GRADED
THE AMERICAN SCHOOL OF SÃO PAULO
ASSOCIAÇÃO ESCOLA GRADUADA DE SÃO PAULO

2025-26 HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

Graded is an American school serving an international community of learners by inspiring individual excellence.

CEEB Code: 910650
UCAS Center Number: 46382

mission
inspire
challenge
succeed
every student
every heart
every mind

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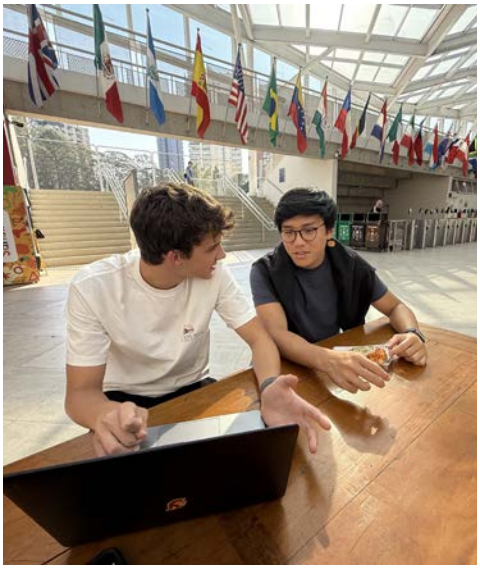
OUR SCHOOL

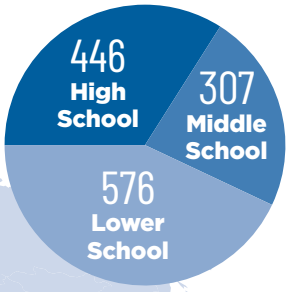
Founded in 1920, Graded - The American School of São Paulo (*Associação Escola Graduada de São Paulo*) is a PK-12, independent, coeducational, nonsectarian, nonprofit day school. At Graded, we cultivate learners and graduates who are **curious, creative, collaborative, driven,** and **ethical**. Graded is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) in the United States and the Secretaria da Educação do Estado de São Paulo (SEDUC-SP). Students earn a US high school diploma upon graduation and have the option to pursue the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) and/or the Certificado de Conclusão do Ensino Médio (Brazilian Accredited Diploma Program).

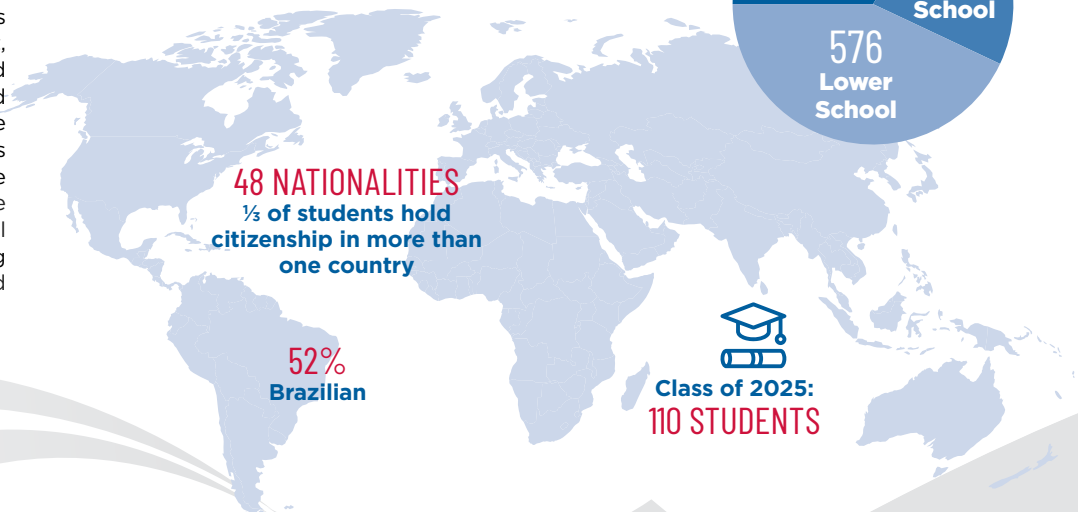


OUR STUDENTS

Whether our students are part of the school community for a few years or progress through all 15 years as "lifers," students at Graded learn to embody the school's values of intellectual curiosity, perseverance, respect, integrity, and kindness in all they do. Graded students have a palpable love for learning and their school. They understand the importance of a well-rounded education that incorporates academics with the arts, athletics, and service learning, as extracurricular activities are integral to the overall Graded high school student experience. In addition to participating in JV and varsity sports, students initiate and lead 50+ clubs each year.

1329 STUDENTS





48 NATIONALITIES
⅓ of students hold citizenship in more than one country

52%
Brazilian

Class of 2025:
110 STUDENTS

OUR ACADEMIC PROGRAM

In order to graduate from Graded and earn an American high school diploma, students must earn a minimum of 24 credits across eight disciplines. In addition to the American high school diploma, students can earn the IB Diploma and/or the Brazilian diploma by adhering to the specific program requirements of each.

