



# Colégio Bandeirantes



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College Admission Counseling

#### Founded in 1944

- Long-standing reputation for excellence
- Highest entrance rate to top Brazilian universities among secondary schools in São Paulo
- Ranks among top schools in the ENEM (National Exam for High School students)

#### 177 Faculty

- Bachelor's Degree in the corresponding major for the teaching field is required
- >50% hold Master's/PhD degrees

#### 2,633 Students

- Grades 1-12

#### 1,500+ hrs of core instruction (Grades 10-12)

- 12 years of mandatory English (A1→C2)
- Spanish required (Lower & Middle Schools)
- 600+ hours of Mathematics (High School)
- 3 years required of Biology, Chemistry & Physics (360 hs per subject)
- Pioneering STEM/STEAM program
- 10+ elective courses offered
- SEL (Social & Emotional Learning) integrated across all grades

#### College Acceptances

- 600+ acceptances in Brazil
- 130+ international acceptances (Class of 2030)
- Acceptances into 15 of U.S News & World Report's Top 20 National Universities
- Acceptances into 10+ countries including Canada, Portugal, UK, Spain, Italy & more

## 2026-27 School Profile

**COLÉGIO BANDEIRANTES** is a co-ed, private, and non-religiously affiliated school established in 1944 in São Paulo, Brazil. The school covers 12 years of education: Lower School (grades 1–5), Middle School (grades 6–9), and High School (grades 10–12).

Bandeirantes is a cosmopolitan community that draws families from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and nationalities, united by a shared commitment to academic excellence. New students entering Grade 10 are admitted through a competitive entrance examination (admission rate below 50%), and all high school grades reflect performance within this pre-selected cohort.

Students engage in a rigorous academic program alongside a wide range of extracurricular activities such as Science Fair, Model UN, Investments Club, among others.

Bandeirantes consistently ranks among the leading secondary schools in São Paulo in university placement and ENEM performance.

A Microsoft Showcase School and Apple Distinguished School, Bandeirantes integrates technology across the curriculum, preparing students to use digital tools ethically and effectively.

The school's mission is to develop educational practices that promote academic excellence and strengthen humanistic culture and interdisciplinary studies, in an environment that emphasizes ethical conduct and recognizes the essential role of faculty and staff.

### 2026-27 FACULTY

Faculty consists of 177 professionals. A bachelor's degree in the relevant teaching field is required. Over 50% hold a Master's, PhD and/or postgraduate degree.

The school firmly believes that its faculty is its most valuable asset, actively encouraging and supporting professional development. Funds are allocated to sponsor participation in local and international seminars, conferences, and long-term programs in Brazil and abroad.

### 2026-27 ENROLLMENT

2,633 students (51% Female | 49% Male)

Seeking diversity, Bandeirantes has partnerships with different NGOs that identify high-achieving students from low-income families and offers them scholarships. We currently enroll ~100 of these students, with ~80 from the Smart Project.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

2026 Academic Year: January 26 through December 22

Academic terms are considered as follows:

- 1st: February, March, April, May
- 2nd: May, June, August, September
- 3rd: September, October, November

### CURRICULUM

The Brazilian national curriculum, as implemented at Bandeirantes, provides extensive depth and instructional hours across core disciplines and is comparable to advanced college-preparatory secondary programs internationally. The curriculum is standardized and all students complete the same core program. Colégio Bandeirantes does not offer AP or IB courses. More on the curricular content is provided on the next page. Syllabi are available for every course.

## HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULAR CONTENT SUMMARY (Grades 10-12)

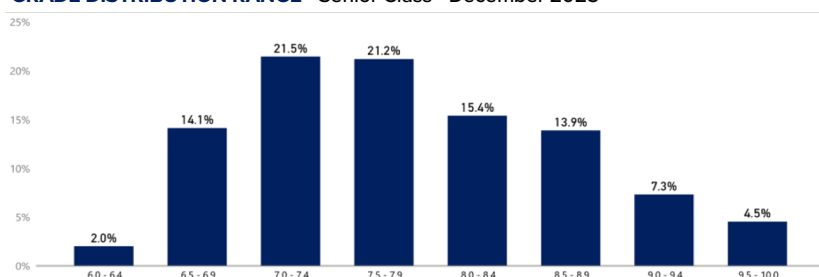
Subject	Bandeirantes Core Curriculum (3-Year Cumulative)
Biology (360 hrs)	Cell biology, Taxonomy (five kingdoms), Ecology (biomes, biogeochemical cycles), Genetics (Mendelian + molecular), Evolution, Plant biology, Parasitology, Health + Biotechnology.
Chemistry (360 hrs)	Atomic structure, Chemical bonds, Inorganic Chemistry, Stoichiometry, Full Organic Chemistry (hydrocarbons, isomerism, reactions), Thermochemistry (Hess's Law), Kinetics, Equilibrium, pH, Electrochemistry (Faraday's Law).
English (C2) (240 hrs)	Levels progress A1→C2 over 12 years. C2/Honors in 12th grade cover literary analysis (Orwell, Salinger), academic essay writing, documentary analysis, formal debate.
History & Geography (280 + 280 hrs)	History: Ancient civilizations through contemporary geopolitics. Geography: climate, urbanization, economic geography, cartography. Both emphasize analytical essay writing.
Mathematics (600+ hrs)	Two concurrent tracks: MAT1 (functions, matrices, complex numbers, polynomials, Newton's Binomial) + MAT2 (trig, analytical geometry, conics, spatial geometry). Combinatorics, probability, statistics. Calculus elective for seniors: derivatives, integrals, Taylor polynomials, Euler's formula.
Philosophy & Sociology (200 hrs)	Classical to contemporary philosophy (ethics, epistemology, political philosophy, existentialism) and sociology (Marx, Durkheim, Weber; democracy, citizenship, race, gender, and technology in Brazilian society).
Physics (360 hrs)	Mechanics, Thermodynamics (Carnot cycle), Waves & Optics, E&M (circuits, Faraday/Lenz), Modern Physics (photoelectric effect, Bohr, nuclear reactions, radioactivity).
Portuguese Language (600 hrs)	Two concurrent tracks: Language (morphology, syntax, semantics, linguistic variation, argumentative writing across various genres with progression from chronicles to full dissertation-argumentative essays & advanced genres: editorials, open letters, scientific articles, critical reviews) + Literature (complete survey of Portuguese and Brazilian literary history). University entrance exam (ENEM/Fuvest) essay and reading list preparation.
Social & Emotional Learning (120 hrs)	Moral development, ethical decision-making, and life project planning. Substance abuse prevention (evidence-based). Sexuality, consent, gender diversity, and healthy relationships. Media literacy, digital citizenship. Human rights, civic participation, and democratic engagement. Oral argumentation and debate skills.
STEAM (400 hrs)	Hands-on, project-based learning integrating science, technology, engineering, arts & design, and mathematics. Students develop technical fluency through Arduino programming, digital fabrication, 3D modeling, applying Design Thinking methodology across iterative prototyping cycles. Coursework includes data analysis and visualization, pre-scientific research initiation, and collaborative research projects culminating in poster presentations and pitch development.

In addition to the core curriculum, students also choose two elective courses per semester in Grades 11-12. Recent offerings include: Biotechnology, Statistics, Economics & Global Politics, Financial Mathematics, Media & Freedom of Thought, Sustainability, Art (From Studio to Museums), Democracy & Human Rights, Biological Knowledge & Human Impacts, and Violence & Arts. In Grade 12, students pursue specialized academic pathways within the core curriculum: Engineering & Natural Sciences, Medicine & Natural Sciences, or Law & Human Sciences.

### GRADING SYSTEM

All grades are unweighted: No "regular" vs. "honors" GPA distinction. 6.0 is the minimum passing grade under rigorous academic standards. Final grades result from three academic terms (weighted 3–3–4). There are three two-week evaluation sessions throughout the school year.

### GRADE DISTRIBUTION RANGE - Senior Class - December 2025



### BRAZILIAN COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

600+ acceptances in Brazil

#### Brazil\*

University of São Paulo

University of Campinas

São Paulo State University

Federal University of São Paulo

Fundação Getulio Vargas

INSPER Teaching and Research Institute

Catholic University of São Paulo (PUC-SP)

ESPM Higher Institute of Advertising & Marketing

Mauá Institute of Technology

Mackenzie Presbyterian University

Santa Casa Medical School

Einstein School of Medicine

\*Listing just a few. Bandeirantes' students were accepted to 50+ local institutions.

## INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Institutions that have offered acceptance to Bandeirantes graduates (Classes of 2028-30):

### United States

American Musical and Dramatic Academy - AMDA  
American University  
Arizona State University  
Baylor University  
Boston University  
Brandeis University  
Brown University  
Bryant University  
California Baptist University  
California Polytechnic State University - San Luis Obispo  
Calvin University  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Case Western Reserve University  
Chapman University  
Colorado State University  
Columbia College Chicago  
Cornell University  
Dartmouth College  
Davidson College  
Denison University  
DePaul University  
Drexel University  
Duke University  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
Emory University  
Florida Atlantic University  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Florida International University  
Florida Polytechnic University  
Fordham University  
George Mason University  
George Washington University  
Georgetown University  
Georgia Institute of Technology - Georgia Tech  
Georgia Southern University  
Georgia State University  
Hult International Business School  
Illinois Institute of Technology  
Indiana University - Bloomington  
Iowa State University  
Johns Hopkins University  
Kent State University  
Lehigh University  
Loyola Marymount University  
Lynn University  
Macalester College  
Michigan State University  
Minerva University  
New Jersey Institute of Technology  
New York Institute of Technology  
New York University  
North Carolina State University - Raleigh  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern University  
Ohio State University  
Ohio Wesleyan University  
Otis College of Art and Design  
Pace University  
Parsons School of Design - The New School  
Pennsylvania State University - Penn State  
Pepperdine University  
Pratt Institute  
Princeton University  
Purdue University - West Lafayette  
Purdue University Fort Wayne  
Purdue University Northwest  
Rice University  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Rollins College  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
Rutgers University - New Brunswick  
Sacred Heart University  
San Diego State University  
San Jose State University  
Santa Clara University  
Savannah College of Art & Design - SCAD  
Seton Hall University  
Stonehill College  
Stony Brook University - SUNY  
Suffolk University  
Swarthmore College  
Syracuse University  
Temple University  
Texas A&M University - College Station  
Texas A&M University - Galveston  
Texas Tech University  
The University of Alabama  
The University of Arizona  
The University of Tennessee - Knoxville  
The University of Texas - Dallas  
Tufts University  
Tulane University of Louisiana  
University of California - Davis  
University of California - Irvine  
University of California - Los Angeles  
University of California - Merced  
University of California - Riverside  
University of California - San Diego  
University of California - Santa Barbara  
University of Central Florida  
University of Chicago  
University of Colorado - Boulder  
University of Florida  
University of Illinois - Chicago  
University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign  
University of Kentucky  
University of Miami  
University of Michigan - Ann Arbor  
University of Michigan - Dearborn  
University of Michigan - Flint  
University of Minnesota - Twin Cities  
University of Missouri - Columbia  
University of Nebraska - Lincoln  
University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill  
University of North Carolina - Pembroke  
University of North Florida  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Oregon  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Richmond  
University of Rochester  
University of San Francisco  
University of South Florida  
University of Texas - Austin  
University of Tulsa  
University of Utah  
University of Virginia  
University of Washington  
University of Wisconsin  
University of Wisconsin - Madison  
Vanderbilt University  
Villanova University  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Wake Forest University  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Wentworth Institute of Technology  
William & Mary

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### Australia

Griffith University  
The University of Queensland  
University of New South Wales  
University of Sydney

### Belgium

Brussels School of Governance  
KU Leuven - Catholic University of Leuven

### Canada

Concordia University  
Dalhousie University  
McGill University  
McMaster University  
The University of British Columbia  
University of Alberta  
University of Calgary  
University of Guelph  
University of Ottawa  
University of Toronto  
University of Waterloo  
University of Western Ontario (Western University)

### Chile

ESE - Universidad de Los Andes

### China

Duke Kunshan University  
New York University Shanghai

### France

American University of Paris  
EDHEC International BBA  
IESEG School of Management

### Ireland

Trinity College Dublin  
University College Dublin

### Italy

Libera Università Internazionale - Luiss Guido Carli  
Luigi Bocconi University  
Politecnico di Torino  
The American University of Rome  
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

### Netherlands

Erasmus University Rotterdam  
Leiden University  
Maastricht University  
University of Amsterdam  
University of Twente  
Utrecht University

### Portugal

Instituto Politécnico do Porto  
Nova School of Business and Economics  
Universidade de Coimbra  
Universidade de Lisboa

### Spain

EADA Business School  
Esade Business School - Ramon Llull University  
European University Business School Barcelona  
IE University  
Les Roches  
Universidad Autónoma de Madrid  
Universidad CEU San Pablo  
Universidad Europea

### Sweden

Lund University

### United Kingdom

ESCP Business School  
King's College London  
Newcastle University  
University College London  
University of Birmingham  
University of Liverpool  
University of Manchester  
University of Southampton  
University of Warwick

