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SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Founded in 1937, the American School of Rio de Janeiro (EARJ) is an independent, non-profit, English-medium day school. An IB World School, EARJ is authorized for all three programmes—the Primary Years Programme (PYP), Middle Years Programme (MYP), and Diploma Programme (DP)—and upholds high professional standards in teaching and learning. EARJ was the first American school established in Rio de Janeiro and is recognized by the U.S. Department of State through its Assisted Schools program, which requires rigorous standards and compliance with U.S. accreditation and child-protection policies. EARJ operates across two campuses—Barra and Gávea.

STUDENT BODY & ENROLLMENT

1325

Pre-K to 12
32 nationalities

337

in High School

70

in Class
of 2026

CURRICULUM

A Dual-Diploma Graduation Model: All students graduate with both the U.S. High School Diploma and the Brazilian Diploma.



U.S. High School Diploma: Awarded to every graduate at the end of Grade 12; accreditation by Cognia.



Brazilian Diploma: Authorized by the State Board of Education of Rio de Janeiro.



International Baccalaureate (IB) are embedded in the High School curriculum:



IB Diploma / Certificates: Grades 11-12



IB Middle Years Programme (MYP): Grades 9-10

GRADING SYSTEMS

EARJ uses a **1-7 grading scale**.

For **IB programmes (MYP, DP, and IB Certificates)**, grades are **cumulative**: each reported grade **reflects progress from the start of the course** up to the reporting date. The **"Semester 2"** grade **covers the entire academic year**.

Grade 12 Semester 1 (Mid-Year Report published in late December) **reflects cumulative achievement from the start of Grade 11 through the end of Grade 12 Semester**

Accordingly, **IB semester grades are progress-to-date, not standalone term results**.

In **non-IB High School classes (HS)**, semester grades are **term-bounded**: **S1 and S2 each reflect only the work completed within that semester**.

For the current **Grade 12 cohort**, **MYP implementation in Grades 9-10 was phased**; **HS vs. IB MYP labels reflect rollout logistics, not student choice**.

EARJ DOES NOT CALCULATE GPAs OR RANK STUDENTS.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English - 4 credits
 Mathematics - 3 credits
 Sciences - 3 credits
 Individuals and Societies - 3 credits
 Additional Language - 2 credits
 Arts - 1 credit
 Physical and Health Education - 1 credit
 Electives - 7 credits

TOTAL credits for graduation - 24 credits

GRADE EQUIVALENCE	IB SCALE	LETTER GRADE EQUIVALENT	GRADE DESCRIPTOR
	7	A+	OUTSTANDING
	6	A	EXCELLENT
	5	B	VERY GOOD
	4	C	SATISFACTORY
	3	D	LIMITED
	2/1	E	FAIL

IB DIPLOMA RESULTS

CLASS OF	2025	2024	2023	2022
High School Graduates	75	83	73	57
IB Diploma Candidates	39	46	53	32
EARJ IB Diploma Average	33	32.9	31.6	33.8
DP Global Average	30.6	30.2	30.2	32.0
EARJ Pass Rate	92%	88%	74%	100%
Global Pass Rate	81%	80%	79%	86%
EARJ Highest Diploma Scores	40	43	41	45



CLASS OF 2025
AVERAGE SCORE

33

GLOBAL
AVERAGE **30**

CLASS OF 2025 IB AVERAGES BY MOST-ENROLLED SUBJECTS

Note: This table reports average results for the subjects with the highest student enrollment in the Class of 2025; it is not a list of all IB subjects offered.

English Language & Literature HL	5.42	Chemistry HL	4.81
English Language & Literature SL	4.82	Chemistry SL	6.00
Mathematics Analysis & Approaches HL	5.15	Physics HL	4.90
Mathematics Analysis & Approaches SL	4.35	Physics SL	3.07
Mathematics Applications & Interpretation SL	4.02	Economics HL	4.40
Portuguese Language & Literature HL	5.29	Economics SL	5.00
Portuguese Language & Literature SL	5.05	Global Politics HL	5.01
Biology HL	4.45	Global Politics SL	4.40
Biology SL	3.76	Brazilian Social Studies SL	4.60

*HL Higher Level SL Standard Level

SUBJECTS OFFERED

IB DIPLOMA (Grades 11-12)



