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## Welcome to Colegio Internacional de Caracas. This document will provide you with key information about our school.

### 1. Introduction & Welcome:

On behalf of our entire learning community, welcome to Colegio Internacional de Caracas. As a PN-Grade 12 school located in the hills just south of the Las Mercedes and Santa Fe neighborhoods, we have served internationally-minded families and their children since 1896. This media kit will provide you with historical information that can be utilized for media events and personal information.

### 2. CIC Contact Information:

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### 3. CIC's Mission and Vision:

CIC Mission: CIC provides excellence in a PN-12 English-environment, and fully prepares each student to prosper in a borderless and innovation-based world.

CIC Vision: CIC will become Venezuela's most aspirational PN-12 learning environment.

### 4. Brief School History:

CIC has been delivering quality education in Caracas since 1896. Originally called Colegio Americano, the school merged with Academia La Castellana in 1971 and took the name Colegio Internacional de Caracas, or The International School of Caracas. CIC has a proven record of academic excellence and leadership among international schools in Venezuela. CIC was an early adopter of the International Baccalaureate Diploma and Middle Years Programs, which have built world-wide reputations for rigor, high standards, international perspective, and effective university preparation. Through generous consultancy and collegial collaboration, CIC's curriculum ideas are being implemented at many of the smaller international schools around the country.



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## 5. CIC Academics:

CIC academics are separated into three distinguished divisions: Early Years, Elementary, and Secondary. The Early Years (EY) includes children from Pre-Nursery (usually Age 2) through Kindergarten (Age 6). The Elementary School (Ages 5-11) encompasses students from Grade 1 through Grade 5, and the Secondary School (Ages 11-18) includes both the middle school grades (6-8) and high school (9-12). All students are taught in an English Immersion setting that promotes the International Baccalaureate Learner Profile, community, and hard work. Learning is framed in the best education practices found internationally, with a focus toward American and European learning traditions.

## 6. CIC Curriculum:

The CIC curriculum is rooted in the International Baccalaureate Middle Years and Diploma Programs ([www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)). Since 1896 CIC has been delivering this program in English as one of Latin America's earliest adopters. In the Elementary School and Early Years, CIC uses a variety of US-based and international learning standards and benchmarks that includes Common Core, American Education Reaches Out (AERO), Next Generation Science, and others. All curricula is expected to be cross discipline, and no one subject is taught in isolation. All curricula except for Spanish and French class is taught in English.

## 7. CIC Teachers:

CIC believes that the relationship between teacher and student is paramount to learning and we understand this is not a traditional convention. CIC understands that students learn best when their teachers personally care about their academic and social success. To this end, CIC hires a blend of English-speaking international and local teachers across the grade levels to deliver a robust curriculum with many personal perspectives and belief systems. All teachers are certified and most possess advanced degrees in Education, or in the field of their instruction. The majority of CIC teachers have more than a decade in the Field of Education.

## 8. CIC Counseling and University Admissions:

CIC provides a comprehensive support program for each student as he or she works to obtain enrollment into the world's best universities. Beginning in Grade 9, CIC guides students through a step-by-step process that includes SAT, TOEFL, university applications, reviews and interviews. The end result has been that CIC students earn enrollment in many of the world's finest colleges and universities in North America, Europe, and more recently, the Middle East and Africa. The CIC Counseling Department provides interested families with information, and hosts testing for Venezuelan nationals on the CIC campus.



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## 9. International School Accreditation for CIC:

CIC is accredited by the United States-based accrediting agency AdvancED which oversees schools and universities in the United States and abroad. This assures that our high school diploma is fully recognized in the United States and internationally as a bona fide college-preparatory high school degree. In addition, CIC is fully accredited by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO), the most identified international curriculum agency in the world to deliver the IB Middle Years and Diploma Programmes. CIC has absolute confidence in our students' ability to realize their potential beyond the campus after graduation based on the support from these international organizations.

## 10. CIC Admissions:

CIC has a transparent step-by-step process for obtaining enrollment. Potential students and their families provide the needed documents and visit the campus in order to understand the nature and value of CIC. Visiting families meet teachers and students often observe specific classes. The goal is for families to learn about and appreciate CIC as well as the school's mission and vision. CIC believes that once a student is enrolled, he or she immediately becomes a full-standing member of our community, whether it be an IB Diploma student or our youngest Pre-Nursery child. All potential families follow the same process at all grade levels.

## 11. CIC Technology:

CIC utilizes a range of technologies to deliver the expected curriculum. All students in Grades 6 through 12 (the Secondary School) participate in the CIC Laptop Program and have access to the wireless network throughout the day. Younger students have in-class and shared laptops and tablets. Additionally, CIC offers classes for many grade-levels in Technology that include Computer Aided Design, Robotics, Game Coding, and others. All instructional classrooms have LED projectors and wireless network access. Teachers utilize numerous online programs and databases (ALMA, Google Classroom, etc.) to deliver learning and communication to students and their parents. Furthermore, students are taught to use technology responsibly.

## 12. CIC Community Service & Volunteerism:

CIC has a long history of offering learning experiences *outside* the school campus where students participate in regional communities through volunteerism and community service. For students to graduate from CIC, it is necessary that each student log, complete and reflect on a range of community service requirements. Activities are driven by student interest and supported across campus by the school and its administration and counselor. Our community currently volunteers at orphanages, in the local community, and across the community.



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## 13. Student Activities at CIC:

CIC offers many opportunities after school and over weekends to expand the learning experience of all students. Teachers offer classes and tutoring beginning immediately after the regular school day and evening/weekend learning opportunities are offered. Secondary School students participate in national sporting events through the Venezuelan Association of North American Schools (VANAS) and through regional avenues. CIC regularly hosts the South American Model United Nations as well as many other educational events with other schools and organizations.

## 14. Campus Facilities:

Uniquely, in Caracas CIC has a grand garden-based university-style campus. CIC hosts an all-weather turf football field with bleachers, as well as covered basketball and volleyball courts for class or tournament play. CIC has a Learning Center with more than 15,000 volumes and supportive technologies as well as a design and robotics laboratory. Additional facilities include a technology lab, English as a Second Language classrooms, numerous outdoor play areas, butterfly and bamboo gardens, and performing and fine arts centers.

## 15. English as a Second Language (ESOL) at CIC:

All instruction is in English, and CIC provides extensive ESOL support to students who enter the school without strength in the English Language. From additional classes in English, to direct language support in the disciplines, CIC assures students will succeed in the English Immersion environment. All students are tested regularly to assure instruction is effective and supportive.

## 16. CIC Campus Location:

CIC is located above the bustle of city life in Los Samanes above Las Mercedes and Santa Fe, with Santa Ines just below. With 24-hour security, our campus is divided into three sections - Early Years (EY), Elementary (ES), and Secondary so students do not distract each other. Students reach campus either by private car, or the CIC bus system that delivers students to and from campus daily.

**17. CIC Privacy Statement:** *CIC provides privacy to all families who are enrolled. We do NOT allow permission to take any pictures of students at this campus unless it is approved in writing. All requests for photography should be directed to the school superintendent. CIC is happy to provide media images upon request for appropriate events.*

