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Peru Host School FAQ

When does the school year begin and end?

The academic year begins in April and ends in December, with 14 vacation days in the summer. Peruvian students attend classes Monday through Friday.

What is a typical school day? How many classes per day?

The school hours vary from school to school, but most begin at about 8am and end between 2pm and 3pm. Students take 3 or 4 classes per day. There are usually two breaks during the day and lunch is eaten at home.

In what type of school will I be enrolled?

Most AFS students attend private Catholic schools, though public schools are also available.

In what grade level will I be enrolled?

AFS students are usually enrolled in the 4th or 5th year of secondary school with students between the ages of 14 and 17.

Will I be able to choose my classes? What classes are available?

Students have the same classmates throughout the day and throughout the school year. Thus, all students have the same schedule and have no choices in classes.

Common subjects are Spanish literature, math, English, Peruvian history, civics, politics, economics, psychology, handicrafts, arts, philosophy, religion, physical education, chemistry, and physics.

AFS students have some flexibility in their schedule and schools often allow them to take classes with younger students if they do not have a strong background in the subject (i.e. languages).

In what language will the classes be taught?

All instruction, with the exception of foreign languages, is done in Spanish.

Will I need to buy a uniform, books, or other school supplies?

Most schools have a uniform, and it varies from school to school. AFSers will have to purchase the uniform themselves at a cost of about US\$150. AFS will provide students with any books they need for school.

Are extra-curricular activities available such as sports, music, or art?

It is not common for Peruvian schools to have extra curricular activities, though some schools have sports teams that practice after school or on the weekend.



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Can I get an official transcript or a certificate of attendance?

AFS will provide all students with a participation certificate. Depending on their performance, students may also receive a transcript of grades and a letter of attendance from their school.

Can I get academic credit for my study abroad?

The amount and type of credit you receive is determined by your high school in the U.S. so it's important that you talk with your teachers and guidance counselor before you depart. Be sure to keep a copy of any formal grades or transcripts you receive from your host school. It is your responsibility to obtain any written information about your attendance and grades in your host school before you return home. AFS does not have any influence over obtaining academic credit for your studies abroad and cannot assist you with course or grade information for your time on program.