

**Graded is an American school serving an international community of learners by inspiring individual excellence.**

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UCAS Centre Number: 46382**

mission  
**inspire  
challenge  
succeed**  
every student  
every heart  
every mind

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## OUR SCHOOL

Graded - The American School of São Paulo (*Associação Escola Graduada*) is an independent, coeducational, nonsectarian, nonprofit day school that has provided a K-12 education in São Paulo since 1920.

Presently, Graded's Learning Lab is engaged in ground-breaking work on the science of learning, focused on providing all students with "deep, enduring, and transferable" learning experiences.

Our faculty strive to produce graduates who are clear communicators, critical thinkers, self-motivated learners, and responsible risk-takers. By the time students graduate, they are prepared to enter the global community as true leaders.

Accredited by Cognia in the United States and Brazil's Ministry of Education, our students earn a US high school diploma upon graduation and have the option to pursue the International Baccalaureate diploma, as well as a Brazilian diploma.

## COVID-19 CONSIDERATIONS

COVID-19 continues to impact learning at Graded. From March 2020 through December 2020, all instruction and learning was conducted online. In January 2021, we were able to return to 35% campus capacity, requiring cohort-based hybrid learning models that allowed us to respond to the ebb and flow of COVID-19 testing and safety protocols. We began the 2021-22 academic year with plans to return to 100% capacity on campus, although on-campus learning is not compulsory as per Brazilian law.

The COVID-19 safety measures and protocols have significantly impacted opportunities for our students. In order to bring students safely back to campus, we have had to limit the number of seats in the classroom, sometimes creating scheduling conflicts for those pursuing multiple diplomas. The disruptive nature of navigating both hybrid and remote learning models further complicated our co-curricular program. Sports teams and musical ensembles were unable to compete or perform, and as we return to campus, we are slowly and safely bringing these opportunities back.

## OUR STUDENTS

Graded has a diverse student body. More than half of Graded students are international, and more than one-third hold citizenship in more than one country. Whether they are a part of the school community for just a couple of years or progress through all 15 years as "lifers," students at Graded learn to embody the school's values of intellectual curiosity, perseverance, respect, integrity, and kindness in all they do.

Graded students are curious, motivated self-starters whose love for learning and their school is palpable. Intrinsicly balanced, they understand the importance of a well-rounded education that incorporates academics with arts, athletics, and service learning. There truly is a club for everyone, and the High School Clubs Program is an integral part of the overall Graded High School student experience. In addition to participating in JV and varsity sports, students initiate and lead 50+ clubs each year.

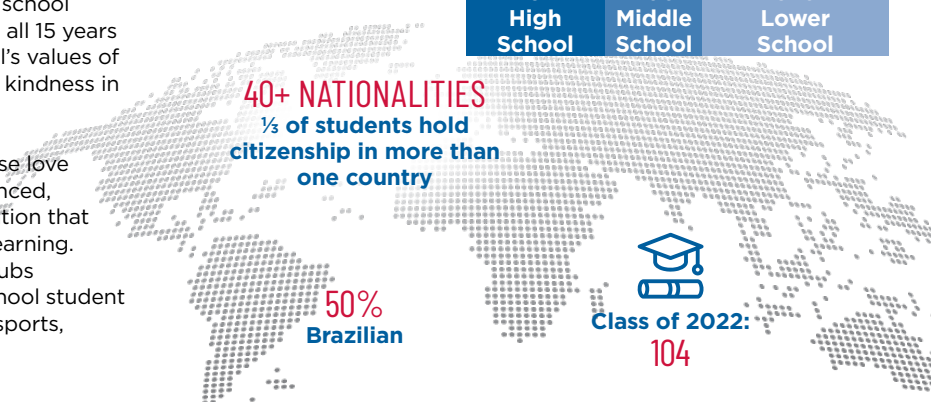
## 1311 STUDENTS

434 High School	298 Middle School	579 Lower School
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**40+ NATIONALITIES**  
1/3 of students hold  
citizenship in more than  
one country

