

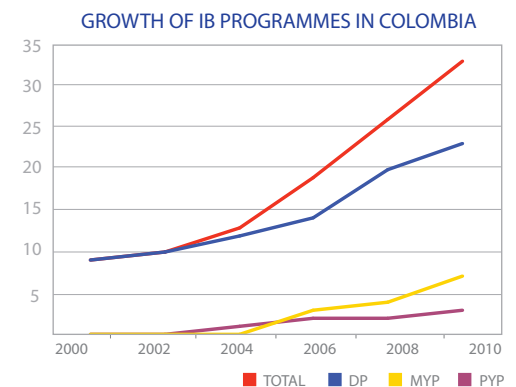
# COLOMBIA

## A DYNAMIC PRESENCE: GROWTH AND CHARACTERISTICS OF IB WORLD SCHOOLS

*When was the first IB programme authorized in Colombia, and how has the IB grown in the country?*

The first IB Diploma Programme was authorized in 1977 at Colegio Colombo Británico, a private school in Cali. Over the next decade, eight more schools adopted the Diploma, six of them in Bogotá. Over the past decade, the growth of IB programmes in Colombia has steadily gained momentum. Six new programmes began operating in 2008 alone, the largest number ever to have been authorized in a single year.

The first IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) in Colombia was authorized in 2003 at the Colegio Anglo-Colombiano in Bogotá. In 2005, the Anglo-Colombiano also became the first school to introduce the IB Primary Years Programme (PYP).

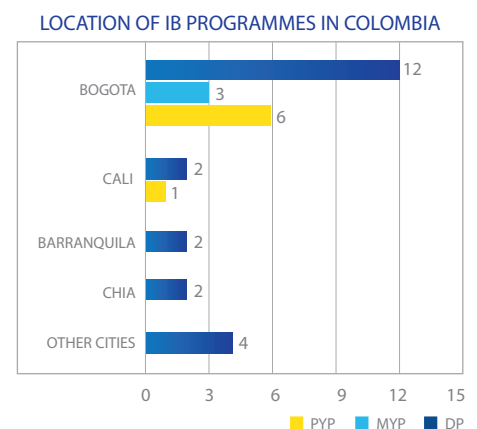


*How many IB World Schools are present in Colombia today, and where are they located?*

There are currently 24 IB World Schools in Colombia, all of which are private. These schools are implementing 33 IB programmes (given that some schools implement several at once).

More than half (58%) of the IB World Schools in Colombia are located in Bogotá, meaning that two-thirds (67%) of all IB programmes are concentrated there.

There are two IB World Schools in Barranquilla, Cali and Chia, however, and one IB World School can be found in each of the following cities: Itagui, Medellín, Tenjo and La Mina (El Cerrejón).

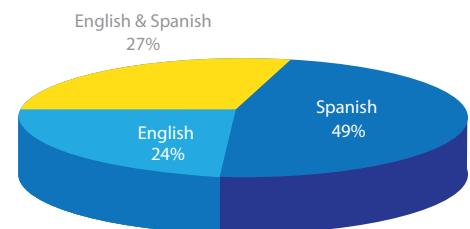


### Which IB programmes are currently implemented, and what is their main language of instruction?

The Diploma accounts for nearly three quarters (70%) of all IB programmes. Only three IB World Schools in the country implement the entire IB continuum of programmes: the Colegio Anglo-Colombiano, the Centro Integral de Educación Individualizada (CIEDI), and The English School, all three in Bogotá.

Almost half of Colombia's IB programmes are taught primarily in Spanish. Eight IB programmes are implemented in English, however, while 9 use both English and Spanish as their main languages of instruction.

MAIN LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION OF IB PROGRAMMES

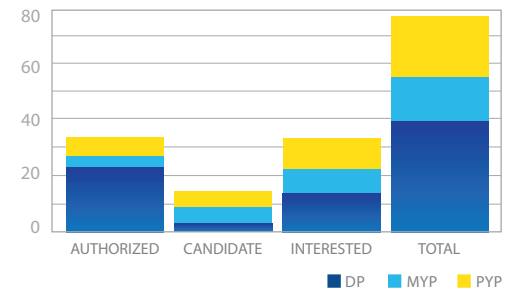


### What are the prospects for future growth of IB programmes in the country?

The total number of IB programmes in Colombia may more than double in future, reaching nearly 80, given that there are currently 14 candidates for authorization, and 32 have expressed interest in becoming candidates.

