



Academia del Perpetuo Socorro

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School *profile*

SCHOOL YEAR 2023 - 2024

Character

Academia del Perpetuo Socorro is a parochial, coeducational college-preparatory school (PPK- 12), founded in 1921, located in the urban area of metropolitan San Juan, Puerto Rico. 100% of graduates attend four-year colleges. The first language of students is Spanish, with both **Spanish and English** taught as a first language in all grades.

Our vision is to offer a holistic education based on the person of Jesus Christ.

Enrollment

**Academic Year 2023-2024:
PPK to 12th is 682 students.**

Admission is selective, based on previous academic background, entrance test, personal interview, and writing sample. Preference is given to children of registered parishioners and alumni.

School Administration

Monsignor José E. Cummings

Director

Francisco Vélez Dones

Director of Academic and Student Affairs

Enid Pereira, Principal, grades 9-12

Luis Sánchez, Principal, grades 4-8

Sara Vázquez, Principal PPK-3

Jeannette Sánchez, Principal of Pastoral Affairs

Alba Collazo, Auxiliary Director

Memberships and Accreditations:

- Superintendencia de Escuelas Católicas de San Juan
- The College Board
- National Association of Independent Schools
- National Catholic Education Association
- National Association of Secondary School Principals
- National Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
- Asociación de Escuelas Privadas de Puerto Rico
- Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools
- AdvanceEd/Cognia
- CADIE (Comisión Acreditadora de Instituciones Educativas)
- General Council of Education of Puerto Rico
- P.R. High School Athletic Alliance

Guidance Department

College Advisor:

Nayda Gaztambide, College Advisor
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Guidance Counselor

Class of 2024,2025 & 2026

Mayrelis Díaz, Department Coordinator
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Class of 2027,2028 & 2029

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Registrar

Melissa Vélez
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Faculty: There are 126 members from PPK to 12th grade.

Class size varies from a minimum of 2 students to a maximum of 27.

Ranking: We do **not** rank our students for college admissions purposes.

For **Class of 2024 GPA distribution**, please refer to **Profile for Class of 2024** at end of this document.

Grading System: Our grading system is based on a standard 4.00 system. Designations: **AP** (Advanced Placement, **H** (Honors), **R** (College-Preparatory)

Honor points awarded to: **H** courses: +.5; **AP** courses: +1.00.

| Alpha Grade | Regular | Honors | AP |
|--------------|---------|--------|----|
| A (90-100) | 4 | 4.5 | 5 |
| B (80-89) | 3 | 3.5 | 4 |
| C (70-79) | 2 | 2.5 | 3 |
| D (69-65) | 1 | 1.5 | 2 |
| F (Below 65) | 0 | 0 | 0 |



School Profile and Report to Colleges and Universities

2023 - 2024

100% of our student body is college-bound. GPA is cumulative for all semesters in grades 9-12. Grades in all courses, except Physical Education, are included in computation.

Curriculum

All students pursue a rigorous college- preparatory curriculum requiring a **minimum** of:

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| Religion (9-12) | 4 credits |
| Spanish (9-12) | 4 credits |
| English (9-12) | 4 credits |
| Math | 4 credits |
| (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Precalculus/College Algebra) | |
| History | 4 credits |
| (World History I & II, US History, History of Puerto Rico) | |
| Lab Science | 4 credits |
| (Physical Science, Conceptual Physics, Chemistry, Biology) | |
| Electives | 3 credits |
| Physical Education | 1 credit |
| Health | .5 credit |

Total credits required for graduation is 28.5.

Required courses – Senior Year:

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| English 12 (English Literature) | Spanish 12 (Literature) |
| Christian Anthropology | History of Puerto Rico |
| Electives (3- Math and Science are electives for Seniors) | |

Clubs and Organizations

There are **35** organized clubs, providing a wide array of options including art, service, health, United Nations model, 3 student publications, and a Student Council, among others. Qualified students are selected as National Honor Society and National Art Honor Society members.

Testing for College Admissions

Students are encouraged to take the following tests:

- PSAT
- SAT Reasoning Test or ACT
- PAA (College Board of Puerto Rico)
- TOEFL (as required)

Students enrolled in AP courses are required to take AP exams; enrollment in AP courses requires faculty recommendation.

Students enrolled in Honors courses are encouraged to take **Advanced Level exams** administered by the **College Board of Puerto Rico** in April.

