International Studies Preparatory Academy (ISPA)

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Class of 2026 Size: 81

Class of 2026 SCHOOL PROFILE

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STATE AND NATIONAL SCHOOL ACCOLADES

2026 National Recognition US News and World Report

#18 in Florida High Schools
#12 in Miami, FL Metro Area High Schools
#9 in Miami-Dade County Public Schools High Schools

2026 Magnet School of Excellence Award from Magnet Schools of America

2025-2026 Gold School Designation

100% College Readiness

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 'Etudes en Language Françoise*)* * 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
Math- 4 Credits
Science- 3 Credits
Social Studies- 1 Credit World History
1 Credit American History
1 Credit US Government/Economics

Foreign Language- 4 Credits
Physical Education- 1 Credit
Fine Arts/Performing Arts- 1 Credit
Electives- 8 Credits

HONORS PROGRAM: *Students are also eligible for Dual Enrollment through Miami Dade College and may take courses not offered off campus through Florida Virtual School.*

• 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 ○ *Spanish, French, and Italian*
• Physical Science	• Approaches to Leadership

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM:

• English Language	• Studio Art 2D & Drawing
• 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	• Pre-Calculus

CLASS OF 2026 ACCOLLADES:

- SENIORS HAVE EARNED A TOTAL OF 31,394 COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS
- OVER $3 MILLION DOLLARS EARNED IN SCHOLARSHIPS
- 75% OF THE CLASS MAINTAINED A 4.0 WEIGHTED GPA
- 79% EARNED SUPERINTENDENTS DIPLOMA OF DISTINCTION
- 98% ACHIEVED SEAL OF BILITERACY

HONOR SOCIETIES:

- SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY
- FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY
- ITALIAN HONOR SOCIETY
- NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
- NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY
- RHO KAPPY HONOR SOCIETY
- TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY

CLUBS AND EXTRACURRICULARS:

• ART CLUB	• HEALTH INFORMATION PROJECT
• ART HISTORY CLUB	• HISTORY BEE CLUB
• CHESS CLUB	• ISPA BOOK CLUB
• COOKING CLUB	• ISPA GENCLEO
• CULTURE CLUB	• ITALIAN CLUB
• EURO CHALLENGE CLUB	• MODEL UN
• FILM CLUB	• PEN PAL KENYA
• FITNESS CLUB	• Pi and BEYOND
• FRENCH CLUB	• PRISM
• FUTURE EDUCATORS OF AMERICA	• ROBOTICS CLUB
• FUTURE MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS	• SAFE SPACE
• GEOGRAPHY BEE CLUB	• SAT MATH PREP
• SPIRIT SQUAD	• SECME
• SOCCER CLUB	• YOGA CLUB

CLASS PROFILE

Class Size: 81 students
100% Graduation Rate
98% Attending college/university.

2026 AP SCHOLAR RECOGNITION

30 AP SCHOLARS

19 AP SCHOLARS WITH HONORS

53 AP SCHOLARS WITH DISTINCTION

5 AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMA

5 AP SEMINAR AND RESEARCH CERTIFICATE

1 AP INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMA

AP PERFORMANCE 2026

100% OF STUDENTS TAKE AP EXAM

Total AP Students: 234

Number of Exams: 434

AP Average Score: 3.8

% Of Total AP Students with Scores 3+: **88%**

2026 FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES RECIPIENTS

Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) =
22 Students

Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)= 26 Students