WELCOME TO EARJ

ESCOLA AMERICANA DO RIO DE JANEIRO

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MESSAGE FROM THE **HEAD OF SCHOOL**



Welcome to the Escola Americana do Rio de Janeiro! As someone who has worked in schools across Canada, Colombia, Singapore, Brazil, and Turkey, my experience helps me understand first hand the significance of choosing the right school, curriculum, and community to suit your child's unique needs and experiences.

EARJ is a student-centered community of internationally-minded educators, parents and students working collaboratively since 1937 to inspire each child to pursue their passions, strive for excellence, and achieve a fulfilling life.

As an IB full-continuum school offering the PYP, MYP and the IB Diploma, our students engage in a global curriculum framework that fosters creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and confidence. These skills empower them to lead and excel in an ever-changing global community. As a truly international school, we welcome applications from around the world and various educational systems. Each application is carefully reviewed to ensure every child is placed in the appropriate grade for a smooth transition and comprehensive development.

We believe that a nurturing and supportive environment is key to student success. Our dedicated faculty and staff are committed to creating a safe and welcoming community where students feel valued and encouraged to reach their full potential. The relationships between students, teachers, and parents are at the core of our school's values, fostering a sense of inclusion and belonging within our diverse community of over 50 nationalities.

Whether you are relocating to Rio de Janeiro or already living here, we invite you to explore what makes EARJ a special place. Our Admissions team is here to guide you through the process and ensure a smooth transition for your family.

We look forward to welcoming you to EARJ's vibrant school community.

DR. STEVE DESROCHES
Head of School

FIND YOUR **PATH**



Everything you do at EARJ — every class you take, every presentation you make, every piece of music you play, every sport you practice, and every community service project you dedicate yourself to — is meant to help you discover your interests, your talents, your power, and your responsibility.

Our goal is to inspire each child to follow their passions, strive for excellence, and achieve a fulfilling life. “Find your path” is not just a concept. It is a way of life, and it’s life-changing.

FIND YOUR PATH



ESTABLISHED
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TEACHERS

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DIPLOMAS

EARJ
HISTORY

90 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

ESCOLA AMERICANA DO RIO DE JANEIRO

WE ARE A PROUD COMMUNITY WITH NEARLY 90 YEARS OF HISTORY.

EARJ was founded in 1937 by a group of private citizens, corporations, and the American Chamber of Commerce. Its mission was to provide expat families living in Rio de Janeiro with an American curriculum comparable to that of high schools throughout the United States.

The school originally opened in a small house in Ipanema. As enrollment steadily grew, the school relocated twice before settling at its permanent Gávea campus in 1971.

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As a private, nonprofit institution, the Escola Americana do Rio de Janeiro is governed by a 13-member Board of Directors.

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1937





1961

1971



2006



2014



AN AMERICAN **INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION**



With around 50 different nationalities, our diverse community provides a rich international learning environment. This cultural experience, combined with our American curriculum and a nurturing environment, helps cultivate self-esteem and teaches students the benefits and responsibilities of being a global citizen.

As an American international school, we follow the Northern Hemisphere academic calendar, and English is the primary language of instruction. All classes are taught in English, with the exception of courses required for the Brazilian Diploma Program and our Spanish and French language classes.

Furthermore, EARJ holds the unique distinction of being the only school in Rio de Janeiro officially recognized by the U.S. government through the Assisted School Program of the U.S. Department of State's Office of Overseas Schools.

OUR MISSION

TO BE GLOBALLY RECOGNIZED AS A LEADING INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL IN ACADEMICS, EXTRACURRICULARS AND CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

OUR PURPOSE

TO INSPIRE EACH CHILD TO PURSUE THEIR PASSIONS, STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE, AND ACHIEVE A FULFILLING LIFE

OUR VISION

TO PROVIDE AN EDUCATION WHICH INSPIRES CREATIVITY, CRITICAL THINKING, COLLABORATION, COMMUNICATION, AND CONFIDENCE TO LEAD AND EXCEL IN AN EVER-CHANGING GLOBAL COMMUNITY

CAMPUSES



GÁVEA CAMPUS

Established in 1971, the Gávea Campus spans 12 acres nestled at the edge of the Tijuca National Forest. It offers sweeping views of Rio's most iconic landmarks, including the Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon, Guanabara Bay, Sugarloaf Mountain, and Christ the Redeemer. Home to over 800 students, the campus features state-of-the-art facilities intentionally designed to enhance both academic learning and the overall student experience.



BARRA CAMPUS

Established in 2014, the Barra Campus is located in the heart of Barra da Tijuca, surrounded by a peaceful residential neighborhood. The state-of-the-art, 4-acre campus features modern facilities and spacious campus environments designed to comfortably accommodate its growing community. Now home to over 500 students, the campus offers an array of purpose-built spaces that foster academic growth, enrich the learning experience, and contribute to a vibrant, well-rounded student life.

