



School Profile 2026-2027

Mission and Vision

NewGate School is an independent, non- profit, international, college-preparatory Montessori school for students from toddlers through high school.

The future belongs to those who think outside of the box, solve problems, create new solutions, and get people to work together to get things accomplished.

Our course of study prepares students for both college and life. NewGate School’s meaningful work is to cultivate each student’s human potential by investing in our core values: being people of principle, deep thinkers, life-long learners, balanced beings, responsive friends and citizens, and courageous advocates.

Accreditation

The school is accredited by COGNIA (NCA CASI/ NWAC/ SACS CASI) and is authorized by the International Baccalaureate Organization to offer the IB Diploma Program. The school’s course of studies is recognized by the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program. NewGate is also fully accredited by the International Montessori Council.



Key Information

Board Chair	Lorna McGrath
Head of School	Sandra D. Wirth Ed.D
College Counselor	Natacha Stutzman
CEEB Code	101847



About NewGate School

NewGate School is an international, coeducational, nonsectarian, college-preparatory Montessori IB World School in Sarasota, Florida, that educates children from preschool through high school within the Montessori educational framework.

NewGate School has three campuses, two are in-person in Sarasota, Florida and one is virtual. The **Ashton Road Campus** houses toddlers through secondary students (grades 7-12), including the IB Diploma Program for students in years 11 and 12. NewGate has a **Global Campus**, which is an online Montessori program serving students from all over the world in grades seven through twelve.

Our Montessori program is based on developing high levels of self-direction through cooperative and individual activities that help a child develop a strong self-image, high levels of academic and social competence, and the confidence to face challenges with optimism. Encouraged to make decisions from an early age, Montessori-educated children are problem solvers who can make appropriate choices, manage their time, and work well with others.

NewGate’s Montessori Secondary program includes experiences both in and outside of the classroom that assist students in gaining greater self-awareness and engagement with a complex world. The Secondary Program is organized into three two-year cycles of work that parallel current traditional standards for academic coursework. The program also provides a wide range of experiential learning opportunities interwoven throughout the curriculum to respond to the developmental needs of adolescents including orientation trips, internships, drama immersions, and local, national and international research trips.

Students take challenging seminar, lab, and project-based courses in science, math, history, English, Spanish, art, physical education, and service that foster the academic and intellectual capacities of adolescents and set the foundation for college-level work. These courses require and support in-depth participation, close attention to detail, independent work, writing, research, discussion, and analysis. At the end of the program, students have a depth of understanding about themselves and the world, sophisticated reasoning abilities and experience with a wide range of tools, modes of expression, and courses that prepare them for college, life and thoughtful citizenship.

NewGate School Vision of Human Potential

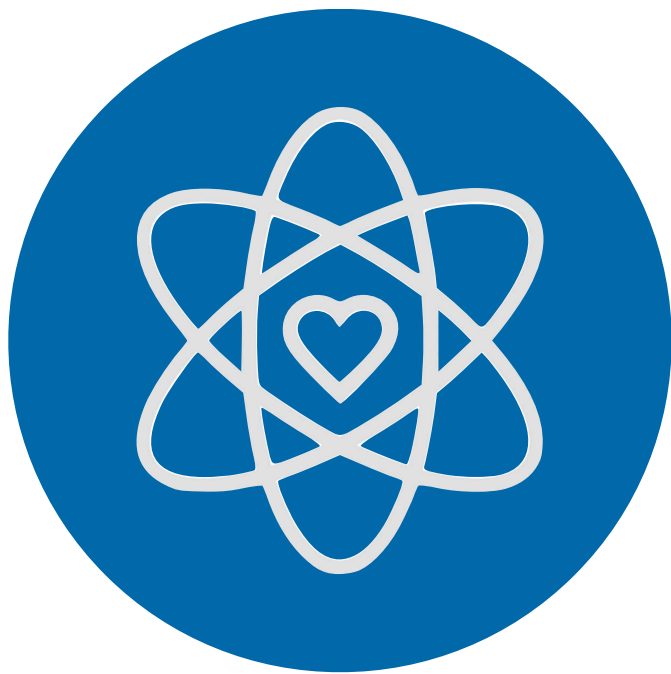
Deep Thinker



Life-Long Learner



Person of Principle



Responsive Friend
and Citizen



Courageous
Advocate



Balanced Being



Curriculum

Cycle 2 (grades 9/10)	Cycle Three (grades 11/12)
Literature and Composition	IB Literature and Performance
Spanish	IB Literature
	IB Spanish ab Initio
Integrated Social Sciences	IB Spanish B
-World History and American History	IB Global Politics
Natural Sciences	IB Biology
-Physics, Biology, Chemistry, and Environmental	Physics
Mathematics	IB Mathematics
- Algebra, Geometry, Algebra 2	-Analysis and Approaches
	-Applications and Interpretation
Creative Expression via Visual Arts	IB Visual Arts
Physical Expression	Theory of Knowledge
Core Requirements	
Sarasota Explorations	Senior Research Paper
Service and Partnership Work	Creativity, Activity, and Service

Global students’ course of study includes standard-level and honors-level coursework that may differ from that listed above.

