

## WATER BRIGADES EDUCATION PROFILE: LOS LIQUIDAMBOS



Students of CCEPREB  
(Preschool Community Center)

EDUCATION SNAPSHOT	
# Schools (1st-6th grade)	1- Primary
Classrooms buildings	1 one-room
Outside Activity Space	Excellent
Chalkboard	Yes
# of Students	31
Age Ranges	5-12
Electricity	Yes

### Education in Los Liquidambos

In Los Liquidambos, public education is offered from Kindergarten through 6th grade. The Kindergarten classes take place in the same building but separate classroom and the current class has 12 children around the age of 5 that attend classes. First through sixth grade classes take place in another one-room building. There are 31 primary students in Los Liquidambos (3 students in first grade, 5 students in second, 6 in third, 8 in fourth, 9 in fifth, and 1 in sixth). The students take classes together and have the same teacher. There are two main reasons for teaching several grades of students together: 1) The government does not have enough money to fund additional teachers and classrooms and 2) There are too few students in each grade.

The school in Los Liquidambos is a public school, meaning that it is funded and managed by the central Honduran government. Attending school is free for students; however, they must purchase school supplies, uniforms, and pay a small fee that is used for the celebrations of Día de Las Madres (Mother's Day), Día de Los Padres (Father's Day), and Día de Los Niños (Children's Day). Classes begin in February and end in November and take place Monday through Friday from about 08:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Middle and High School are not available within Los Liquidambos. To attend Middle or High School, community members from must leave the community and often pay for school, transportation, lodging, etc.



Students pose in front of the  
school building in Los Liquidambos  
for 1st, to 6th grade classes.

## The Students

Students usually enter school at age 6 and complete 6th grade when they are between 12 and 13 years old. The vast majority of students finish school through the 6th grade, although some students retake certain grades before reaching and completing 6th grade. After 6th grade, the majority of students do not continue their education, which is usually attributed to the economic situation of the community. Boys usually leave school and immediately start working (usually in agriculture) and girls will stay home to help their mothers take care of the house.



Several students from Los Liquidambos are continuing their education past the 6th grade by travelling to classes outside of their community. About fourteen young students walk to the nearby community of Buena Vista to attend 7th, 8th, and 9th grade classes at the public middle school. Two students travel further down the mountain to the local municipal town of Moroceli for weekday high school classes, while one travels as far as the city of Danli, which can take more than an hour by bus each way. Eight other high school students attend weekend classes in another nearby town called Isemel.

## The Teachers



Claudia Yesinia Cuello is the director of the school and teaches all grades. She has been teaching for 13 years, but just started teaching in Los Liquidambos 3 years ago. She is originally from Las Champas.



Lilian Marisela Padilla is the Teacher of the Preschool Community Center she has been teaching for 10 years. She is originally from Las Liquidambos.

## The Curriculum

Typical subjects taught in schools are natural sciences, basic mathematics, social studies, art, and Spanish reading, writing, and grammar. Health education is included in the curriculum, and covers topics such as different illnesses, hygiene, and preventative health. 4th, 5th, and 6th grade classes also learn some Basic English vocabulary.