



### ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Bureche School is a private pre-K-to-12 day school, located just outside of Santa Marta, one of the Caribbean's oldest cities founded in 1525. The school sits on a green, 12-acre open campus filled with native flora and fauna at the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The students are mostly Colombian nationals, with a few international students from other countries around the world.

**738** Students

**LANGUAGES OF INSTRUCTION**

**SCHOOL YEAR** From August to June (Calendar B)



### SCHOOL CURRICULUM

The school serves students beginning with the early stimulation program that accepts children as young as 18 months. The preschool program uses the HighScope curriculum. Bureche School has developed a tailored curriculum that incorporates the Colombian Ministry of Education standards, the Common Core Standards, and the Next Generation Science standards. Bureche does not offer advanced or honors courses but is currently an IB Diploma Program Candidate School. Students receive both the Colombian high school diploma and the American high school diploma thanks to the school's Cognia accreditation.

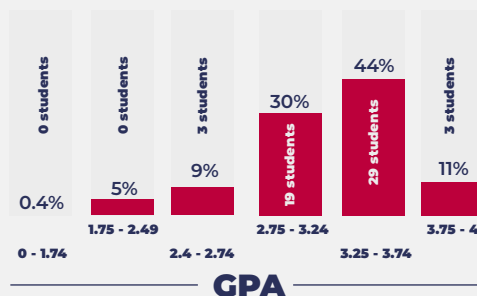
### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- **80 hours** of community service
- Final grade of **2.5 or higher** in all subjects
- Completion of a least **80 credits in Grades 9 through 12**
- **Transfer students** in the high school years must come from an accredited bilingual school or demonstrate an adequate level of English to be eligible for the double diploma

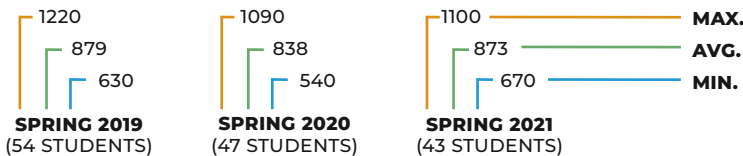
### GRADING AND RANKING

Bureche School uses a variation of standards-based grading to assess students' abilities through the use of formative and summative assessments. Students are graded using a 1 - 4 point scale with 2.5 being the minimum passing grade, 3 being the expected level and 4 being the highest attainable score. The GPA is cumulative beginning in 9th grade and is calculated using the following table. Students at Bureche School are not ranked.

### GRADE DISTRIBUTION CLASS OF 2023



Bureche Grades	Descriptors	Colombian Grades K-12	Letter Grade US System	GPA (US System)
4.0	Comprehension and mastery of concepts and skills	Superior	A	3.75-4.0
3.5	The student demonstrates high performance in all of the expected abilities at level 3 and some at level 4	High	B	3.25-3.74
3.0	Adequate comprehension and application of abilities	High	C	2.75-3.24
2.5	The student demonstrates basic performance in all of the expected abilities at level 2 and some at level 3	Basic	D	2.25-2.74
2.0	Limited comprehension and application of some concepts and abilities	Low	F	1.75-2.24
1.0	Minimum comprehension and application of some concepts and abilities	Low	F	1.25-1.74
NA	Not enough evidence present to evaluate the performance of the student			



## AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

### ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS

Bureche School has a chapter of the National Honor Society to which students are nominated to be a part of. Students must then complete a rigorous entrance process and complete 50 extra hours of community service.

At graduation, the following recognitions are awarded:

- NHS Graduate
- Leadership
- Perseverance and Dedication
- Love and Dedication to the School
- Best Classmate
- Lifetime Graduate
- Top 2 Students in each Subject Area
- Best ICFES results (national exit exam)

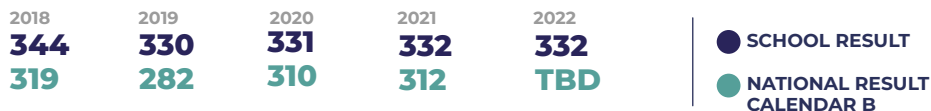
## EXTRACURRICULARS AND OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Bureche School offers clubs and electives during X-Block. X-Block is a flexible period once a week used for small group tutoring with teachers and student- or teacher-led activities and electives. Student-led clubs change every trimester. Some of the options offered include:

- Model UN, Yoga, Clay Crafts, Film Club, Volleyball, Basketball, Philosophy Club, Environment Committee, National Honor Society, Student Council, College Counseling
- Additionally, 34% of students at Bureche School choose to participate in additional activities and sports after school. These include: Art, Baseball, Soccer, Ballet, Music, Challenge, Cheerleading, Basketball, Volleyball, Speaking, and Lab
- Bureche participates in annual sports tournaments and cultural events with schools that also form part of the Association of Colombian-Caribbean American Schools (ACCAS).

## PRUEBA SABER

The Saber 11 is the national exit exam given to all graduating students in Colombia. It is marked over a total of 500 points and is a requirement for admission to Colombian universities.



## COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITIES THAT HAVE ACCEPTED OUR STUDENTS 2018 - 2022. ACTUAL MATRICULATIONS APPEAR IN RED

### COLOMBIA

#### Bogotá

Universidad Nacional de Colombia.  
 Universidad de Los Andes.  
 Colegio de Estudios Superiores de Administración (CESA).  
 Pontificia Universidad Javeriana  
 Universidad del Rosario  
 Universidad de La Sabana  
 Universidad Externado de Colombia  
 Universidad Militar Nueva Granada  
 Universidad Santo Tomás  
 Universidad de Bogotá Jorge Tadeo Lozano  
 Universidad EAN  
 Universidad El Bosque  
 Universidad Sergio Arboleda

#### Medellín

Universidad de Antioquia  
 Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana  
 Universidad EAFIT  
 Universidad CES  
 Universidad EIA  
 Colegiatura

#### Barranquilla

Universidad del Norte.  
 Universidad Metropolitana.

#### Santa Marta

Universidad Magdalena.

#### Bucaramanga

Universidad Industrial de Santander

### INTERNATIONAL

#### USA

University of Massachusetts, Boston  
 Menlo College. California  
 University of California - Berkeley.  
 West Virginia State University, Virginia  
 Bergen Community College, New York

#### France

Epitech

#### México

Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores Monterrey.

#### Argentina

Universidad de Buenos Aires.

#### Germany

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology.

#### Japan

Temple University

#### Spain

University of Navarra.  
 Complutense University of Madrid.  
 European University.  
 Complutense University of Madrid.  
 IE University  
 TBS

#### Italy

University of Florence. Italy  
 Istituto Marangoni. Italy  
 NABA, University School in Milan.  
 Italy

#### Netherlands

Hanze University.

#### Costa Rica

Earth University, Costa Rica

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