LEARNING **PROGRAM**

LEARNING IS MEANINGFUL GROWTH THAT EMERGES THROUGH CHALLENGE

At EARJ, we believe that high-quality learning is student-centered, inquiry-driven, and globally grounded. It is a process of lasting growth where each learner is deeply known, challenged, and inspired. Through a vibrant culture of inquiry, we empower students to push beyond their comfort zones, deepen their understanding, and take ownership of their education through authentic, real-world problems. For us, challenge isn't about making work harder—it's about making it purposeful and engaging. We are dedicated to ensuring that every student experiences this high-quality learning every single day, inspiring them to grow, find their path, and contribute positively to the world.

THREE DIPLOMAS

EARJ offers a unique curriculum that culminates in three distinct pathways to meet the goals of our global student body: the U.S. Diploma, accredited by NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges); the Brazilian Diploma, accredited by the Rio de Janeiro State Education Council; and the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma.

All EARJ students complete the requirements for both the U.S. and Brazilian Diplomas, establishing a powerful dual-academic foundation. Upon entering Grades 11 and 12, students may additionally choose to pursue the full IB Diploma or select individual IB Course Certificates.





EARJ IS AN IB WORLD CONTINUUM SCHOOL

By aligning our curriculum with the IB framework, we provide a rigorous, globally recognized educational pathway that prepares students for success anywhere in the world. IB World Schools share a common philosophy—a commitment to improving the teaching and learning of a diverse and inclusive community of students by delivering challenging, high-quality programs of international education.

IB CONTINUUM
CONTINUUM DE L'IB
CONTINUO DEL IB

Being an IB World Continuum School means EARJ offers a seamless academic progression across all educational levels, providing all three core International Baccalaureate programs:

Primary Years Programme

FOR STUDENTS AGED 3-12, PRESCHOOL TO GRADE 5.

Middle Years Programme

FOR STUDENTS AGED 11-16, GRADE 6 TO GRADE 10.

Diploma Programme

FOR STUDENTS AGED 16-18, GRADES 11 AND 12.

KEY ASPECTS OF BEING AN **IB CONTINUUM SCHOOL**

CONSISTENCY IN EDUCATION PHILOSOPHY

A Unified Learning Approach: The school follows a consistent educational philosophy that is student-centered, inquiry-driven, and globally grounded. This approach ensures that students experience a coherent, connected, and meaningful learning journey from early childhood through graduation.

Development of the IB Learner Profile: An intentional emphasis on developing core attributes—such as being open-minded, reflective, principled, and caring—is maintained throughout each student's educational journey, fostering the growth of well-rounded individuals who contribute positively to the world.

SEAMLESS TRANSITION BETWEEN PROGRAMS

Smooth Progression: Students benefit from a seamless transition between the different stages of their education, with each framework intentionally building upon the skills, knowledge, and mindsets developed in the previous one.

Coherence in Curriculum: The curriculum across the PYP, MYP, and DP is deeply interconnected, woven together by consistent themes of international-mindedness, critical thinking, and inquiry-driven learning.





LONG-TERM ACADEMIC AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Holistic Development: As students progress through the IB continuum, they grow not only academically but also personally and socially. The continuum builds essential life skills—such as adaptability, critical thinking, and communication—that prepare students for success in higher education and far beyond.

Preparedness for the Future: By learning within a continuous framework, EARJ students are exceptionally well-prepared for the challenges of top-tier universities and the global workplace. This structural continuity ensures they graduate with advanced academic skills, deep cultural awareness, and a truly global perspective.

COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

A Strong, Shared Community: Being an IB Continuum School unites our students, teachers, and parents under a shared vision. This common bond fosters a deeply connected community where everyone is committed to the same values.

An International Perspective: Cultivated by our diverse student body, the culture at EARJ is one of inclusivity, deep respect for diversity, and a vibrant global outlook, perfectly reflecting the international nature of the IB.

BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS

Educational Consistency: By providing a unified educational system from early childhood to graduation, we minimize the disruptions that occur when changing academic frameworks. Students thrive in a stable, familiar environment engineered for continuous growth.

Conceptual Depth: The structural continuity of our program allows students to engage in deeper learning, revisiting and expanding upon complex ideas and skills as they mature through each grade level..

Ready for Tomorrow: We ensure our students are uniquely prepared for the rigorous demands of higher education and the modern global workforce. They leave EARJ with advanced critical thinking skills, robust research habits, and a sophisticated level of intercultural empathy.

Ultimately, an IB Continuum School offers a comprehensive, coherent, and globally grounded education that supports students in becoming lifelong learners who are prepared to succeed and contribute positively to a complex world.

LOWER SCHOOL

NURSERY - GRADE 5

EARJ is an authorized International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP) school. The PYP provides a transdisciplinary, inquiry-driven, student-centered curriculum framework for learners ages 3 to 12, focusing on international-mindedness through a rigorous and meaningful academic lens.

Our educational approach seamlessly integrates subjects, with each grade level exploring the world through six units of inquiry per year (with the exception of our Early Years program). The core knowledge and skill development across our classrooms is mapped directly to the IB PYP Scope and Sequence, alongside rigorous international standards for each discipline.





UPPER SCHOOL

MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 - 8)

EARJ's middle school program is intentionally designed to reflect the developmental beliefs of the Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE).