College Acceptances

100% of members of the graduating class of 2023 were admitted to 4-year institutions; institutions admitting our students *in the past six years* are:

*indicates enrollment

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| American University* | Massachusetts Institute of Technology* |
| American University of Paris* | The New School* |
| Arts University of Bournemouth – England* | New York University* |
| Amherst University | Northeastern University* |
| Arizona State University | Northwestern University |
| Baylor University* | Northern Arizona University* |
| Belmont University | Ohio University* |
| Bentley University* | Ohio State University* |
| Berry College* | Paris College of Art – France |
| Boston College* | Pennsylvania State University* |
| Boston University* | Pratt Institute |
| Brown University* | Providence College |
| Bryant University | Purdue University* |
| Carnegie Mellon University | Rice University |
| Case Western Reserve University* | Saint Louis University |
| Catholic University* | Savannah College of Art & Design* |
| Clark University | School of the Arts Institute of Chicago* |
| Clemson University | Stanford University* |
| Colgate University* | SUNY Maritime College* |
| College of the Holy Cross | Swarthmore University |
| Columbia College of Chicago* | Syracuse University* |
| Columbia University | Tufts University |
| Cornell University* | Universidad de Puerto Rico, Mayagüez* |
| Dartmouth College | Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras* |
| DePaul University | Universidad del Sagrado Corazón* |
| Drexel University* | Universidad Interamericana* |
| Drury University* | Universidad Politécnica* |
| Duquesne University* | Universidad de Navarra* |
| Duke University | University of Chicago* |
| Emory University* | University of Connecticut* |
| Escola de Cinema – Barcelona, Spain | University of Dayton* |
| Fairfield University | University of Florida |
| Florida Institute of Technology | University of Massachusetts-Amherst* |
| Florida International University* | University of Miami* |
| Fordham University* | University of Michigan* |
| Full Sail University* | University of North Florida* |
| The George Washington University* | University of Notre Dame* |
| Georgetown University* | University of Pennsylvania* |
| Georgia Institute of Technology | University of Pittsburgh* |
| Harvard University* | University of San Diego* |
| Haverford College* | University of South Florida* |
| Iowa State University* | University of Tampa* |
| Johns Hopkins University* | University of Virginia |
| Johnson and Wales University* | Vanderbilt University |
| Louisiana State University* | Villanova University* |
| Loyola University-Chicago* | Wake Forest University |
| Loyola University-Maryland* | Washington University-Saint Louis |
| Loyola University-New Orleans* | Wheaton College* |
| Marbella Design Academy – Spain | Williams College* |
| Marquette University* | Wellesley College* |
| | Xavier University |
| | Yale University* |

Awards and Recognitions 2022-2023

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| U.S. Presidential Scholars Candidates | 4 |
| National Merit Scholarship Finalists | 2 |
| National Merit Scholarship Winner | 1 |
| National Hispanic Recognition | 7 |
| A.P. Scholar with Distinction | 5 |
| A.P. Scholar with Honor | 2 |
| A.P. Scholars | 12 |
| A.P. International Diploma | 3 |
| A.P. Capstone Diploma | 3 |
| A.P. Seminar & Research Certificate | 3 |
| BPPR Premio a la Excelencia Académica | 2 |



School Profile and Report to Colleges and Universities 2023 - 2024

Profile of the Class of 2024

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| Total Enrollment: 57 | Community service hours required: 40 hrs. | Average GPA: 3.693 |
| | (Most students exceed this total) | |

Enrollment in AP¹, Honors and Elective Courses 2023-2024-Class of 2024

AP Courses

AP Biology
 AP Calculus AB
 AP Chemistry
 AP Computer Science Principles
 AP Drawing
 AP English Literature and Composition
 AP European History
 AP French Language and Culture
 AP Italian Language and Culture
 AP Human Geography
 AP Physics I
 AP Spanish Literature and Culture
 AP US Government & Politics

AP Capstone

AP Seminar
 AP Research

Honors/Advanced Level Course

H Calculus
 H English Literature

Electives at Honors Level

H Public Health II (with internship)

Electives in Languages*

French
 Italian

* Please note:

Students are fully bilingual as both Spanish and English are required classes for all students and are thus **not** considered under the Department of Foreign Languages.

Other Math Offerings:

College Algebra/Trigonometry
 Precalculus
 Calculus

Other Electives:

Advanced Drawing and Painting
 Art Appreciation
 Drama/Theater Arts I
 Drawing I and II
 Fundamentals of Microsoft Office Core Programs
 Fundamentals of Public Health I
 Graphic Design
 History of Film
 Political Science
 Robotics
 Rock Band
 Sculpture & Ceramics
 Teacher Aide

IMPACT OF COVID-19



APS continues taking all measures to secure the safety of our students and staff. These measures still include making class sizes smaller and creating more groups for certain class subjects. To be able to accommodate these changes, some elective courses are not part of our 2023-2024 curriculum. We have resumed sports and extracurricular activities. Our grading system has remained unchanged, evaluating students on an A-F grade scale.

¹ AP courses for the Class of 2024 were mostly available during their junior and senior years. Total load of AP courses is between 10-12 classes from 9th to 12th grade.