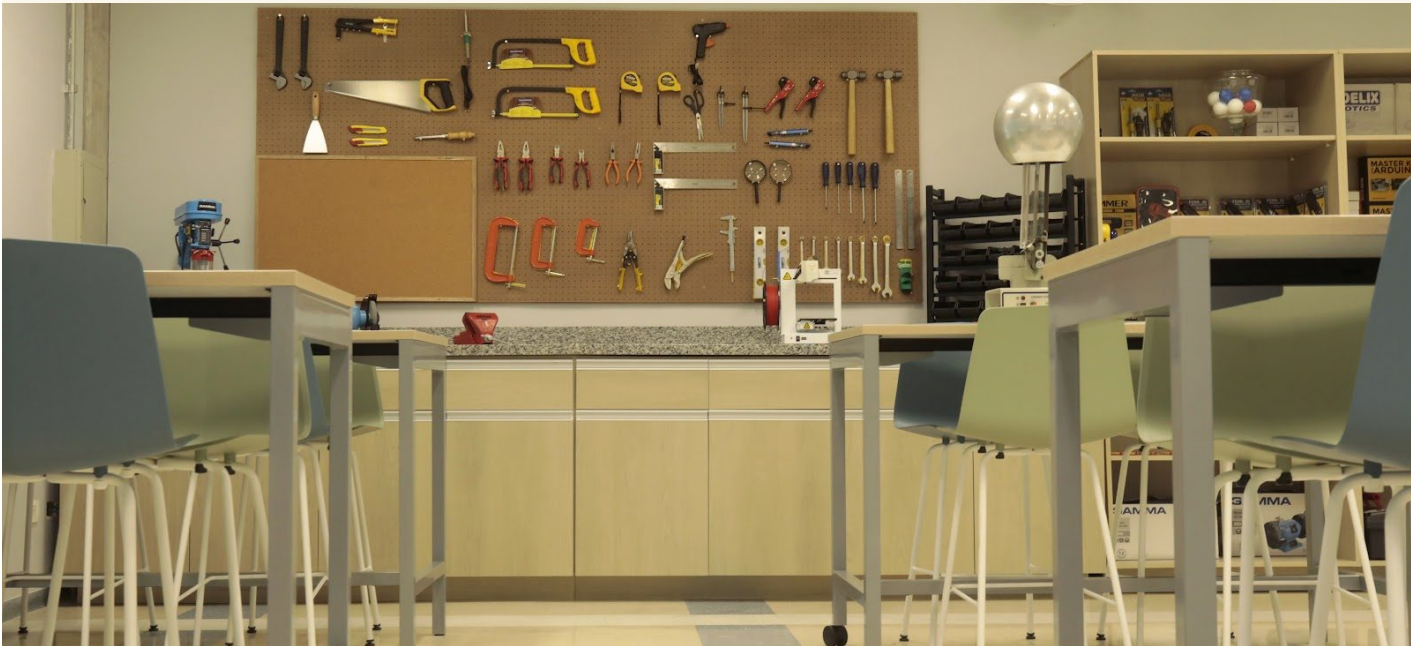


Colégio Poliedro

São José dos Campos, Brazil



Rooted in an ITA-prep course born in Brazil's aerospace capital, it now sends graduates into universities across seven countries.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	63/100
Academic outcomes	70/100
University placement	78/100
Prestige & heritage	66/100
Alumni network	42/100
Facilities	58/100
Transparency	50/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Colégio Poliedro sits in a very specific corner of the Brazilian market: the high-performance, results-first day school built out of a serious university entrance machine. Founded in **1993** in São José dos Campos, Brazil’s aerospace capital, it grew from a prep-course culture with deep roots in the ITA admissions race. That history matters. This is not a school that treats exam success as a by-product of “holistic” education; it treats it as core business. The group states that it is the national leader in ITA admissions and publishes a headline total of **13,465** university acceptances for 2026, including **5,399** via SiSU/Enem and **468** first places. Those are system-wide figures across the broader Poliedro operation, not a single-campus school result, and parents need to read them with that distinction

in mind. Even so, the signal is clear: **serious academic ambition**, **hard-edged focus** and a culture built around measurable outcomes.

What sets Poliedro apart is the combination of Brazilian curriculum delivery with a strong bilingual current in Portuguese and English, backed by a large education group that runs its own schools, prep courses and teaching system. The school talks about a “solid methodology”, interdisciplinary projects, technology and full student support. That gives it more infrastructure than many independent local competitors. It also gives families access to a brand that operates across all Brazilian states and the Federal District through more than **700** associated schools. The attraction here is not charm or old-school prestige; it is scale, process and an **unmistakable examination engine**. Parents who want a school with a clear academic agenda, strong routines and a direct line into Brazil’s most competitive university pathways will keep it on the shortlist.

The trade-off is equally clear. Families seeking a loose, progressive, child-led atmosphere or a school that downplays competition will find Poliedro too intense. This is a place for students who thrive on pace, structure and external benchmarks; who want to test themselves against demanding entrance standards; and who do not need their school to disguise ambition in softer language. It will suit disciplined adolescents from ages **11–18** who are motivated by university goals, especially in selective Brazilian admissions and other internationally minded routes. For the right student, that produces **a strong sense of direction**, **competitive energy** and **visible academic purpose**. For the wrong one, it will feel pressurised.

STRENGTHS

- Since 1993 the Poliedro network has accumulated 1,406 approvals at the elite ITA aerospace-engineering academy and has held the top national ranking since 1996, reflecting a deep STEM-preparation culture rooted in its home city.
- The São José dos Campos campus provides science laboratories, covered sports facilities and accessibility features such as ramps, elevators and sound/visual signage for students with disabilities.
- Poliedro runs its own campuses in São José dos Campos, São Paulo and Campinas, and its wider Sistema de Ensino reaches more than 700 associated schools and roughly 220,000 students across Brazil.
- Upper-secondary students follow flexible 'itinerarios formativos' subject tracks and can draw on tutoring, vocational orientation and support for those applying to universities abroad.
- The school sits in the same city as the Aeronautics Institute of Technology (ITA), a nationally referenced aerospace engineering institution, reinforcing a STEM-oriented local academic ecosystem.

TRADE-OFFS

- The school does not publish an official fee schedule, and third-party estimates of Poliedro tuition vary considerably, making cost planning harder for relocating families.
- The curriculum is delivered entirely in Portuguese under the Brazilian national framework, with no bilingual or international (IB/A-level) track for families anticipating a later move into English-medium systems.
- Much of the Poliedro brand's national fame rests on its separately run pre-vestibular exam-prep course, whose ITA/IME results outstrip every other cursinho and school in Brazil combined, pointing to an intense, exam-centred culture that may not suit students wanting a broader, less competition-driven education.
- In the most recent Enem cycle, the São José dos Campos unit's own results were described merely as stable, while the group's Campinas campus topped its regional ranking, suggesting the local day school's outcomes trail the network's headline statistics.

ADMISSIONS

Admission is handled directly by the school rather than through a centralized national entrance exam. Applications are typically submitted via the Poliedro website or campus office, followed by a placement assessment and document check for the requested grade. Entry points run from early childhood through upper secondary, with demand often heaviest in the exam-focused senior years, given the school's location in a city built around the ITA and IME military-engineering preparation ecosystem. Detailed public information on formal entrance criteria and fee schedules is limited on the official site.

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