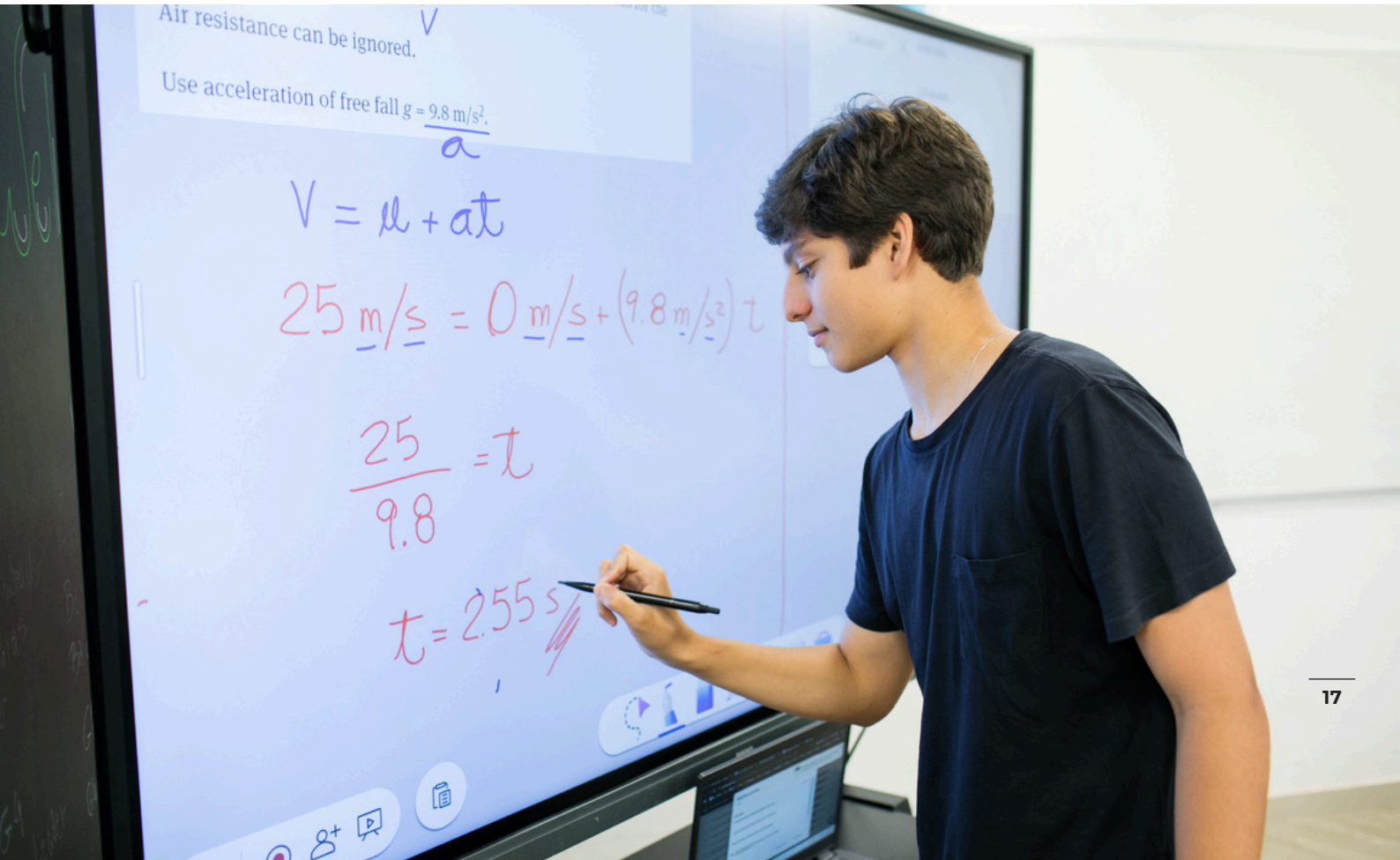
As an authorized IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) school, we provide a student-centered, inquiry-driven curriculum framework that bridges Grades 6 through 10. The MYP offers a coherent, comprehensive approach to education for students ages 11 to 16. It balances rigorous academic challenges with the deliberate development of essential life skills, ensuring our transitioning learners are known, inspired, and prepared for the future.

HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 - 12)

EARJ High School offers a rigorous academic experience designed to prepare students for top-tier global universities. As a baseline for graduation, every student follows an integrated curriculum that culminates in both the U.S. Diploma and the Brazilian Diploma. To further expand their horizons, students in Grades 11 and 12 can layer the world-renowned International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme onto this strong dual-academic foundation. Students have the flexibility to pursue the full, comprehensive IB Diploma or select individual DP courses for specialized subject certificates.

THE ADVISORY PROGRAM

The Advisory Program is designed to meet the evolving academic, social, and emotional needs of Upper School students through a comprehensive curriculum that fosters a strong sense of community. Through this program, students are provided with a supportive environment and access to caring adult advocates who are there to help them navigate academic or personal challenges.



COUNSELING **PROGRAM**

Our Counseling Program nurtures personal growth, self-esteem, and healthy relationships while supporting students' academic progress and social-emotional well-being. Through individual and group sessions, guidance classes, and close collaboration with families and teachers, we help students understand themselves, navigate challenges, and develop the skills and confidence to thrive.

