



# International Studies Preparatory Academy (ISPA)

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CEEB CODE: 102334

Class of 2023 Size: 95

## Class of 2023 SCHOOL PROFILE

### SCHOOL OVERVIEW:

ISPA is a language magnet public high school serving students from grades 9 through 12. The International Studies Program (IS) is the only program of its kind in the United States. The IS curriculum is a challenging collaboration between Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) and the Ministries of Education of Spain, France, and Italy. Students pursue world language studies in addition to an academic curriculum with an international focus that addresses rigorous standards of both U.S. and European Union (EU) educational systems. Students study literature and humanities (history and geography) taught in the program language. Since its opening in 2010, ISPA has maintained a school grade of an "A" by the Florida Department of Education, and it is always ranked amongst the top schools in Florida and the nation.

### CURRICULUM/INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMAS:

- IS Spanish program students may qualify for the National Diploma of Spain, Spanish Bachiller Diploma, in addition to the Florida High School Diploma
- IS Italian students who pass the AP Italian exam and three or four other AP exams as part of their American curriculum, will be permitted to enroll in any Italian University of their choice. This is also applicable to IE Italian students who become proficient in the language.
- IS French students wishing to study at a French University must hold a high school diploma and pass the DELF B2 exam (Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française) \* A fee is associated with this exam.

### GRADING/GRADING SCALE:

Miami Dade County Public School year has 180 days. The school year is divided into two semesters of four quarters, each quarter having nine weeks. Most courses are annual (1.0 credit) and receive final grades at the end of the year. For some courses worth .5 credits, the final grade is awarded at the end of the semester. Students are required to take eight classes per year on a modified block schedule. Students have four classes every day alternating between odd and even period days, each period lasts 90 minutes. Six classes are taught in English as part of the Florida High School Diploma requirements and two are taught in the language of the Program (Spanish, Italian, or French). The students GPA is updated three times a year (fall, spring, and summer) GPA is weighted for students taking AP and Honors courses. All course, semester, and final grades appear on the transcript. MDCPS does not rank numerically.

#### GRADING SCALE

A: 100-90 B: 89-80 C: 79-70 D: 69-60 F: 59-0

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

The number of credits required for graduation is 24. In addition, students must earn a GPA of 2.0 or higher and earn 200 hours of community service hours. Required subjects include:

English-	4 Credits	Foreign Language-	4 Credits
Math-	4 Credits	Physical Education-	1 Credit
Science-	3 Credits	Fine Arts/Performing Arts-	1 Credit
Social Studies-	1 Credit World History 1 Credit American History 1 Credit US Government/Economics	Electives-	8 Credits

#### ADMINISTRATION/ STAFF

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#### STATE AND NATIONAL SCHOOL ACCOLADES

##### 2023 National Recognition US News and World Report

#107 in National Rankings  
#12 in Florida High Schools  
#8 in Miami, FL Metro Area  
High Schools  
#6 in Miami-Dade County  
Public Schools High Schools  
#29 in Magnet High Schools

##### 2023 Magnet School of Excellence Award from Magnet Schools of America

##### 2022 Great Schools College Success Award

Nationally Certified Magnet  
School

## Honors Classes Program:

• English 1	• Biology
• English 2	• Chemistry
• English 3	• World History
• English 4	• US History
• Algebra 1	• World Cultural Geography
• Algebra 2	• US Government and Politics
• Geometry	• Economics
• Pre-Calculus	• Foreign Language Literature <i>Spanish, French, and Italian</i>
• Physical Science	

## Advanced Placement Program:

• English Language	• Studio Art 2D
• English Literature	• US History
• Calculus AB	• Capstone-Seminar
• Biology	• Capstone-Research
• Human Geography	• Spanish Language
• World History	• Spanish Literature
• European History	• French Language
• Art History	• Italian Language
• US Government and Politics	• <u>Psychology</u>
• Pre Calculus	•

*\*Students are also eligible for Dual Enrollment through Miami Dade College and may take courses not offered on campus through Florida Virtual School.*

## Class of 2023 College Acceptances:

American University	Johnson & Wales University	Tufts University
Arizona State University	Kendall College of Culinary Arts	Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
Auburn University	Louisiana State University	Universidad de Navarra
Barry University	Loyola University of Chicago	University of Arizona
Clemson University	Lynn University	University of Central Florida
Colorado College	Maastricht University	University of Colorado -Boulder
Concordia University- Montreal	Miami Dade College	University of Colorado- Denver
Cornell University	Miami Dade Honors College	University of Florida
Culinary Institute of America	Michigan State University	University of Hawaii@ Manoa
CUNY Bernard M. Baruch College	New York Institute of Technology	University of Massachusetts @ Boston
CUNY Brooklyn College	Northeastern University	University of Miami
CUNY City College	Nova Southeastern University	University of Michigan
CUNY Hunter College	Ohio State University	University of Nevada-Las Vegas
CUNY Lehman College	Oklahoma University	University of New Hampshire
CUNY Queens College	Olin College	University of North Dakota
Emerson College	Pace University	University of North Florida
Emmanuel College	Penn State University	University of Pittsburgh
Emory University	Pratt Institute	University of San Francisco
Florida Atlantic University	Princeton University	University of Tampa
Florida Gulf Coast University	Purdue University	University of Toledo
Florida Institute of Technology	Rollins College	Vanderbilt University
Florida International University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	Yale University
<b>Florida International University- Honors College</b>	Santa Fe College	
Florida State University	School of the Arts Institute of Chicago	
Fordham University	Sorbonne University-France	
Goldsmiths, University of London	Stetson University	
Hamilton College	Stony Brook University	
Hawai'i Pacific University	Suffolk University	
Hillsborough Community College	Syracuse University	
Hult International Business School	The American University of Paris	
le University	The New School	

## CLASS OF 2023

Class Size: 95 students  
100% Graduation Rate  
95% Attending college/university.

## 2023 AP SCHOLAR RECOGNITION

12 AP SCHOLARS

3 AP SCHOLARS WITH HONORS

12 AP SCHOLARS WITH DISTINCTION

13 AP CAPSTONE DPLOMA

## AP PERFORMANCE 2023

100% OF STUDENTS TAKE AP EXAM

Total AP Students: 251

Number of Exams: 449

AP Average Score: 3.4

% Of Total AP Students with Scores 3+: 76%

## 2023 FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES RECIPIENTS

Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) = 17 Students

Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) = 31 Students