Although the Diploma will still represent more than half of all IB programmes, there may be a relatively larger proportion of MYP and PYP. Indeed, the MYP may grow exponentially and the presence of the PYP may more than double.

NUMBER OF PROSPECTIVE IB PROGRAMMES

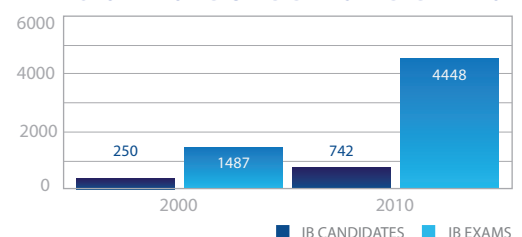


## A RECORD OF SUCCESS IN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION: ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

### How has the number of IB candidates and IB exams taken grown over the past decade?

The total number of IB candidates in Colombia has grown by 197% over the past decade, while the total number of IB exams taken has also grown by 199% over the same period.

GROWTH OF IB CANDIDATES AND IB EXAMS



### *How have IB students contributed to the community?*

- The Colegio Anglo-Colombiano, an IB World School since 1980, promotes awareness among its students about the precarious living conditions of many Colombians through its' social solidarity foundation (FASAC). FASAC provides a daily meal for almost 500 children in the lower-income Bogotá neighborhoods of Villa Nidia, Soratama and Cerro Norte. Student groups also take part in Habitat for Humanity projects, and help at the "Semilla de Mostaza" school.



- The Department of Philosophy and Anthropology at the English School organized a Philosophy Conference attended by 135 delegates from 13 schools that have an IB Philosophy Program. Delegates discussed the philosophical underpinnings of such concepts as cultural diversity, political difference and tolerance. English School students also work in diverse community organizations and help to organize the regional Model United Nations (TESMUN). The 2010 TSMUN, hosted by the English School, will gather 38 schools and 800 participants.

- IB students from Gimnasio Los Cerros participate in National Navy camps, upgrading schools and working at community kitchens in a lower-income neighborhood of Cartagena.

- English students at Gimnasio Del Norte in Bogotá have taken part in a 24-hour online radio transmission entitled "We speak on behalf of our planet," in order to encourage others to take action to help save the environment, as well as to engage students in an important debate on a global platform.

## RECOGNITION OF THE IB ADVANTAGE: STATE AND UNIVERSITY POLICIES

### *How do government policies and legislation support IB programmes?*

- The Colombian Ministry of Education recognizes a flexible adaptation of the IB curriculum, which must include some national subjects, as an "international version" of its Bachillerato Académico (academic high school diploma).

- In the case of IB students coming from abroad, the IB Diploma is recognized as equivalent to a Colombian high school diploma, but it must be legalized by authorities in Switzerland.

### *How do universities and colleges in Colombia recognize the rigor of IB courses?*

According to the IB's recognition policy database, the following 12 Colombian higher education institutions recognize that IB Diploma graduates fulfill the requirements for entry, sometimes granting automatic admission. In many cases, there is a limit on the number of places available through direct admission, however. Exemption from entrance exams may also depend on achieving a certain score on the full IB Diploma or having completed specific IB courses. Nine of these universities also grant credit to IB courses.

University	IB Diploma accepted as basic credential for admission	Admission or exemption from entrance exams for IB Diploma holders	Course credits possible for some or all Higher Level IB courses	Course credits possible for some or all Standard Level IB courses
Colegio de Estudios Superiores de Administración	Yes	No	Yes	No
Instituto de Ciencias de la Salud	Yes	No	No	No
Politécnico Gran Colombiano	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Pontificia Universidad Javeriana	Yes	No	Yes (English)	Yes (English)
Universidad Antonio Nariño	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Universidad EAFIT	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Universidad Externado de Colombia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Universidad de Bogotá Jorge Tadeo Lozano	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Universidad de la Sabana	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Universidad de los Andes	Yes	Yes (only students from abroad)	Yes	Yes
Universidad del Norte de Barranquilla	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Universidad del Rosario	Yes	No	No	No