LOWER SCHOOL

Lower School counselors focus on fostering personal growth, self-confidence, and positive relationships from an early age. Our comprehensive support includes dedicated guidance classes, individual and small-group counseling, and active classroom and recess observations. Through this proactive care, students develop essential skills in decision-making, self-advocacy, and personal responsibility, building a strong academic and social foundation for the years ahead.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Our Middle School counseling program guides students through adolescence with biweekly classes on well-being, peer relationships, and life skills. Counselors actively monitor academic progress, provide individual support, and teach vital study and organizational strategies. The program also ensures smooth transitions between school levels and warmly welcomes new families into the EARJ community.

HIGH SCHOOL

High School counselors provide individualized academic, social-emotional, and family support tailored to each student. Through advisory, personal counseling, and workshops for students and parents, the team helps learners explore their strengths, set goals, and map out university pathways. The program maintains a steadfast focus on well-being, informed decision-making, and readiness for life beyond school.



COLLEGE & CAREERS **COUNSELING**

From Grade 9 through graduation, College and Careers Counseling at EARJ serves as a strategic pillar of our community. The program provides personalized, step-by-step strategy and support for students and parents across all four years of High School. By guiding students to discover their passions and map out their paths, the counseling team empowers them to unlock their full potential, ultimately securing impactful global university acceptances and launching successful careers.

Our four-year guidance journey is anchored by four core commitments:

Individual Discovery & Purposeful Pathfinding: We focus first on the individual student, cultivating the self-awareness, creativity, and critical thinking necessary to identify unique personal and academic passions.

Application Guidance & Tools: We demystify complex international admission landscapes, equipping students with the tools, resilience, and expert strategy required to confidently showcase their excellence.

Global Access & Connectivity: Our students enjoy unparalleled, direct access to higher education leaders worldwide. EARJ hosts over 200 global universities on campus annually, runs specialized career fairs, symposiums, and masterclasses, and provides a portal to over 500 elite summer programs abroad.

Real-World Experience & Connection: We actively bridge the gap between high school and global industry. Our signature **Work Shadowing** and **Mentorship Program** leverages our powerful community network to embed students directly into professional environments and pair them with industry mentors

For detailed resources and the latest updates from our counseling team, visit the department newsletter:
https://earjcollegecounselingnewsletter.online

UNIVERSITY PLACEMENTS

EARJ's rigorous college preparatory curriculum qualifies graduates for admission to the world's leading universities. We practice a "pragmatic counseling" philosophy—a highly personalized journey ensuring that each student targets and secures the global institution representing the ideal fit for their long-term academic, personal, and geographic goals.





UNIVERSITY **PLACEMENTS**

Recent Acceptances and Matriculations:

UNITED STATES

American University
Amherst College
Babson College
Barnard College
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Case Western Reserve University
College of William & Mary
Columbia University
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Emerson College
Emory University
Fordham University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Indiana University Bloomington
Loyola Marymount University
Michigan State University
New York University
Northeastern University
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Purdue University
Santa Clara University
Syracuse University
Tufts University
Tulane University
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of Chicago
University of Florida
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania
University of San Diego
University of Southern California
University of Texas at Austin
Wake Forest University
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Yale University

UNITED KINGDOM

Durham University
Imperial College London
King's College London
London School of Economics
Loughborough University
Newcastle University
The University of Edinburgh
University College London
University of Arts London
University of Bath
University of Birmingham
University of Bristol
University of Cambridge
University of Exeter
University of Leeds
University of Liverpool
University of Manchester
University of Oxford
University of Sheffield
University of St Andrews
University of Warwick

EUROPE

Bocconi University
EDHEC Business School
Eindhoven University of Technology
Erasmus University Rotterdam
ESADE Business School
ESCP Business School
ESSEC Business School
IE University
Leiden University
Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali "Guido Carli"
Maastricht University
Norwegian University of Science and Technology
Sciences Po
Sorbonne University
Technical University of Madrid
Trinity College Dublin
Universidad de Navarra
Universidade Católica Portuguesa
Universidade do Porto
Universidade NOVA de Lisboa
University College Dublin
University of Amsterdam
University of Groningen
Utrecht University


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UNIVERSITY **PLACEMENTS**

BRAZIL

Centro Universitário Belas Artes de São Paulo
ESPM - Rio de Janeiro
ESPM - São Paulo
Faculdade Israelita de Ciências da Saúde Albert Einstein
Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV)
IBMEC
IDOMED
INSPER
Instituto D'Or de Pesquisa e Ensino
IED São Paulo
PUC-Rio
UERJ
UNIRIO
UFRJ
UFF
Universidade Presbiteriana Mackenzie
Universidade Unigranrio

CANADA

Concordia University
McGill University
McMaster University
Queen's University
Simon Fraser University
University of Alberta
University of British Columbia
University of Calgary
University of Ottawa
University of Toronto
University of Victoria
University of Waterloo
University of Western Ontario
Western University
York University

