



ACCREDITATIONS & AFFILIATIONS

Ministry of Public Education of Costa Rica (MEP)

International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO)

Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA)

COGNIA non-profit organization

JOURNEY SCHOOL OF COSTA RICA

SCHOOL PROFILE 2024-2025

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MISSION

We are an international, project-based school offering a personalized curriculum in a dual-language setting to students from 2 to 18 years. Journey School is also a vibrant and inclusive learning community empowering students to think critically, creatively, and independently through instruction, interaction, and modeling. We foster active exploration and quiet reflection, individual endeavors, and collaborative engagement. We are interested in the pursuit of truth, understanding, and the common good.

Journey School of Costa Rica is a PreK-12 dual-immersion school in the beautiful Guanacaste region. We are a unified community, a family that fosters inclusivity, peace, and connection, bridging families and the school. Our students are multilingual global citizens who approach life with compassion, creativity, and critical thinking, ready to address diverse challenges. Guided by a shared vision, we inspire self-discovery, growth, and the understanding that each individual plays a vital role in building a harmonious world.

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CORE VALUES

Respect - Courage - Kindness - Love - Gratitude - Joy -
Empathy - Forgiveness - Compassion - Academic Excellence

GRADING SCALE

The Journey School of Costa Rica grading system values both the process and the final product of the learning experience. Student GPAs are based on a 1-4 scale, which is not equivalent to traditional grading scales such as A+, percentages, or numerical scores. At Journey School, students recognize that achieving the highest level on the scale reflects more than just a strong grasp of advanced skills. It demonstrates their ability to think creatively, form original connections, and develop thoughtful, innovative ideas as part of their learning journey. This system prioritizes meaningful growth and deep comprehension.

Enrollment

290 students
grades Pre-K-12th.

Origins

Students from
more than 35
countries.

Faculty

40 members of
the educational
community.

Languages

There are more
than 25 different
languages in our
campus.

Our alumni are attending or have graduated* from the following universities:

America

USA

- Berklee School of Music
- Cornell University
- Emory University
- Georgetown University
- Georgia Tech
- Johns Hopkins University
- New York University (NYU)
- Northwestern University
- University of Pennsylvania (UPenn)
- University of Texas (UT Austin)
- University of Washington
- Pepperdine University
- University of Illinois Chicago
- Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)
- St. Edward's University
- University of Minnesota
- University of North Carolina

- The New School for Social Research
- North Carolina State University
- University of Colorado at Boulder
- University of Denver
- University of Oregon
- Concordia University (Chicago)

CANADA

- McGill University
- McMaster University
- University of Prince Edward Island
- University of Toronto
- University of Vancouver

Europe

- Catholic University, Milan
- University of Amsterdam
- King's College
- Edinburgh School of Art



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