In grades 11 and 12, all Graded students take advanced courses that prepare them for university study worldwide. Many pursue International Baccalaureate (IB) classes, while others opt for equally rigorous, accredited courses in our American and Brazilian diploma programs. Only students in the full IB Diploma Programme are required to sit for IB exams. Students enrolled in the IB Diploma Programme are restricted from taking more than 3 SL and 3 HL courses. A complete list of course offerings at Graded can be found in our Course Catalog.

The American high school diploma graduation requirements also fulfill the majority of the Brazilian Accredited Program (BAP) requirements. However, to earn the Brazilian diploma, students must also take Portuguese language courses each year and meet Brazilian Social Studies competencies.

English is the language of instruction at Graded. The only exceptions are world language courses and the Brazilian Social Studies (BrSS) courses required for the BAP. While we provide English Language Learner (ELL) courses to a small number of students, these courses are taken in addition to their regular English classes, indicating a high level of fluency.

Class of 2025
110 STUDENTS

American Diploma	100%
IB Diploma	78%
Brazilian Diploma	74%

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS BY DIPLOMA TYPE

American Diploma (grades 9-12)	IB Diploma (grades 11 and 12)
• 4 years of English • 3 years of World Languages • 3 years of Mathematics • 3 years of Social Studies • 3 years of Science • 1.5 years of Visual & Performing Arts / Design & Technology • 1.5 years of Physical Education • 0.5 year of Health	Year 1 and 2 of SL/HL courses in the following areas: • Studies in Language and Literature • Language Acquisition • Individuals and Societies • Sciences • Mathematics • The Arts Successful completion of the IB Core: • Theory of Knowledge (TOK) • The Extended Essay (EE) • Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS)

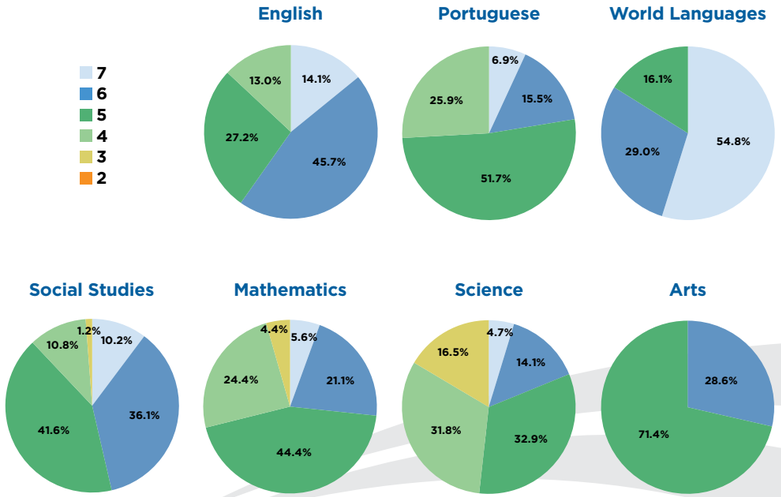
GRADING SCALE

The Graded 1-7 grading scale is informed by but not equivalent to the IB 1-7 grading system. We do not calculate GPAs or rank our students, nor do we provide IB-predicted grades unless explicitly requested by an institution as part of the college admissions process.

Grade	Grade Descriptor	Comparison
7	Exemplary	97-100
6	Accomplished	90-96
5	Proficient	84-89
4	Approaching Proficiency	77-83
3	Progressing	70-76
2	Emerging	65-69
1	Insufficient	0-64
NE	Not Enough Evidence to Report on Learning	

Shaded grades indicate non-passing grades.

% GRADE DISTRIBUTION DURING SENIOR YEAR (CLASS OF 2025)



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HIGHLIGHTS

- The **Graded Scholar Program** provides full-tuition scholarships to a select group of Brazilian students living in under-resourced communities to attend Graded full-time from grade 7 through graduation. By leveling the playing field, we unleash the possibilities for driven, tenacious scholarship recipients. Throughout Graded's history, diversity and philanthropy have been hallmarks of the institution. In addition to offering transformational educational opportunities, the Graded Scholar Program enhances socio-economic diversity within our school community.
- **Deeper learning** at Graded is grounded in the belief that enduring learning experiences occur when students have a strong sense of belonging, purpose, autonomy, and motivation. Graded students are taught to "learn how to learn" by applying effective cognitive learning methodologies. To this end, all faculty participate in a deeper learning model of continuous professional development.
- Graded offers an array of **extracurricular programs and activities**, including more than 50 student-run clubs, nine interscholastic sports teams, and several elite music performance groups. Additionally, students in grades 4 through 11 participate in Classroom Without Walls (CWW) experiences, which involve trips to different parts of Brazil focusing on community and leadership development.
- Graded is intentional about its work around **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB)**. As such, efforts are being made to address the needs for belonging and social emotional learning (SEL) amongst our student body and community; to provide faculty with meaningful and relevant professional learning experiences related to DEIB; to review our curriculum through the lens of DEIB; and to engage our families in our efforts to engender a more inclusive and equitable community.