WORLD

Arkansas State University - Queretaro (Mexico)
University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong)
Hong Kong Polytechnic University (Hong Kong)
La Trobe University (Australia)
Macquarie University (Australia)
Tecnológico de Monterrey (Mexico)
Universidad de Buenos Aires (Argentina)
Universidad de San Andrés (Argentina)
Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (Argentina)
University of Sydney (Australia)
Western Sydney University (Australia)

EARJ MATRICULATION DATA 2023-2026

48%
NORTH AMERICA

26%
UK & CONTINENTAL EUROPE

18%
BRAZIL

7%
GAP YEAR

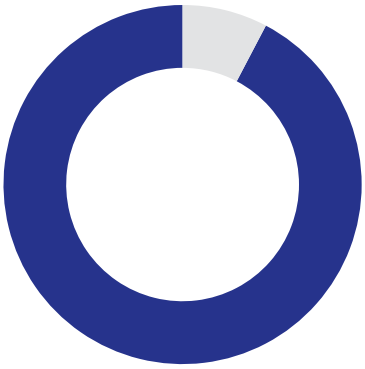
2%
LATIN AMERICA

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE
CLASS OF 2026 DIPLOMA RESULTS

44
DIPLOMAS AWARDED
(27 of which Bilingual)

34
EARJ DP AVERAGE

30.88
DP GLOBAL AVERAGE



88%
DIPLOMAS
PASS RATE



STUDENT SUPPORT **SERVICES**

Student Support Services encompass comprehensive Learning Support and English as an Academic Language (EAL) programs, ensuring that every student's academic, social, emotional, and physical needs are fully addressed. Through close collaboration among teachers, families, and specialists, the department provides tailored, research-based strategies to help each individual learner thrive.

LEARNING SUPPORT

The inclusive Learning Support program assists students with diagnosed learning needs by offering accommodations, assistive technology, and targeted instruction. From early intervention in Preschool and Kindergarten to individualized goals, co-teaching, and direct instruction in Grades 1–12, the program empowers students to successfully access the curriculum, develop independence, and become self-advocating learners.

ENGLISH AS AN ACADEMIC LANGUAGE (EAL)

The English as an Academic Language (EAL) program is specifically designed to support students who are developing English language proficiency. Guided by international WIDA standards, the program combines targeted small-group lessons and strategic in-class support to strengthen listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. Distinct from general learning support, EAL focuses on enabling multilingual learners to fully access a rigorous, content-rich curriculum while preparing them for long-term academic achievement and lifelong success.



ATHLETICS AND **ACTIVITIES**

At EARJ, the athletic program is designed to inspire a lifelong commitment to health, well-being, and physical activity. The EARJ Panthers proudly represent the school across numerous competitions, with a culture rooted firmly in sportsmanship, fair play, and mutual respect.

While all students are welcome to try out for teams, a select group is chosen to travel and represent EARJ in competitive tournaments. Practices are held two to three times a week, taking place both before and after school. The program offers a wide range of sports, including basketball, volleyball, indoor soccer, field soccer, cheerleading, and softball. Year after year, the EARJ Panthers maintain a proud tradition of excellence in highly competitive interscholastic events.

PANTHERS
EARJ

WELCOME TO THE HOME OF THE **PANTHERS**!





INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

The EARJ Panthers travel abroad to participate in sports exchange tournaments across South America, the United States, and Europe.

AASB NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

The 14 member schools of the Association of American Schools of Brazil participate in these high-profile national events, focusing specifically on Middle School and Varsity categories.

LIGA ESCOLAR

A local league where the Panthers compete against numerous schools in the Rio de Janeiro area.

RJISL

EARJ participates in the Rio de Janeiro Interscholastic Sports League, competing directly against other international and private schools throughout the city.

ACADEMIC **TEAMS**

Participation in Academic Teams offers students a dynamic opportunity to cultivate essential communication, leadership, and collaboration skills through strategic preparation and competitive teamwork.

In preparing for prestigious events like Model United Nations (MUN) conferences, MathCounts, and Knowledge Bowl tournaments, students are challenged to think critically, solve problems under pressure, and master public speaking. Ultimately, these programs empower individuals to lead initiatives and manage responsibilities, fostering profound intellectual and personal growth within a supportive, high-achieving environment.

KNOWLEDGE BOWL is an academic, competitive, and interscholastic event for Middle School and High School students, where teams compete head-to-head to answer questions from a wide range of general knowledge areas.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS (MUN) is a simulation of the United Nations Organization, in which students represent committees and delegations modeled on those within the United Nations, debating complex economic, humanitarian, and global security issues.

MATHCOUNTS is an enrichment competition program that inspires excellence, confidence, and curiosity in mathematics, specifically designed to challenge and engage students in Grades 6–8.



AFTER SCHOOL **PROGRAM**

Available for students from Nursery to Grade 12, the After School Activities (ASA) program offers a structured, engaging environment for students to dive into their passions, build practical skills, and collaborate on creative projects. Running for one or more hours immediately following the regular school day for a monthly fee, the program allows families to select multiple activities to create a personalized schedule. Options include a wide array of choices such as jiu-jitsu, jazz, ceramics, robotics, gymnastics, parkour, cooking, guitar, computer programming, and ballet, catering to all ages and preferences.

