



Upper School Profile Grades 9 to 12

2025-2026

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ABOUT US

The Palmas Academy (TPA) is an independent, non-profit, non-sectarian, co-educational, and college preparatory private institution located in the community of Palmas del Mar, in Humacao, Puerto Rico. English is the language of instruction for all grades, from preschool to 12th grade. TPA takes pride in its cultural diversity, serving students from more than half a dozen municipalities, including the San Juan metro area and the eastern side of Puerto Rico.

Accreditations

Middle States Association (MSA) and Comisión Acreditadora de Instituciones Educativas (CADIE).

MISSION

We aim to inspire the next generation of visionary problem solvers by cultivating a joyful, principled, and diverse community of balanced learners - for Puerto Rico and an ever-evolving world.

VISION

A dynamic, safe learning community where every student is empowered through inquiry, guided by principles, and inspired to achieve excellence in all aspects of the student experience, while leveraging our unique community to foster relevance and impact that will shape a better world.



DOLPHIN LEARNER PROFILE

The Palmas Academy is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, tax-exempt charitable organization and a Hacienda 1011.01 Verified Act 22/Act 60 approved non profit charity.

The Palmas Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, sex, age, disability, national or ethnic origin in its administration of admissions or educational policies, or other school sponsored extracurricular programs, financial aid, or employment practices.

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GRADING AND RANKING

GPA Calculation

GPA is weighted for AP courses (1.00 point). Beginning 9th grade, all subjects are included in the computation. A minimum of 24 credits and 100 hours of community service are required for graduation. The passing grade for all students is 70%. The Palmas Academy grading system is as follows:

A+ 97-100 4.00 A 93-96 3.70 A - 90-92 3.50

B+ 87-89 3.30 B 83-86 3.00 B - 80-82 2.70

C+ 77-79 2.30 C 73-76 2.00 C - 70-72 1.70

F - 69 & below 0.00

Rank

The Palmas Academy does not rank its students.

Class of 2026

44 Students.

AP Courses Offered

- AP Capstone Seminar
- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Chemistry
- Computer Science Principles
- English Language and Composition
- English Literature and Composition
- Human Geography*
- Precalculus
- Spanish Literature and Culture
- Statistics

*Added in 2025

Advanced Placement (AP) Test Results

- In 2025, **104** students took **AP courses**.
- A total of **176 exams** were administered across five subjects: **Math, Natural Sciences, Spanish, Computer Science, and English**.

Post-High School

- 99% matriculated to 4-year colleges or universities.
- 1% matriculated in 2-year colleges or universities.

Awards and Distinctions

- National Hispanic Scholar
- AP Scholars (10)
- AP Scholars with Distinction (3)
- National Hispanic Scholars (3)
- National Merit Scholarship Competition Semi-Finalist
- Presidential Scholar Candidate

School Clubs and Organizations

Most prominent organizations at TPA:

- English Forensics League
- Future Health Professionals Club (HOSA)
- History Club
- Liga de Oratoria (Speech League)
- Math Club
- National Honor Society
- Student Council
- United Nations
- Drama Club
- Yearbook Club

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES IN THE PAST 3 YEARS

American University
Assumption University
Babson College
Barry University
Baylor University
Beacon College
Bentley University
Boston University
Bryant University
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Chestnut Hill College
Clemson University
Colorado State University
Cornell University
CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Curry College
DePaul University
Drexel University
Duke University
Duquesne University
Eckerd College
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida International University
Florida Southern College
Florida State University
Fordham University
Full Sail University
Gannon University
George Mason University
Gonzaga University
Goucher College
High Point University
Hofstra University
Interamerican University of Puerto Rico
Iowa State University
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson & Wales University
Landmark College
Liberty University
Life University
Louisiana State University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University New Orleans
Lynn University
Macalester College
Marquette University
Marymount University
Michigan State University
New York University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Nova Southeastern University
University
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Pennsylvania State University
Pontificia Universidad Católica de Puerto Rico
Pratt Institute
Providence College
Purdue Polytechnic Institute
Indianapolis
Purdue University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rollins College
Rutgers University
St. Joseph's University
Saint Leo University
Saint Louis University
Santa Fe College
Savannah College of Art & Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Southern Methodist University
St. John's University
Stetson University
Stony Brook University
SUNY Buffalo State
Suffolk University
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas A & M University
Texas Christian University
The George Washington University
The Ohio State University
Tulane University
Universidad de Puerto Rico
Universidad del Sagrado Corazón
Universidad Politécnica de Puerto Rico
University of California at Berkeley
University of Central Florida
University of Connecticut
University of Dayton
University of Florida
University of Kentucky
University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of New Haven
University of Pennsylvania - Wharton
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of South Florida
University of Tampa
University of Texas Arlington
University of Utah
University of Vermont
University of the Virgin Islands
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin
Utah Tech University
Valencia College
Villanova University
Washington University of St. Louis
Western New England University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute