

EDUCATION IN LOS HATILLOS

Two locally-educated teachers work in the three classrooms at Ofelia Bones de Guevara Elementary School in Los Hatillos. Each classroom is multi-level, meaning that teachers must teach students varied curriculums in the same classroom as the students are in different grades. Similar to North American schools, most students are 6 years of age when they enter the 1st grade and are 12 years old when they are done with the 6th grade.

Due to the lack of an accessible middle and high school around the community, 20% of 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 it in the community of Guanacastillo, which is a 40 minute walk from their homes. Not only is it quite a distance away, but it is also expensive as families need to pay for uniforms and supplies. Thus, many children begin working in agriculture to help support their families after completing sixth grade.



THE SCHOOL'S ACADEMIC NEEDS

The curriculum in the school in Los Hatillos includes most basic subjects such as mathematics and science. There is not a lot of emphasis on environmental nor health education however. As sustainably implementing a water project requires that students learn about these themes, each brigade will conduct a workshop in the school. The students greatly enjoy these workshops and learn from them. Thus, we urge brigaders to plan prior to coming to Honduras to maximize their impact.

| EDUCATION SNAPSHOT | |
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| # Classroom | 3 |
| # of Teachers | 2 |
| Outside Activity Space | Ample |
| Chalkboard | Yes |
| # of Students | 73 |
| Age Ranges | 6-12 |
| Electricity | Yes |

THE FACILITY

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

