

# ALP FACT SHEET



- Private
- Christian
- Bilingual Education
- From Pre-Kindergarten to 12th Grade



**Tegucigalpa, Honduras**



Located in the mountains about five miles outside of Tegucigalpa

## PHILOSOPHY

ALP is a Christian school seeking to provide an educational environment for the mental, physical, and spiritual growth of its students. Because we believe that God is the source of all wisdom and knowledge, His Word is taught in the classroom, integrated into the academic subjects, and lived out in the lives of the staff. In its pursuit of excellence, ALP not only sets a high academic standard, but also strives to maintain a clear Christian witness.

## HISTORY

**1964**

- Boarding school for missionary children sponsored by Eastern Mennonite Board of Missions

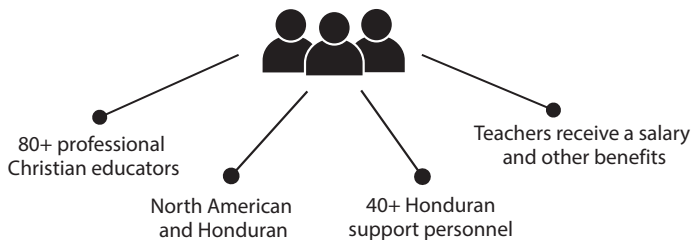
**1977**

- School recognized under sponsorship of 7 evangelical missions due to the changing needs of the indigenous church
- Admission opens to English speaking students of many nationalities

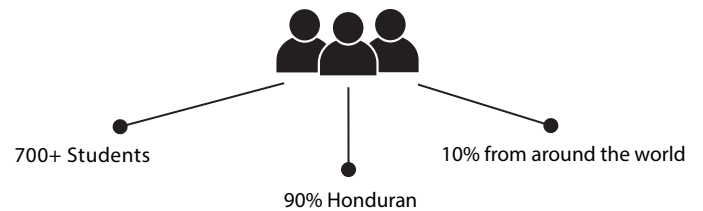
**1978**

- Grades 10th-12th added
- Honduran Bachillerato awarded along with a U.S. High School Diploma

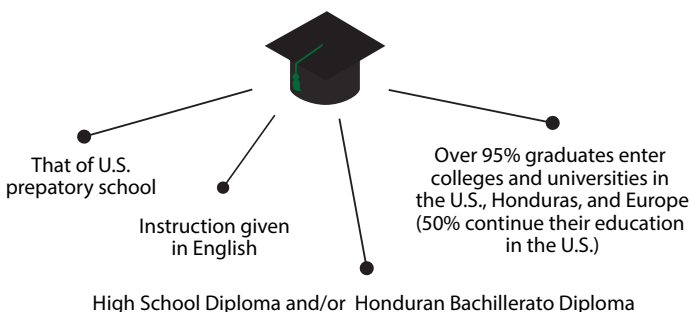
## FACULTY



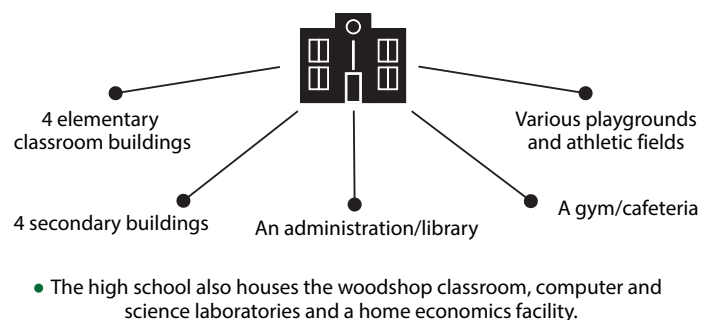
## ENROLLMENT



## CURRICULUM



## FACILITIES



## ACCREDITED BY



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



## WHAT IS ALP?

The English translation of "Academia Los Pinares" is "Pine Grove Academy," a name appropriate for a school set in the tall pines of the Central American mountains. Academia Los Pinares is a group of evangelical Christians from many backgrounds working together to change Honduras for Christ.



## WHO STUDIES AT ALP?

Today, Academia Los Pinares is viewed by many in Honduras as one of the best schools in the country. The school has been the choice for children of government leaders including the Honduran president, military leaders, diplomats from around the world, Honduran and world businessmen, and missionaries from a variety of denominations.