Graduation Requirements

Area	Credits
English Language	4.0
World Languages	2.0
Social Sciences	4.0
Natural Sciences	4.0
Mathematics	4.0
Arts	4.0
Physical Expression	2.0
Metacognition	2.0
Service	Four Years

Grade Scale

Course Evaluation	Letter Grade	Grade Points
100-90	A	4.0
89-80	B	3.0
79-70	C	2.0
69-60	D	1.0
60-0	F	0.0

Honorsweight=+0.5 ; IBweight=+1.0

Orientation

Each school year begins with the Orientation trip, where the search for individual identity intertwines with the onset of leadership, teamwork, and the positive social development of the Secondary community. Students bond with their peers and their teachers in an environment outside of the classroom. We work on a variety of initiatives to build teamwork and communication skills. We also work as a team to develop the ground rules that will function as our common good contract for the year. Finally, the structure, schedule, and topics of the year’s course of studies are presented. This is both an on- and off-campus experience.

Research Travel

Each year students plan, organize, and participate in research trips to enrich and further contextualize their studies. Past trips have included the Appalachian Trail, New York City, New Orleans, Atlanta, Washington, D.C., the Florida Keys, North Carolina, the Everglades, and international study travel trips to Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, and Spain.

Internships

Students in the NewGate Secondary Program participate in local, state, national, and international internships from 7th-12th grade, gaining experience with resumes, interviews, and varied industries. Students enjoy engaging in a learning experience that extends beyond the traditional walls of the classroom.

Drama Immersion

Students pause their regular class schedule for a week each year and immerse themselves in the world of the theater; student acting, scenery, costume, and publicity crews work over the course of an intensive week to stage a full-length play. The experiences are a rewarding, creative collaboration for the students with opportunities to express their authentic voices. The team building and confidence that develops throughout the week are valuable and enjoyable for everyone.

College Acceptances (since 2004)

Adelphi University	Furman University	Quinnipiac University	University of Dayton
American University	George Mason University	Ringling College of Art & Design	University of Florida
Amherst College	Georgia Institute of Technology	Rollins College	University of Florida, Honors Program
Aquinas College	Hampshire College	Ryerson University (CA)	University of Hawaii
Arizona State University	Hartwick College	Salem College	University of Massachusetts
Ave Maria University	Hillsdale College	San Diego State University	University of Miami
Barry University	Hofstra University	San Francisco State University	University of Miami FILAS Program
Beacon College	Hollins University	Santa Fe State College	University of Minnesota
Boston University	Kendall College of Art & Design	Savannah College of Art & Design	University of New England
Brown University	Loras College	Sewanee, The University of the South	University of New Hampshire
California College of the Arts	Loyola University, Baltimore	Smith College	University of North Florida, Hicks Honors College
Carleton University (CA)	Loyola University, New Orleans	Sonoma State University	University of North Georgia
Cleveland College of Art & Design	Lynn University	St. John’s College	University of Rhode Isand
Columbus College of Art & Design	Manatee Technical College	St. Lawrence University	University of Richmond
Curry College	Massachusetts College of Art & Design	St. Petersburg College	University of South Florida
Eckerd College	Mercer University	State College of Florida	University of Tampa
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Milwaukee College of Art & Design	Stetson University	University of Vermont
Emerson College	Montana State University	Sweet Briar College	University of Virginia
Flagler College	New College of Florida	Technische Universität Kaiserslautern (Germany)	University of Waterloo (CA)
Florida Gulf Coast University	New York University	Tecnológico de Monterrey (Mexico)	University of West Florida
Florida Institute of Technology	Northeastern University	The George Washington University	Utah Valley State University
Florida International University	Oberlin College	Thomas Aquinas College	Vanderbilt University
Florida Polytechnic University	Pennsylvania State University	University of California, San Diego	Wake Forest University
Florida State University	Pensacola State College	University of California, Santa Barbara	Warren Wilson College
Fordham University	Pfeiffer University	University of Central Florida	Wesleyan University
Franklin University (Switzerland)	Purdue University	University of Colorado	Western New England College



to cultivate a love of life and a curiosity that inspires academic excellence

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