



# FIVE STARS ACADEMY

2024-2025 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, **23 countries** comprise our student body. We began with 5 young students and have grown to 100+. **Five Stars Academy will graduate 5 students in May 2025.**

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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)



## Student Nationalities Schoolwide

Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Dominican Republic, England, Holland, Honduras, India, Italy, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, USA, Uruguay, Venezuela



### 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:	3
Math:	3 (4 recommended)
Science:	3 (including 2 labs)
World Language:	4 (or up to AP level)
Electives:	7
<b>Total:</b>	<b>24</b>

### 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. Honors courses receive an additional weighting of .50 when students achieve a C- or higher. AP courses receive an additional weighting of 1.00 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. For the complete list, please visit our website at [www.fivestarsacademy.com](http://www.fivestarsacademy.com).

#### USA

Arizona State University  
Emory University  
Hawaii Pacific University - Honolulu  
Lynn University - Boca Raton  
Oberlin College and Conservatory  
Palm Beach Atlantic University - West Palm Beach  
Point Loma University - San Diego  
United States Army  
University of Colorado – Boulder  
University of Illinois – Champaign/Urbana  
University of Iowa – Des Moines  
University of Michigan – Ann Arbor  
University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill  
University of Wisconsin – Madison

#### Panama

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

#### International

Queensland University of Technology (Australia)  
University of Birmingham (England)  
University of Bristol (England)  
University of Edinburgh (Scotland)  
University of St. Andrews (Scotland)  
University of Paris (France)  
Universidad de Diseño, Innovación y Tecnología (Spain)

#### Canada

Concordia University  
McGill University  
McMaster University  
Queens University  
Simon Fraser University  
Trent University  
University of Alberta  
University of Calgary  
University of Toronto  
University of Waterloo