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Study Status

Results

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Randomized Evaluation

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2,040 students

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Resultados de una evaluación rigurosa realizada por una alianza entre IPA y la Universidad de Vanderbilt sugieren que los estudiantes asignados a Colegios en Administración tienen mayores puntajes en habilidades cognitivas y en habilidades socioemocionales

os investigadores Felipe Barrera-Osorio de la Universidad de Vanderbilt y Andrew Dustan de la Universidad William & Mary, en alianza con FA Colombia, realizaron una evaluación rigurosa sobre el desempeño de estudiantes matriculados en Colegios en Administración (en adelante CeA), los cuales son colegios públicos administrados por entidades privadas. Los resultados demuestran que los estudiantes matriculados en CeA tienen mayores puntajes en habilidades cognitivas y en habilidades socioemocionales que estudiantes con su mismo perfil socioeconómico y demográfico que no fueron asignados a un CeA. Además, los padres o tutores de estudiantes en CeA reportaron una mayor satisfacción y una menor probabilidad de querer cambiar de escuela.



Sobre los Colegios en Administración

Los Colegios en Administración son colegios públicos financiados por fondos públicos y administrados por una entidad privada. Esta alianza público-privada prestende potenciar las capacidades y ventajas competitivas de cada sector para logar un uso más eficientes de los recursos públicos y de esta manera brindar mejor educación pública de calidad a estudiantes de bajos recursos.

Los Colegios en Administración cuentan con infraestructura y recursos oficiales del Estado. Los administradores privados reciben una remuneración por cada estudiante atendido de acuerdo con el valor de la canasta educativa pactada contractualmente." Los operadores de los CeA cumplen la misma normativa y estándares de calidad que los demás collegios públicos³ eligualmente son evaluados por parte de la Secretaria de Educación Distrita? Estos operadores son entidades sin ánimo de lucro seleccionadas por concurso mediante una licitación pública con base en la calidad educativa que hayan demostrado en su experiencia administrando colegios privados.*

Policy Brief (Spanish)



The Impact of Private-Managed Public Schools on Cognitive and Socioemotional Skills: Evidence from Bogotá, Colombia



An IPA enumerator conducts a cognitive abilities assessment for a student in Bogotá, Colombia. © IPA 2023 / Lina Junguito

In collaboration with IPA Colombia and the Bogotá Secretary of Education, researchers conducted a randomized evaluation to assess whether students enrolled in private-managed public schools demonstrate better academic performance compared to students in traditional public schools. Results showed that students exhibited superior cognitive and social-emotional skills. Caregivers expressed higher satisfaction levels and were less inclined to seek alternative schooling options.

Public and private school partnerships hold promise for enhancing educational outcomes by capitalizing on their distinct strengths and resources. In Bogotá, Colombia, such collaboration is exemplified by the "Colegios en Administración" (CeA) model. CeA schools are publicly funded yet privately managed institutions. This public-private partnership seeks to optimize resource allocation and consequently improve the quality of education, particularly for students from low-income backgrounds. Currently, there are 35 CeA schools operating within low-income neighborhoods of the city.



Researchers from Vanderbilt University, in collaboration with IPA Colombia and the Bogota Secretary of Education, conducted a randomized evaluation to assess whether students enrolled in CeA schools indeed demonstrate better academic performance compared to those attending traditional public schools. To achieve this, the study compared the academic outcomes of students who secured spots in CeA schools with those who met the entry requirements but were not admitted due to limited availability. By employing this methodology, researchers were able to isolate the impact of CeA enrollment on academic achievement. Specifically, they paired students with similar characteristics, ensuring that the only differing factor between the groups was enrollment in a CeA school.

The findings reveal that CeA students exhibit higher cognitive and socio-emotional skills compared to their counterparts with similar socioeconomic backgrounds who did not attend CeA. Moreover, caregivers of CeA students expressed higher satisfaction levels and were less inclined to seek alternative schooling options.

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