**50%**  
Brazilian

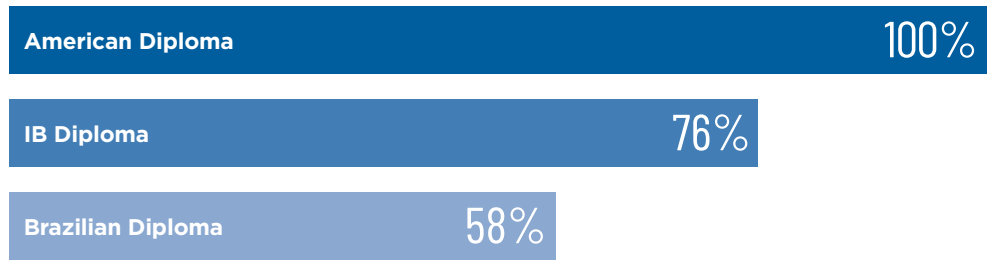
  
**Class of 2022:**  
**104**



## OUR ACADEMIC PROGRAM

In order to graduate from Graded and earn an American diploma, students must earn a minimum of 24 credits across eight disciplines. However, the vast majority of students pursue more than one diploma, depending on their goals and aspirations for college and career. Students work closely with counselors, faculty, and the IB coordinator to meet the different graduation requirements described below.

Class of 2021  
112 STUDENTS



## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS BY DIPLOMA TYPE

American Diploma	IB Diploma	Brazilian Diploma
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English (4 credits)</li> <li>World Languages (3 credits)</li> <li>Mathematics (3 credits)</li> <li>Social Studies (3 credits)</li> <li>Science (3 credits)</li> <li>Visual &amp; Performing Arts / Design &amp; Technology (1.5 credits)</li> <li>Physical Education (1.5 credits)</li> <li>Health (0.5 credits)</li> </ul>	Year 1 and 2 of SL/HL courses in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Studies in Language and Literature</li> <li>Language Acquisition</li> <li>Individuals and Societies</li> <li>Sciences</li> <li>Mathematics</li> <li>The Arts</li> </ul> And successful completion of the IB Core: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theory of Knowledge (TOK)</li> <li>The Extended Essay (EE)</li> <li>Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2+ years of Brazilian Social Studies (grade 9 BRSS + grade 10 BRSS/2 years of IB BRSS)</li> <li>4 years of Portuguese</li> <li>4 years of Mathematics</li> <li>4 years of Science</li> <li>1.5 years of Visual &amp; Performing Arts / Design &amp; Technology</li> <li>1.5 years of Physical Education</li> <li>1 semester of Health</li> </ul>

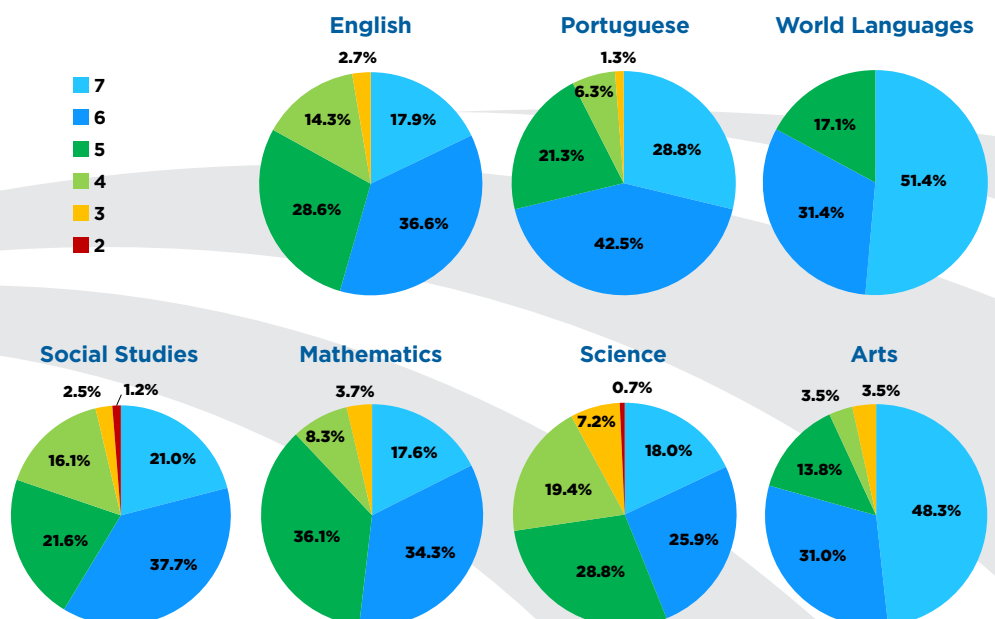
Students pursuing the IB diploma are restricted from taking more than 3 SL and 3 HL courses. A complete list of course offerings at Graded can be found in our Course Handbook located at <https://www.graded.br/academics/high-school/curriculum>.