Led by a dedicated mix of EARJ faculty members and outside specialists, these enriching sessions give students a wonderful space to spark curiosity, explore new talents, and boost personal growth. While offerings may change throughout the year to provide ongoing opportunities for hands-on learning, the ASA program consistently fosters lifelong learning and creativity beyond the classroom.



HONOR SOCIETIES **& CLUBS**

HONOR SOCIETIES

Honor Societies at EARJ recognize students who excel academically while demonstrating a profound commitment to leadership and service. Membership is by invitation, based on a holistic evaluation of academic achievement, exemplary character, and community involvement. Students have the opportunity to join multiple organizations, gaining access to advanced enrichment, impactful civic engagement projects, and valuable peer networks across several chapters, including **the National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, French Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Portuguese Honor Society, and the Athletics Council.**

CLUBS

In the Upper School, EARJ offers a diverse array of student-led clubs designed to encourage individuals to explore their passions, build lasting friendships, and generate a meaningful impact. Whether focused on community service, creative arts, or specialized interests, these organizations empower students to cultivate critical leadership skills and foster profound personal growth. Participating in a club provides a valuable avenue for students to connect with peers, expand their horizons, and actively contribute to purposeful global and local initiatives.



LEARNING
BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

At EARJ, learning is recognized as most powerful when it is hands-on, engaging, and deeply connected to real-world experiences. Through dynamic programs such as immersive field trips, experiential travel, guest speaker sessions, and annual book fairs, students are given meaningful opportunities to broaden their global perspectives, strengthen critical thinking, and cultivate essential life skills.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING AND EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL

Educational excursions—ranging from museum day visits to multi-day cultural and outdoor immersions—allow students to connect classroom learning with the wider world. Whether exploring history, engaging with nature, or collaborating in team challenges, these experiences are designed to foster independence, responsibility, and deep cultural awareness.

GUEST SPEAKERS AND CAREER EXPOSURE

Inviting accomplished professionals and experts into the school enriches the academic experience by demonstrating how classroom knowledge applies to global industries. Signature events like Career Week connect students with distinguished alumni and leaders, inspiring them to explore future pathways and develop essential skills for a changing world.

BOOK FAIRS AND LITERACY PROMOTION

EARJ cultivates a lifelong love of reading through curated book fairs featuring diverse literary selections designed to spark curiosity. By directly linking literature with subjects studied in class, these events promote critical thinking, vocabulary acquisition, and a sustained passion for learning beyond the curriculum.





SOCIAL **RESPONSIBILITY**

Social responsibility is intrinsic to EARJ's culture and educational approach. From the earliest years, the community engages in programs that foster empathy, leadership, and connection.

As students progress into Middle and High School, they are encouraged to spearhead independent civic projects or participate in school-sponsored initiatives. At the Gávea campus, students build vital bridges with the Rocinha community through academic support and arts programs, while Barra students lead initiatives focused on mobility awareness and partnerships with animal welfare organizations like SUIPA.

Student-led clubs collaborate closely with the administration to raise awareness for critical global and local causes. A premier example is the S.O.S. Walkathon Against Cancer, organized by the S.O.S. (Service Oriented Students) Club, which unites the entire EARJ community to raise critical funds for the National Cancer Institute (INCA).

Embedded across all divisions within the International Baccalaureate framework, this holistic dedication to service empowers students to become compassionate citizens ready to make a positive impact.



INNOVATIVE **LEARNING SPACES**

MUSEON

The MuseOn is a unique educational space that has been continually evolving since its launch in 2007. Within this campus museum, we engage students using dynamic installations and experiences designed to promote healthy debate and critical thinking about themes relevant to current human affairs or possible futures. These exhibit themes are carefully chosen to connect with our school curricula from Preschool through Grade 12, while also engaging parents and school staff. Every new exhibition provides a novel visual and cognitive experience, aiming to be both thought provoking and profoundly relevant.

AUDITORIUM

Located on the Gavea Campus, the EARJ Ruth Stanton Auditorium serves as a premier venue for fine arts performances and student assemblies. As a vital part of our educational environment, this space provides students with open access to explore, express, and showcase their talents through music and theater. In addition to performing, students have unique opportunities to learn the technical sides of stage production, developing hands on skills in lighting, sound, and special effects.





