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Members of the International Association for
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 hrs 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 AI Policy treats generative AI as a "copilot" for learning: students may use it to clarify questions, brainstorm, and review their own work, but must cite it whenever used.

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 Ismart 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)

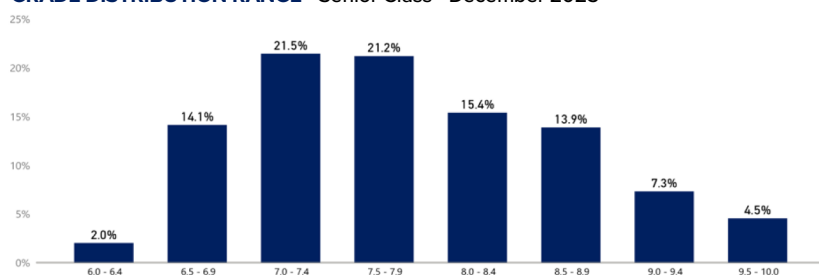
Subject	Bandeirantes Core Curriculum (3-Year Cumulative)
Biology (360 hrs)	Cell biology, Taxonomy (five kingdoms), Ecology (biomes, biogeochemical cycles), Genetics (Mendelian + molecular), Evolution, Plant biology, Parasitology, Health + Biotechnology.
Chemistry (360 hrs)	Atomic structure, Chemical 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	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
American University	Rutgers University - New Brunswick
Arizona State University	Sacred Heart University
Baylor University	San Diego State University
Boston University	San Jose State University
Brandeis University	Santa Clara University
Brown University	Savannah College of Art & Design - SCAD
Bryant University	Seton Hall University
California Baptist University	Stonehill College
California Polytechnic State University - San Luis Obispo	Stony Brook University - SUNY
Calvin University	Suffolk University
Carnegie Mellon University	Swarthmore College
Case Western Reserve University	Syracuse University
Chapman University	Temple University
Colorado State University	Texas A&M University - College Station
Columbia College Chicago	Texas A&M University - Galveston
Cornell University	Texas Tech University
Dartmouth College	The University of Alabama
Davidson College	The University of Arizona
Denison University	The University of Tennessee - Knoxville
DePaul University	The University of Texas - Dallas
Drexel University	Tufts University
Duke University	Tulane University of Louisiana
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	University of California - Davis
Emory University	University of California - Irvine
Florida Atlantic University	University of California - Los Angeles
Florida Institute of Technology	University of California - Merced
Florida International University	University of California - Riverside
Florida Polytechnic University	University of California - San Diego
Fordham University	University of California - Santa Barbara
George Mason University	University of Central Florida
George Washington University	University of Chicago
Georgetown University	University of Colorado - Boulder
Georgia Institute of Technology - Georgia Tech	University of Florida
Georgia Southern University	University of Illinois - Chicago
Georgia State University	University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign
Hult International Business School	University of Kentucky
Illinois Institute of Technology	University of Miami
Indiana University - Bloomington	University of Michigan - Ann Arbor
Iowa State University	University of Michigan - Dearborn
Johns Hopkins University	University of Michigan - Flint
Kent State University	University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
Lehigh University	University of Missouri - Columbia
Loyola Marymount University	University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Lynn University	University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
Macalester College	University of North Carolina - Pembroke
Michigan State University	University of North Florida
Minerva University	University of Notre Dame
New Jersey Institute of Technology	University of Oregon
New York Institute of Technology	University of Pittsburgh
New York University	University of Richmond
North Carolina State University - Raleigh	University of Rochester
Northeastern University	University of San Francisco
Northwestern University	University of South Florida
Ohio State University	University of Texas - Austin
Ohio Wesleyan University	University of Tulsa
Otis College of Art and Design	University of Utah
Pace University	University of Virginia
Parsons School of Design - The New School	University of Washington
Pennsylvania State University - Penn State	University of Wisconsin
Pepperdine University	University of Wisconsin - Madison
Pratt Institute	Vanderbilt University
Princeton University	Villanova University
Purdue University - West Lafayette	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Purdue University Fort Wayne	Wake Forest University
Purdue University Northwest	Washington University in St. Louis
Rice University	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Rochester Institute of Technology	William & Mary
Rollins College	

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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

