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SCHOOL PROFILE

Discovery School Burundi, CEEB Code 605000, is an American-system school operating in Bujumbura, Burundi.

COMMUNITY

Spanning 6 acres, Discovery School operates in an urban setting in the Northern end of Bujumbura, though approximately half of the student body arrives by bus, 30% of them from other quarters of the city. 99% of our students are Sub-Saharan Africans, though they come from a variety of cultural backgrounds. The remaining 1% are East Asian or mixed-race.

ACCREDITATION & GENERAL INFORMATION

Discovery School Burundi offers a comprehensive nursery through four-year high school program with 1,425 students enrolled. The school opened in the fall of 2008 and graduated its first senior class in the spring of 2022.

Discovery is accredited through the National Association of Private Schools (NAPS). See <https://napsschools.org/naps-schools-list/> and is authorized to operate in the Republic of Burundi under the local Ministry of Education's ordinance governing schools with foreign programs (Reference Number 620/IGEFTP).

The school's website is <https://discoveryschoolburundi.org>

HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Academic Program Overview

Discovery School Burundi's program is based on the US Common Core Standards and Next Generation Science Standards. All high school courses apart from World Language Courses are taught in English. The academic program is organized on a traditional schedule, with each course receiving five forty-five minute periods of instructional time each week of the school year, which consists of 38 weeks divided into three trimesters. Over the course of one school year, the hours of class time in each course can be calculated as follows: $38 \times 5 \times 45 = 8,550$ minutes, or 142.5 hours, thus exceeding the minimum requirements for each course to be valued at one credit hour, or Carnegie Unit.

Standardized Testing

Students take the IOWA Test of Basic Skills at the end of middle school. They take the SAT for the first time in spring of their junior year. Starting in the spring of 2023, the Burundian government required the addition of a science component for end of high school testing, so students now take the science portion of the IOWA Test of Basic Skills during spring of their junior year as well. Students wishing to improve their scores may retake either test during their senior year. The Burundian government requires a combined score greater than or equal to 50% for university matriculation.

Grading and Ranking

As a former Belgian colony, Burundi has traditionally used a Belgian grading system. In this system, anything above an 80 is considered an A. All of our teachers are Burundian, and so tend to give

lower marks than their American counterparts. As a result, any student with an excellent GPA is truly an exceptional student.

BELGIAN GRADING SCALE	DISCOVERY GRADING SCALE	GPA Quality Points
A 80-100	A 90-100	4
B 70-79	B 80-89	3
C 60-69	C 70-79	2
D 50-59	D 57-69	1
F 0-49	F 0-56	0

Also note that our grades are numbered from 1-13, rather than from K-12, so grade 13 is equivalent to grade 12 in the US.

Class rank is assigned annually based on cumulative GPA.

Honors and AP Classes

We cover the curriculum of AP Calculus, AP Statistics, AP Biology, Chemistry, and Physics, but are still working to have these courses officially certified and to find a place in-country able to administer AP exams, so for the time being these courses are listed as Honors courses on our transcripts. Note that as all our students are English Language Learners, our Honors English courses are NOT the equivalent of AP courses. However, students in honors English are reading and understanding Shakespeare, Arthur Conan Doyle, and other classic works. GPAs are weighted with an extra 1 point given for honors courses (an A in an honors course receives a 5). 15 honors courses are offered, however the most one student can complete is 14.

Graduation Requirements

Regular College Preparatory Diploma	College Preparatory Diploma with Honors
4 Math	4 Math
4 English	4 English
3 Science	3 Science
3 Social Studies (SS)	3 Social Studies (SS)
2 World Language (WL)	3 World Language (WL)
1 Technology	1 Technology
2 Sports/Health	2 Sports/Health
2 Bible	2 Bible
1 Fine Arts	1 Fine Arts
1 Life Skills	1 Life Skills
4 Electives*	6 Electives*

Total: 27 Credit Hours

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*Electives are grouped into categories so that students can obtain a "minor" in STEM, Business/IT, or Humanities

Matriculation

Graduates from the classes of 2022 and 2023 are currently enrolled in universities in the United States (Norwich University, Wingate University), Cyprus, Kenya, Uganda, and Burundi.

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