INNOVATIVE **LEARNING SPACES**

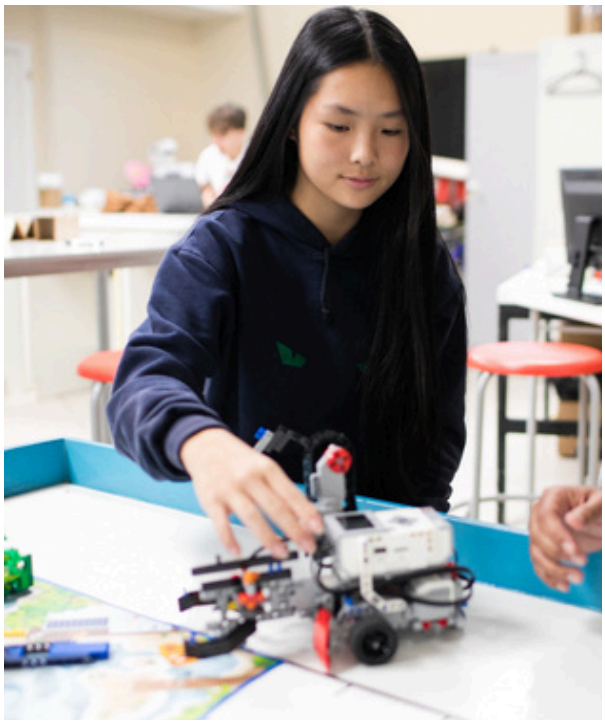
STEM

The EARJ STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) program is a collaborative hub designed for student-centered exploration and team problem-solving across multiple disciplines. Our activities champion self-directed, inquiry-based learning that encourages students to think critically and challenge their creative limits. By identifying projects of personal interest, designing unique prototypes, and building tangible solutions, students actively take charge of their own educational growth while developing vital skills for the future.

INNOVATIVE LABS

The Innovative Labs at EARJ are dynamic spaces designed to inspire creativity, experimentation, and collaborative problem-solving. Equipped with cutting-edge technology and resources, these labs provide students with opportunities to engage in interdisciplinary projects that combine science, technology, engineering, and design. Through hands-on activities and real-world challenges, students develop critical thinking, innovation skills, and a passion for lifelong learning.





LEARNING COMMONS

The Learning Commons at EARJ are exceptional, modern environments filled with a diverse collection of resources designed to inspire students, support their interests, and develop their unique talents. Both the Barra and Gávea campuses feature dedicated Learning Commons tailored for Lower School and Upper School students. These welcoming, multipurpose hubs foster collaboration, promote reading as a foundational pillar, and encourage advanced critical thinking and problem-solving. Additionally, these vibrant spaces host annual Book Fairs and serve as central venues for a variety of community and academic activities—nurturing creativity, personal growth, and a lifelong love of learning across the entire school.





PARENT **COMMUNITY**

PARENT ENGAGEMENT

EARJ is more than a school—it is a vibrant, multicultural community where students, families, faculty, staff, and alumni from approximately 50 nationalities unite under shared values and a global mindset. Rooted in respect, collaboration, and inclusion, this dynamic environment fosters meaningful, lifelong connections and a strong sense of belonging that extends well beyond the classroom.

Parents play an indispensable role in the school community through active participation in several key organizations:

Parent Teacher Association (PTA): Works in close partnership with the school administration to enhance student life, support faculty initiatives, and strengthen family engagement.

Newcomer Connections Group: A dedicated team of volunteer parents who warmly welcome new families by organizing social events, informative sessions, and local outings to help them transition smoothly into Rio and the EARJ community.

Booster Club: A spirited organization that proudly supports Panther athletes through targeted fundraising, event coordination, and an enthusiastic community presence at major tournaments.



SCHOOL **EVENTS**

Rooted in a strong partnership between home and school, EARJ's international community comes together through a variety of schoolwide events. These traditions are designed to foster community spirit, strengthen connections, and promote school pride across all grade levels.

For students, these events provide opportunities to develop confidence, social skills, and self-expression in a supportive environment. By welcoming families and alumni, these celebrations reinforce a shared sense of belonging and showcase the inclusive nature of the EARJ community.

INTERNATIONAL DAY

International Day is EARJ's largest and most significant schoolwide event, offering a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the school's vibrant, diverse community. This landmark celebration features a spectacular parade of nations, global cuisine, and interactive cultural activities alongside live music, traditional dance, and family games. Additionally, the event incorporates community-driven raffles that raise vital funds for local organizations in need, embodying the true spirit of global citizenship that defines EARJ.



SCHOOL **EVENTS**

HALLOWEEN

Halloween is a favorite annual tradition at EARJ, bringing the community together for a festive day of creative costumes and family-friendly entertainment. The event features a student costume parade, trick-or-treating, a haunted house, music, and food options. With activity booths designed specifically for both Lower and Upper School divisions, the celebration offers engaging entertainment for all age groups.

THANKSGIVING

The annual Thanksgiving lunch is a long-standing November tradition that brings the EARJ community together for a classic American holiday gathering. The event serves as a meaningful occasion for students, staff, and families to gather, express gratitude, and reflect on the positive moments and accomplishments of the school year.





EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES
ANTI-DISCRIMINATION AND INCLUSION

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

It is the policy of EARJ that no person shall be discriminated against on any basis, in any of its educational programs, activities, admissions, or employment practices, such as, but not limited to race, color, creed, religion, sex, gender identity, socio-economic status, political beliefs and affliation, age or national origin.

ANTI DISCRIMINATION

EARJ welcomes people from all around the world, irrespective of race, color, creed, religion, sex, gender identity, socio-economic status, political beliefs or affiliation.

EARJ embraces a broad diversity, striving to build a community of teaching and learning that is inclusive, culturally sensitive and equitable, and in which everyone experiences a strong belonging in the pursuit of educational excellence.