- English A Language and Literature HL & SL
- Portuguese A Language and Literature HL & SL
- French B HL & SL
- Spanish B HL & SL
- Spanish ab initio SL
- Portuguese B HL & SL
- Economics HL & SL
- Global Politics HL & SL
- History HL & SL
- Brazilian Social Studies (BSS) SL
- Chemistry HL & SL
- Physics HL & SL
- Biology HL & SL
- Mathematics Analysis and Approaches HL & SL
- Mathematics Applications and Interpretations HL & SL
- Visual Arts HL & SL
- Theory of Knowledge
- Extended Essay

All IB Diploma subjects are also available as **High School (HS)** courses. HS courses follow the **IB Standard Level** curriculum; students in High School classes elect **not to sit the external IB Certificate exam**.

IB MYP Courses offered



- English Language and Literature
- Portuguese Language and Literature
- Mathematics
- MYP Mathematics - Extended (By invitation)
- Integrated Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, and Physics)
- Individuals and Societies
- Design
- Physical and Health Education
- Language Acquisition
- French, Spanish & Portuguese
- Arts - Drama, Music & Visual Arts

MYP Personal Project - In the final year of the programme, each MYP student must develop a Personal Project independently, which the IB externally validates. Producing a truly personal and creative piece of work over an extended period stands as a summative review of their ability to conduct independent work.

CO-CURRICULAR LIFE & STUDENT LEADERSHIP

At EARJ, co-curriculars turn curiosity into action. Students lead, compete, create, and serve across a broad slate of clubs, honor societies, arts, media, STEM, and athletics—each with a clear purpose and adult mentorship.

Signature areas of engagement

Competitive Academics & Global Discourse: Model United Nations, Knowledge Bowl, and the Finance, Economics & Business Club. Honor societies extend academic challenge—Mu Alpha Theta (Math), Science NHS, National Honor Society, and language honor societies in French, Spanish, Portuguese, and Thespian arts.

Service & Social Impact: Long-standing, student-run initiatives connect learning to real needs: RASA/Rise Through Education (teaching English to children in Rocinha - Brazil's most populous favela), SOS (Walkathon for the National Cancer Institute), Key Club (Supporting refugees), HOPE/The Give Back Community (supporting unhoused populations), For the Paws (animal welfare), and Sport for Support (donations and community matches).

Arts, Media & Production: Yearbook (Carioca), Panther Press, Film Club, Music Production, Art Club, and Thespian Honor Society give students authentic outlets in journalism, design, publishing, performance, and audio production.

Innovation, STEM & Makerspace: Innovation Club (design thinking and build projects), Science Exploration, and the Athletics Council/Student Council develop project leadership, teamwork, and community impact.

Belonging, Student Voice: The Global Student Association cultivates inclusion and student advocacy across our diverse community, and the Student Council—with elected class representatives and an elected Executive Board—drives student-led initiatives and schoolwide leadership.