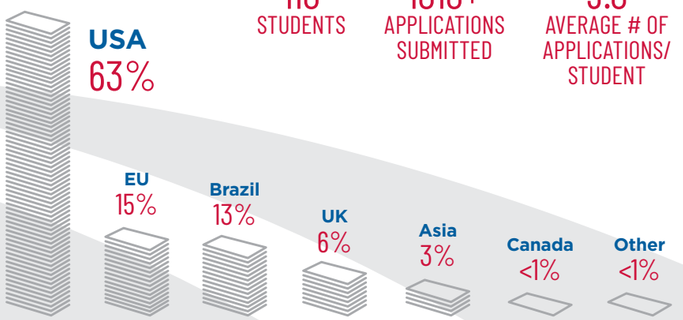
ACCREDITATIONS

- New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)
- Secretaria da Educação do Estado de São Paulo (SEDUC-SP)
- The International Baccalaureate (IB)

MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS

- American International Schools in the Americas (AMISA)
- Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools (ACCIS)
- Council of International Schools (CIS)
- International Association for College Admission Counseling (IACAC)
- National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)

WHERE DID THE CLASS OF 2025 GO?



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MATRICULATION LIST (2023-2025)

We include multiple years of matriculation because many colleges and universities around the world begin their academic year after the publication of our annual school profile, including those in Brazil, South Korea, and Australia. A three-year listing is more representative of the diversity of institutions our students attend.

BABSON COLLEGE
BARNARD COLLEGE
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY
BEACON COLLEGE
BENTLEY UNIVERSITY
BERKLEE COLLEGE OF MUSIC
BOCCONI UNIVERSITY
BOSTON COLLEGE
BOSTON UNIVERSITY
BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY
BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY
BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY - IDAHO
BROWN UNIVERSITY
BRYN MAWR COLLEGE
CALVIN UNIVERSITY
CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY
CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CITY ST GEORGE'S, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE
COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS
COLLEGE OF WOOSTER
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
COOPER UNION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE & ART
CUNEF UNIVERSIDAD
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE
DUKE KUNSHAN UNIVERSITY
ECOLE HÔTELIÈRE DE LAUSANNE
EINDHOVEN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY-PRESCOTT
EMORY UNIVERSITY
ERASMUS UNIVERSITY ROTTERDAM
ESCP BUSINESS SCHOOL, MADRID
ESADE
ESDI HIGHER SCHOOL OF DESIGN
FORDHAM UNIVERSITY
FRANKFURT UNIVERSITY OF MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS
FRANKLIN & MARSHALL COLLEGE
FUNDAÇÃO ARMANDO ALVARES PENTEADO
FUNDAÇÃO GETULIO VARGAS
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
HARVARD UNIVERSITY
HOPE COLLEGE
HULT INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS SCHOOL
HUMANITAS UNIVERSITY
IE UNIVERSITY
IE UNIVERSITY, SEGOVIA
INSPER
INSTITUT FRANÇAIS DE LA MODE
KAIST - KOREA ADVANCED INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
KEELE UNIVERSITY
KING'S COLLEGE LONDON

LEIDEN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE - THE HAGUE
LONDON COLLEGE OF FASHION
LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY
LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO
MAASTRICHT UNIVERSITY
MARYLAND INSTITUTE COLLEGE OF ART
MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, LONDON
NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY, FLAGSTAFF
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY
POMONA COLLEGE
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
PURDUE UNIVERSITY
REED COLLEGE
RICE UNIVERSITY
ROLLINS COLLEGE
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY - NEW BRUNSWICK
SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO
SCHOOL OF VISUAL ARTS
STANFORD UNIVERSITY
SWARTHMORE COLLEGE
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
TECNOLÓGICO DE MONTERREY
TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
THE NEW SCHOOL
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, VANCOUVER
THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH
THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER
TUFTS UNIVERSITY
TULANE UNIVERSITY
UNISA - UNIVERSIDADE SANTO AMARO
UNIVERSIDAD DE BUENOS AIRES
UNIVERSITÀ CATTOLICA DEL SACRO CUORE
UNIVERSIDADE DE SÃO PAULO
UNIVERSITÄT ST. GALLEN
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON
UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN ANN ARBOR
UNIVERSITY OF NAVARRA
UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND
UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA-UPSTATE
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
UNIVERSITY OF STRATHCLYDE
UNIVERSITY OF THE ARTS LONDON
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
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UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
UTRECHT UNIVERSITY
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY
VIRGINIA TECH
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