enrollment contract, so prospective families should request an up-to-date fee schedule directly from the admissions office before applying.

WTS RATING 

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