

EDUCATION IN JUNQUILLO

There are three classrooms in the elementary school of El Junquillo, although only two classrooms are currently being used. . One room is for first, second, and third graders while the other is for the fourth, fifth, and sixth graders. There is no kindergarten at the moment as only two children were enrolled at the start of the school year. Similar to North American schools, most students are 6 years of age when they enter the 1st grade and are 13 years old when they are done with the 6th grade.

Due to the lack of an accessible middle and high school around the community, most students do not pursue further education after the 6th grade, as seen in many other rural communities in Honduras. Those who do continue onto secondary school attend various institutions in several communities including El Platero (30 minute walk), Langue (1 hour walk), and Guascorán (1 ½ hour walk). Many students community on foot, while others ride their bikes.



In comparison to many other rural primary schools in Honduras, the school in El Junquillo is relatively well-equipped. There are three spacious classrooms, although only two are currently being used. Each room is equipped with multiple white boards and chalk boards. Students each have their own desks in varying condition.



EDUCATION SNAPSHOT	
# Classroom	3
# of Teachers	2
Outside Activity Space	Ample
Chalkboard	Yes
# of Students	50
Age Ranges	6-13
Electricity	Yes

THE CURRICULUM

Typical subjects taught in this school are Spanish reading, writing, and grammar, social sciences, basic English, physical education, natural sciences, math, and technology. However, due to the lack of resources, technology is very limited, although another institution has promised to donate a computer to the school. Health education is included in the curriculum, and covers topics such as different illnesses, hygiene, and preventative health.

THE TEACHERS

There are two teachers in El Junquillo. The school director and fourth, fifth, and sixth grade teacher is Alejandrino Alverado. He is from a neighboring community. Ninoska Ramos teaches the younger students. As she is from the community, she is extremely invested in Global Brigades' work.