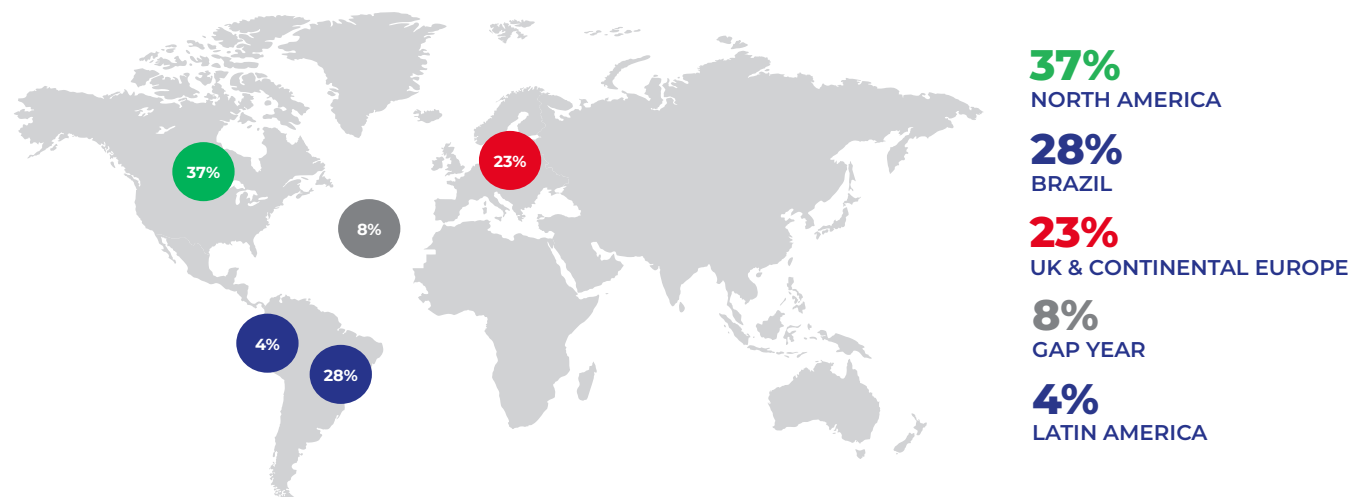
How it works

Clubs meet during advisory and lunch blocks (with select after-school practices). Every club is faculty-advised and registered with the Upper School; students resolve schedule conflicts directly with advisors and are encouraged to prioritize depth—about three activities weekly—for meaningful impact and balance.

Outcome

EARJ students graduate not only with strong academics but with a tangible record of leadership, service, publications, performances, competitions, and community projects that travel powerfully into university applications and life beyond.

EARJ UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION - CLASS OF 2025



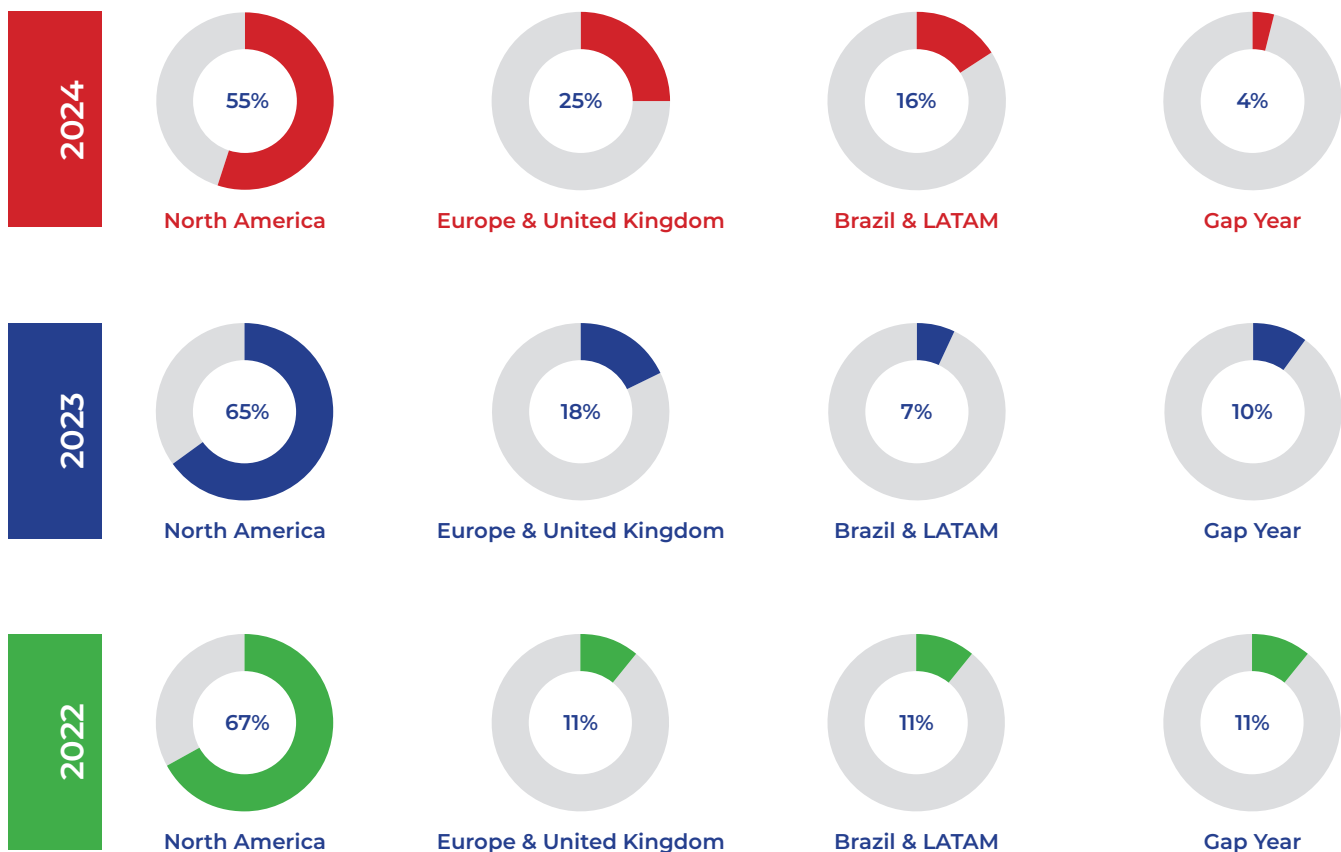
North America Babson, Barnard, Bentley University, Boston College, College of William & Mary, Emerson College, Florida International, Full Sail, Loyola Marymount University, Michigan State University, New York University, Northeastern University, Rollins College, Tulane University, University of Chicago, University of Colorado Denver, University of Delaware, University of Florida, University of Toronto, Villanova University, Yale University