## WHAT ARE THE MAJOR GOALS OF ALP?

- To see each student develop a strong personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- To give each student a high quality, college-preparatory Christian education in order for them to compete academically in English-language universities anywhere in the



## WHAT IS THE PROGRAM OF STUDIES?

- Bible, English, math, the sciences, social studies, computer science, physical education, art, music, home economics, and industrial arts taught in English by North Americans
- Spanish, Honduran social studies, and Honduran civics taught in Spanish by Hondurans
- Courses that are taught in English have textbooks purchased from U.S. companies, whereas those taught in Spanish use local materials



## WHAT IS LIFE LIKE IN HONDURAS?

- Spanish is the principal language, yet it is possible to manage without it in the city to some extent
- Many U.S. products are available in Honduras, but at higher prices than local brands
- Numerous North American fast food and full service restaurants are available
- Only two or three English church services are available but there are many Spanish evangelical churches which have activities almost every night of the week



## WHAT DIFFICULTIES CAN TEACHERS EXPECT TO FACE?

- "You will not be able to buy many of the things you could in the United States. Expect excitement at first but also a time of loneliness or slight depression after a while. You will have to go through a lot of adjustments before you establish routines and feel at home."
- "You must be willing to learn and adapt to different ways of doing things and to realize that different is not always wrong..."
- "Expect to see poverty and great wealth, many times side by side."
- "The most difficult part of teaching is teaching in their second language."



## WHAT DO TEACHERS SAY ABOUT ALP?

- "You can expect to be part of a team from a variety of denominational backgrounds, yet all are working together with the same purpose... Our Pinares family is close-knit, offering support and encouragement to each other."
- "The best part about teaching in Honduras is the blessing and enjoyment of learning another culture... The more involved you become, the better your teaching experience will be."
- "We have the freedom to openly teach our students about God and His Word..."
- "Teaching at Pinares is not just a job; it is a sacred mission. There is no joy like that of seeing spiritual understanding light up a child's face when he grasps a truth from God."



## WHAT DOES ALP DO TO HELP TEACHERS WORK IN HONDURAS?

1. Pays a modest salary. (Some people, especially families find it helpful to raise some additional support.)
2. Provides major medical health insurance and a small life insurance policy.
3. Provides housing either in the teacher apartments or nearby rented houses. Singles each have a private bedroom.
4. Provides a stove, refrigerator, kitchen table and chairs, living room furniture, bed, study desk, and chair.
5. Helps with transportation to and from Honduras.
6. Pays normal legal fees for you to teach in the country.
7. Maintains accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools/AdvancEd and the Association of Christian Schools International so your teaching experience is recognized by future employers (this usually places you higher on the pay scale).
8. Makes it possible for you to teach in English.



## HOW CAN TEACHERS APPLY TO WORK AT ALP?

If you are interested in applying for a position at Academia Los Pinares, contact A.L.P. directly at the email address or web site listed below. Be sure to give the following information:

1. Your name
  2. Telephone number
  3. Temporary and/or permanent address
  4. Fax number (if you have one we can use)
  5. Email
  6. Best time(s) to reach you by phone
  7. Type of work you are prepared to do (pre-school teacher, elementary teacher, subject areas for high school, librarian, nurse, counselor, administrator)
- Include a resume if you have one available. Or you may send information to us and download an application from our website ([www.pinares.org](http://www.pinares.org)).





The Apostle Paul admonished Timothy to pray for kings and all who are in positions of authority or high responsibility. We have at least 35 contact hours per week with some of the future leaders of Honduras. Those who do not accept Christ will at least be conscious of His ways and very much aware of His love and the love of His people. We pray that God will use Pinares graduates for good in His Kingdom, and we especially want them to make a positive difference in Honduras.

**Is God calling you into mission work?** If your focus is adventure, leisure, travel, a big bank account, or a life of ease, stay home. Even when it mostly involves teaching in English in a Christian school, missionary life is not always easy. On the other hand, if you are willing to work, to pray, even to suffer to plant seeds of the Kingdom in the hearts of young people, maybe your place is with Pinares. **Please contact us.**

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***“He that goeth forth weeping, bearing precious seed,  
shall doubtless return again rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.”***

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