

Metropolitan School of Panama

Panama City, Panama



Panama's only school delivering the full IB continuum in English, teaching PYP through Diploma from a Green Valley campus.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	63/100
Academic outcomes	64/100
University placement	62/100
Prestige & heritage	63/100
Alumni network	62/100
Facilities	66/100
Transparency	52/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Metropolitan School of Panama occupies a clean niche in this market: it is Panama’s only school offering the full IB continuum in English, from PYP through the Diploma, on one Green Valley campus. That matters. Parents who want a single academic system from age ****3**** to ****18**** do not need to patch together primary and secondary phases or gamble on a mid-course curricular shift. The school’s Nord Anglia ownership adds scale and brand recognition, but the sharper point is continuity: one IB track, one language spine in English, and a bilingual environment that fits Panama City’s international professional class. In a city where many schools mix local and international elements, Metropolitan offers a **clear academic line** and a **rare degree of curricular consistency**.

What sets it apart is not romance but structure. The full IB pathway appeals to families who value inquiry-led teaching early on and a direct route into the Diploma at the top end. That gives Metropolitan a strong position with mobile expatriate families, internationally minded Panamanian families, and parents who expect English-medium schooling without sacrificing Spanish. The school is day-only, founded in **2011**, and non-religious; that makes it a modern, urban proposition rather than a legacy institution wrapped in tradition. For some families, that is a strength: *fresh institutional culture*, *international intent*, and *no doctrinal baggage*. For others, it is the trade-off. Parents seeking deep local heritage, a religious ethos, or a broader menu of curricula will look elsewhere.

The right student for Metropolitan is academically engaged, comfortable in an international setting, and able to thrive in a school built around the demands of IB from the earliest years onward. This suits children who like discussion, projects, writing, and independent thought more than rote learning. It also suits families planning overseas university routes or frequent international moves, because the educational narrative stays coherent. Students who want a *settled academic framework*, a *globally legible qualification path*, and daily exposure to English with Spanish alongside it will find a strong fit here. Students who want a highly traditional, exam-drill culture or a looser, less demanding academic atmosphere will not.

STRENGTHS

- IB curriculum from ages 3-18
- English and Spanish instruction
- Day school only; no boarding disruption
- Non-religious setting in Panama City

TRADE-OFFS

- No boarding option for overseas families
- Founded 2011; relatively young school
- Only IB is stated; no alternative curriculum

ADMISSIONS

Metropolitan School of Panama is a non-religious day school in Panama City for ages 3-18, so the obvious entry points are the early years, primary, secondary and sixth-form equivalents within that span. The school declares the IB, with teaching in English and Spanish. Beyond that, it does not publicly publish enough detail here to map admissions by year group or to identify whether some stages are materially harder to enter than others.

As presented in the available source material, the school does not publish specific admissions deadlines, assessment formats or any distinctive selection process. Nor is there public detail here on bursaries or financial aid. Parents should therefore expect a standard private-school application flow — enquiry, application, records review and age-appropriate assessment or interview where required — but should treat that only as a working assumption until confirmed directly with the admissions office. One point that is clear is ownership: the school sits within Nord Anglia Education, a UK-headquartered international private school operator, though procedures remain campus-specific.

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