INCLUSION

EARJ values people's right to express views and opinions within the boundaries of the law.

Any form of intolerance and discrimination on any basis is unacceptable.

All members of the EARJ community are expected to respect this policy.

ALUMNI **ASSOCIATION**

ONCE A PANTHER, ALWAYS A PANTHER!

The Alumni Association dedicatedly supports the institution's goals and strengthens the enduring bonds between alumni, families, and the school community. It provides valuable opportunities for former students to reconnect and give back—whether by mentoring graduates, networking, or supporting special projects.

Ultimately, the association serves as a platform for alumni to network, support school initiatives, or simply *"matar as saudades"*, reliving the life-changing experience of being an EARJ Panther.

Former students are invited to reconnect and join the Alumni Association by following our dedicated social media channels or emailing **alumni@earj.com.br.**



ADMISSIONS **OFFICE**

APPLY NOW!

Click the link below to start your application process today!

https://earj.openapply.com/

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

For an application to be considered, all required documents, interviews, and assessments must be fully validated by the Admissions Committee.

Applications are subject to seat availability until the final Admissions Committee review. Enrollment cannot be guaranteed for incomplete applications. If a grade level reaches capacity before validation is complete, the application will be placed in the respective waiting pool, and the family will be notified.

Following application submission, the Admissions Office will send an email detailing the next steps. The comprehensive procedure and documentation requirements can also be found at the link below:
https://www.earj.com.br/admissions/application-process

The EARJ Admissions Office operates year-round across both the Gávea and Barra da Tijuca campuses. Prospective families are welcome to initiate the application process at any time. If uncertain about campus selection, families may select either campus to begin the process, and the Admissions team will assist with redirection if necessary.

CONTACTS

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TO CONSIDER BEFORE APPLYING

AGE CHART

EARJ enrolls students from ages 3 to 18. Applicants for Nursery must be 3 years old by July 31st of the entry school year and be fully potty trained. To review specific grade eligibility by birth date, please consult the official age chart:

https://www.earj.com.br/admissions/age-chart

SCHOOL CALENDAR

As an American international school, EARJ operates on a Northern Hemisphere calendar, with the academic year beginning in July and concluding in June. Families transitioning from Brazilian schools or institutions operating on alternative calendars are advised to contact the Admissions Office for alignment.

INTERNATIONAL EQUIVALENCY

To assist families transitioning between diverse global academic systems, EARJ provides a comparative framework. The international equivalency chart, available in the link below, outlines how a student's current grade level corresponds to both the American and Brazilian educational systems:

https://www.earj.com.br/admissions/international-equivalency

GENERAL **INFORMATION**

SCHOOL HOURS

Monday to Friday
8:00 - 3:25 PM

ATHLETICS PRACTICE

Upper School (Grade 6 to 12): Mon to Fri
Normal practice: 3:30 - 5:00 PM
Early practice: 6:00 - 7:30 AM
Late practice: 5:00 - 6:30 PM

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES HOURS

Monday to Friday
3:45 PM - 4:45 PM

TRANSPORTATION

EARJ partners with vetted, independent transportation companies to provide families with reliable and tailored transit services. For additional details regarding routes, safety protocols, and registration, please contact the Admissions Office.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

Tied to its character education program of respect and responsibility, EARJ shares a commitment with parents and students to ensure appropriate dress for school. Attire must tastefully cover the midriff, thighs, and backside, while profane, racist, or sexist clothing and symbols are strictly prohibited. Out of common courtesy, hats and sunglasses are not permitted in classrooms, and for safety reasons, flip-flops are highly discouraged.





NUTRITION

EARJ recognizes that high-quality nutrition directly drives both student development and academic performance. Daily school menus feature fresh, wholesome food free of additives, trans fats, and ultra-processed options. Guided by a team of experienced cooks and nutritionists, operations emphasize healthy choices alongside sustainable practices that minimize and recycle food waste.

BREAKS & MEALS

Students have two breaks daily: a short morning snack (Brunch Break) and a one-hour lunch.

NURSERY - KINDERGARTEN: Healthy snacks are provided by the school; children may also bring their own.

GRADES 1-5: Students bring their snacks from home; school concessions are not available during the day.

GRADES 6-12: Students may bring snacks from home or purchase from school concessions. All products offered at the EARJ Snack Shack comply with the Municipal Law on School Canteens (Decree 52842; Law 7987/23).

LUNCH: Students may choose to eat at the cafeteria catered by partner Sodexo, bring meals from home, or utilize a combination of both options. For students bringing food from home, microwave ovens are readily available in the dining area.

The cafeteria features a diverse, balanced menu focused entirely on healthy choices. Daily offerings include a salad bar, soup, rice, beans, a selection of proteins (including vegetarian options), seasonal vegetables, dessert, and fresh juice.

Please note that external food deliveries to students during school hours are not permitted.

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS

The health of our students is a top priority, and we are committed to creating an inclusive and safe dining environment for everyone. For students with special dietary needs (allergies or intolerances), meals are prepared separately to accommodate their specific requirements, supervised by campus nutritionists.

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