



FIVE STARS ACADEMY

2022-2023 School Profile
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Founded in 2011, **Five Stars Academy (FSA)** is a private, highly-academic institution that combines the home-schooling philosophy of focusing on the individual student with the expertise of professional, experienced, certified teachers. We have the flexibility of choices expected in an experimental school while offering an **Internationally Accredited Diploma**. FSA provides opportunities for students to learn self-sufficiency, to develop leadership skills and understand the impact they can have on their surroundings. Using **recycled shipping containers** as classrooms, **integrating animals and hydroponic gardens** into learning, and teaching the importance of **limiting a carbon footprint** is part of daily life at FSA. Whether through classroom studies, mission work in and out of Panama, the diverse range of learning and growing opportunities available from living in the interior of Panama, or the student's daily exposure to out-of-the-box thinking and problem solving, the goal is to tap into the best our students have to offer for themselves and for the World. With the average class size of less than 10 students to 1 instructor, we are able to maintain high expectations while providing individual support. Located in Santa Clara, Panama, 90 minutes west of Panama City, **25 countries** comprise our student body. We began with 5 young students and have grown to 100+. Five Stars Academy graduated its first class of 5 in May 2019.

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Student Service

As one of Five Stars Academy's core values, **service is an integral part** of the student experience.

Community service is often done as an entire school, involving students, teachers and many parents. Service includes building homes in the mountains, beach cleanups and supporting the Boys House of Hope and the Girls House of Hope in Penonome, Panama.

Representing Five Stars Academy, our students have traveled to Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and Nicaragua to assist in managing day camps and feeding more than 500 children in each location. Through service, our students grow in an awareness of the cultural and social differences that make each community unique while learning humility, joy and respect.

Location

Five Stars Academy is located 90 minutes west of Panama City, Republic of Panama. The interior of Panama provides a **rich backdrop for innovative education**. Away from the fast-paced life of the city, students are afforded the opportunity to discover who they are on the beaches and rain forests of this beautiful country.

At a Glance

* Founded in 2011 * 100% English * Private college-prep school * Pre-K3 to Grade 12 * 20 Students in High School

Accreditation

- **Minister of Education**, Republic of Panama
- **Cognia** (formerly AdvancEd)
- **AP College Board** certified



Student Nationalities Schoolwide

Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, England, Germany, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Ukraine, USA, Venezuela, Zambia



Graduation Requirements

High School students are able to receive a Panamanian high school diploma or an internationally accredited high school diploma upon graduation. To complete the requirements, they must fulfill the following plus **60 hours of community service**.

Subject	Credit
English:	4
Social Studies:	4
Math:	3 (4 recommended)
Science:	3 (including 2 labs)
World Language:	4
Electives:	6
Total:	24

Course Offerings

Due to our small school size, FSA Honors course offerings are limited. We offer AP courses online through our U.S. partnership. As our student body increases, FSA continues to explore and expand our higher academic course offerings to better serve students who are seeking new academic challenges. Talk to us directly to find out how we do this from our remote location. Honors courses receive an additional weighting of .33 when students achieve a C- or higher.

GPA

A =	4.00	100-90
B =	3.00	89-80
C =	2.00	79-70
D =	1.00	69-60

University Acceptances

Beginning with our first graduating class in May 2019, we have had students accepted to the following:

USA

University of Colorado – Boulder
University of Illinois – Champaign/Urbana
University of Michigan – Ann Arbor
University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
University of Wisconsin - Madison
Monroe College
Hawaii Pacific University - Honolulu
Point Loma University - San Diego
Palm Beach Atlantic University - West Palm Beach
Lynn University - Boca Raton

International

University of Edinburgh (Scotland)
University of St. Andrews (Scotland)
University of Bristol (England)
University of Paris (France)

Panama

Florida State University – Panama City
Technological University of Panama – UTP
University of Louisville - QLU

Canada

McGill University
University of Toronto
Concordia University
University of Waterloo