## GRADING SCALE

The Graded 1-7 grading scale is informed by but not equivalent to the IB 1-7 grading system. **We do not calculate GPAs nor rank our students.**

Grade	Grade Descriptor	Comparison
7	Exemplary	97-100
6	Accomplished	90-96
5	Proficient	84-89
4	Approaching Proficiency	77-83
3	Progressing	70-76
2	Emerging	65-69
1	Insufficient	0-64
NE	Not Enough Evidence to Report on Learning	

## % GRADE DISTRIBUTION DURING SENIOR YEAR (CLASS OF 2021)



NOTE: Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Graded is dedicated to access, diversity, equity, and inclusion. We are currently examining this commitment on an institutional level to ensure that the school continues to be the open and accepting community we have always strived to be.
- The Graded Learning Lab's team of four deeper learning coaches, supported by two curriculum coordinators, is dedicated to training teachers to apply cognitive science principles in the classroom. Graded's Learning Lab has worked with experts from the Stanford d.school, Teachers College, Columbia University, and COGX, an R&D in applied cognitive science ([www.cogx.info](http://www.cogx.info)).
- Deeper learning at Graded is grounded in the belief that enduring learning experiences occur when students have a strong sense of belonging, purpose, autonomy, and motivation. Social-emotional learning at Graded includes community mentoring, student ambassador programs, counseling, and an ongoing partnership with the Institute for Social and Emotional Learning (IFSEL).
- Friendship and Language Acquisition (FALA) is an English language school for economically disadvantaged people from neighboring communities, in which classes are taught by High School students. Graded students undergo training to learn how to teach English, evaluate student strengths and weaknesses, and succeed in the classroom.
- One of the ways in which Graded promotes learning outside the classroom is through the annual "Classroom Without Walls" (CWW) experience. All Middle and High School students participate in this week-long class trip, but due to the pandemic, these experiential learning opportunities are on hiatus.
- Graded augmented the Office of College Counseling to include three full-time college counselors. With more than 70 years of combined counseling experience, the team supports our students and families through the intricacies of college admissions processes and diploma requirements.

## ACCREDITATIONS

- Cognia Accreditation Commission
- Brazilian Ministry of Education
- The International Baccalaureate (IB)

## MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS

- American International Schools in the Americas (AMISA)
- Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools (ACCIS)
- National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)
- International Association for College Admission Counseling (IACAC)
- Mastery Transcript Consortium (MTC)
- EXPLO Elevate

## STANDARDIZED TESTING

The class of 2021 had limited access to standardized testing in Brazil due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Although Graded is an ACT and SAT test center, we did not administer the ACT between April 2020 - February 2021 and did not administer the SAT between May 2020 - November 2020. As a result, the class of 2021 and the class of 2022 had limited opportunities to sit for these exams.

### ACT SUMMARY

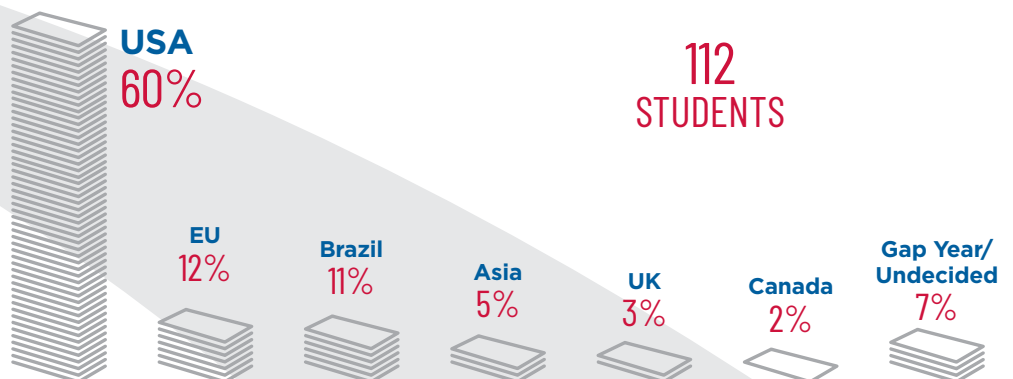
We are unable to provide ACT averages for the Class of 2021 because the data is statistically insignificant.

