



COLEGIO LA FLORESTA

MISSION

"To form integral individuals, through an education based on academic excellence and the ordinary practice of human virtues, within a frame of freedom and responsibility, facing God and mankind, in order to influence and transform the environment and the society in which they develop".

VISION

"To be a school in which human development is forged through integral and personal education, having family as the center, contemplating the values of western society, social and spiritual conviviality, and remaining open to the sense of transcendence in human existence".

Authorities:

School Principal: Emilia Nora de Guerrero

Secondary School Principal:

Marta Eugenia de Aguilar

Primary School Principal: Migdalia de López

IB Diploma Coordinator: Laura de Calderón

PYP Coordinator: Violeta de Menjivar

GRADING SYSTEM

IB	LA FLORESTA	EQUIVALENCE
7	10 - 9.5	A
6.5	9	
6	8.5	
5.5	8	
5	7.5	B
4.5	7	
4	6.5	C
3.5	6	D
3	5.5	F
2.5	6	
2	4.5	
1.5	4	
1	3.5	
0.5	3	

Km. 13 1/2 Carretera al Puerto de La Libertad,
Santa Tecla, La Libertad, El Salvador
informacion@lafloresta.edu.sv
Phone: (503) 25348800, Fax: (503) 25348801

SCHOOL PROFILE 2011



Colegio La Floresta is a bilingual institution with over 30 years of experience educating girls ages 6 to 18. The objective of the school is to form a close partnership with parents to give personalized and integral education of the whole person in the following areas:

- **Academic**- students are challenged to set high academic goals and to strive to achieve them. Our school was authorized by the International Baccalaureate Organization to offer the Diploma Program in 2008 and the Primary Years Program (PYP) in 2010.
- **Social**- through a vibrant school life students have opportunity to participate in solidarity programs, artistic performances, and the "Green Team" among others. This allows them to reach to the community outside the school and practice values helping others.
- **Physical**- through our Sports clubs and P.E. classes students develop strength in their bodies and minds. They learn discipline, fairness, and the value of hard work.
- **Spiritual**- our school, inspired by the teachings of the Catholic Church and the spirit of Opus Dei, offers religion from the lowest levels to 12th grade because we have a program that encourages virtues according to the developmental level of the student.

Our one-on-one advising is the trademark of our school system. Through it we guarantee a truly personalized education. Each of the students has a highly trained advisor, both meet on a regular basis to discuss the student's academic achievements, social skills, discipline and the practice of virtues. Our curriculum develops skills and attitudes that help students become free and responsible women with sound Catholic ideals and a long-lasting love for learning.

We comply with the Salvadorean national curriculum standards and with the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program requirements and the Diploma standards. Our curriculum and methodology are international, inquiry based, transdisciplinary and constructivist. The school year runs from mid August to mid June with a three-week break during the Christmas holidays.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

We want our students to face a curriculum that is both challenging and meaningful. At all levels we emphasize on the acquisition and proper use of both languages, English and Spanish, and Math skills.

In primary school students go through 6 transdisciplinary themes, that use skills from all subjects to highlight meaningful concepts and attitudes.

The following subjects are taught throughout the secondary school:

- Spanish A1
- English A2/ English B
- Social Studies/ History*
- Biology*/ Chemistry*
- Art /Visual Arts
- Math*
- Economics*
- Computers
- French

- Religion*
- Philosophy*
 - * subjects taught in Spanish

The minimum passing grade for all subjects is 6.0.

At the end of 10th grade students undergo a selection process to enter one of our three options for a high-school diploma:

- La Floresta Diploma
- La Floresta Diploma + IB Certificates
- La Floresta and IB Diploma

In order to obtain the National Diploma, all graduating students must sit for the PAES examination, according to the Salvadorean Education authorities.

At La Floresta, we believe that the best education develops the whole person, integrating academic excellence with character strength through a rigorous and engaging curriculum, a student-centered approach to education, collaboration with parents, outstanding faculty, spiritual growth, family atmosphere and traditions, and rich student life. We want our graduates to be leaders who will make a difference in their professions, their families and their communities.