



Nicaragua Christian Academy

"ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE WITH A CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION"



School Profile 2021-2022

Mr. Liam Starkenburg, Director • Mr. Matt Kamps, Secondary Principal • Mrs. Sylvia Mejía, Elementary Principal

- The School:** Nicaragua Christian Academy International is an evangelical, non-denominational, non-profit preschool, elementary, and secondary educational institution. The school has a current enrollment of 270 students in grades Pre-K through 12. Founded in 1991, Nicaragua Christian Academy International is fully U.S. accredited by ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International) and Cognia (formerly AdvancED).
- The Mission:** Nicaragua Christian Academy partners with Christian parents in developing spiritual, social, physical and academic excellence in students so that they can be active disciples of Jesus Christ.
- The Location:** NCAI is located at Km 11.2 Carretera Vieja a León in Managua, easily accessible on the main highway. The campus consists of six classroom buildings, a large multi-purpose complex (Eagle Center), lunch areas, offices, and athletic fields, courts and facilities.
- The Faculty:** All of NCAI's 56 teachers, educational assistants and administrators profess a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and have an average of 10.4 years of educational experience. All teachers have a bachelor's degree and certification; 25 percent have master's degrees.
- The Students:** Students are admitted on the basis of previous school record, mastery of the English language, and student/parental spiritual commitment. More than 95 percent of our graduates go on to college; most go to the United States or study in Nicaragua. Class sizes are limited to 22-25 students, providing for individual attention for each student.
- 55 percent of our students are Nicaraguan, 32 percent are North American, and 10 percent are Asian; our students represent 18 countries from around the world. NCA does not discriminate in its admissions policy and practice based on race, color, gender, national origin, age, disability or any other characteristic protected by law.
- The School Day:** 7:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Preschool, Kindergarten
7:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m. Elementary, High School
- Curriculum:** NCA International has developed a comprehensive curriculum at all levels of the school, based on a United States and international school framework with the integration of Spanish and Nicaraguan social studies classes. We use textbooks from a variety of publishers in order to accomplish our curricular goals, including Pearson Education McGraw-Hill, BJU Press, A Beka, ACSI, and Christian Schools International.
- Pre-School:** Our preschool program has a strong focus on English language learning in order to prepare our students with the English language skills necessary to continue into the next level. The instructional program is highly structured and includes specific learning and developmental objectives at each level.
- Elementary:** During these formative years, we seek to teach our students responsibility and develop critical thinking skills. Our instructional program includes Language Arts (composition, grammar, handwriting, reading, spelling and vocabulary), Bible, Math, Science and Social Studies, all of which are taught in English. In addition to the core classes, elementary students have daily Spanish class, bi-weekly physical education, and weekly classes in art, music, computers and library.