### SAT SUMMARY (MEAN/SUPERScored)

**Class of 2021: 59 test-takers**

EBRW	637
Math	670
<b>Total</b>	<b>1296</b>

## WHERE DID THE CLASS OF 2021 GO?





## MATRICULATION LIST (2019-2021)

We include multiple years of matriculations because many colleges and universities around the world begin the academic year after the publishing of our annual school profile, including Brazil, Korea, and Australia, and so a three-year listing is more representative of the diversity of institutions our students attend.

AERES UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES  
AMSTERDAM UNIVERSITY COLLEGE  
BABSON COLLEGE  
BARNARD COLLEGE  
BEACON COLLEGE  
BELAS ARTES  
BERKLEE COLLEGE OF MUSIC  
BOSTON COLLEGE  
BOSTON UNIVERSITY  
BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY  
BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY-IDAHO  
BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY-PROVO  
CALVIN UNIVERSITY  
CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE UNIVERSITAIRE DE SCIENCES PO  
CORNELL UNIVERSITY  
DEPAUL UNIVERSITY  
DUKE UNIVERSITY  
EMORY UNIVERSITY  
ERASMUS UNIVERSITY ROTTERDAM  
ESCOLA SUPERIOR DE PROPAGANDA  
E MARKETING (ESPM)  
FACULDADE SANTA MARCELINA - MEDICINE  
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
FORDHAM UNIVERSITY  
FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE  
FUNDAÇÃO ARMANDO ALVARES  
PENTEADO (FAAP)  
FUNDAÇÃO GETULIO VARGAS (FGV)  
GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY  
GOLDSMITHS, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON  
IBMEC SÃO PAULO  
IE UNIVERSITY-MADRID  
IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON  
JOE KUBERT SCHOOL OF CARTOON  
AND GRAPHIC ART  
JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY  
KING'S COLLEGE LONDON  
KOREA ADVANCED INSTITUTE OF  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
LAGUNA COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN  
LASELL COLLEGE  
LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY  
LEIDEN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE THE HAGUE  
LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS  
AND POLITICAL SCIENCE  
LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY



LOYOLA UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS  
LYNN UNIVERSITY  
MAASTRICHT UNIVERSITY  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE  
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY  
NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY  
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY  
OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE  
OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY  
PARSONS SCHOOL OF DESIGN  
PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY  
PONTIFÍCIA UNIVERSIDADE CATÓLICA  
DE SÃO PAULO (PUC-SP)  
PURDUE UNIVERSITY  
REED COLLEGE  
SÃO LEOPOLDO MANDIC  
SCHOOL OF THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO  
SEMMELEWIS UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES  
ST. GEORGE'S UNIVERSITY OF LONDON  
STANFORD UNIVERSITY  
SWARTHMORE COLLEGE  
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY  
THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF PARIS  
THE COLLEGE OF WOOSTER  
THE NEW SCHOOL  
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN  
TUFTS UNIVERSITY  
UCL (UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON)  
UNIVERSIDAD CEU SAN PABLO IN MADRID

UNIVERSIDADE SANTO AMARO  
(UNISA), MEDICINE  
UNIVERSITA BOCCONI  
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE MAASTRICHT  
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE UTRECHT  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-LOS ANGELES  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-SAN DIEGO  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-SANTA CRUZ  
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
UNIVERSITY OF GRONINGEN  
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI  
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-ANN ARBOR  
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA-TWIN CITIES  
UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME  
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA  
UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER  
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS  
UNIVERSITY OF THE ARTS LONDON  
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO  
UNIVERSITY OF TWENTE  
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA-MAIN CAMPUS  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON  
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY  
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY  
WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY  
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS  
WELLESLEY COLLEGE  
WILLIAMS COLLEGE  
YALE UNIVERSITY

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