Europe & United Kingdom Catholic University of Portugal, Culinary Institute of Barcelona, EU Business School – Barcelona, IE University – Madrid, Istituto Marangoni Paris, Norwegian University of Science and

Technology, University of Amsterdam, University of the Arts - London, University of Limerick – Ireland, University of Navarra - Spain

Brazil & Latin America IBMEC – Brazil, IDOMED Medical School – Brazil, Instituto tecnológico de estudios superiores de Monterrey – Mexico, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro – Brazil, Universidad de Buenos Aires - Argentina

CLASSES OF 2022-24 MATRICULATION



North America: Amherst College, Barnard College, Bentley University, Berklee College of Music, Boston College, Brigham Young University, Brown University, Clemson University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Elon University, Emory University, Fashion Institute of Technology, Florida Institute of Technology, Florida International University, Fordham University, Georgetown University, Hofstra University, Houston Community College, Hult International Business School, Huron University, Loyola Marymount University, McMaster University, New York University, Northeastern University, Northwestern University, Nova Southeastern University, Oral Roberts University, Purdue University, Rollins College, Rutgers University, San Diego State University, Sarah Lawrence College, SCAD - Savannah College of Art and Design, Syracuse University, Temple University, Texas A&M University, The George Washington University, The New School, Tufts University, Tulane University, University of Arizona, University of British Columbia, University of California-Berkeley, University of California-Davis, University of California-San Diego, University of Chicago, University of Colorado Boulder, University of Florida, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, University of Massachusetts, University of Michigan, University of Rochester, University of San Diego, University of South Florida, University of Southern California, University of Texas at Austin, University of Toronto, University of Washington, University of Western Ontario, Virginia Tech, Wake Forest University, Yale University

Europe & United Kingdom: American University of Paris – France, Arts University Bournemouth – UK, Bocconi University – Italy, EADA Business School – Spain, Eindhoven University of Technology – Netherlands, Erasmus University – Netherlands, ESCP Business School – France, EU Business School – Spain, Glion – Switzerland, Hult London – UK, IE University – Spain, Istituto Marangoni – UK & Italy, King's College London – UK, Nova University of Lisbon – Portugal, Radboud University – Netherlands, Regents University – UK, Royal Holloway – UK, Sciences Po – France, SOAS – UK, Sorbonne University – France, Technical University of Eindhoven – Netherlands, Tech University of Madrid – Spain, Tilburg University – Netherlands, Universidad CEU San Pablo – Spain, University College Dublin – Ireland, University of Amsterdam – Netherlands, University of Bristol – UK, University of Groningen – Netherlands, University of Manchester – UK, University of Navarra – Spain, University of Porto – Portugal, UAL London – UK, University of Twente – Netherlands, Utrecht University – Netherlands

Brazil & LATAM: Belas Artes São Paulo, ESPM Rio de Janeiro & São Paulo, Estácio de Sá Rio de Janeiro, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte, Getúlio Vargas Foundation, IBMEC, INSPER, Link School of Business, Pontifical Catholic University (PUC) of Rio de Janeiro & São Paulo.