



A public choice school serving grades 6-12

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## Overview

Founded in 1991 by teachers in response to a competitive grant, International School believes confidence comes from competence. Our rigorous curriculum is designed to challenge students to learn at high levels even in subject areas that prove challenging. Elements of our program that support this:

- Students are required to take 7 years of Humanities, International Studies, Math, and Science.
- Students are required to take 6-7 years of Fine Arts, PE, and World Language (French).
- Nearly all course sequences end with an Advanced Placement course.
- Beginning in junior year, students may choose among math and science courses but must take one of each. Students may also choose to take Computer Science beginning in junior year.
- The curriculum emphasizes depth of learning & development of persistence, including in traditionally non-academic areas.
- International's small size and 7-year program fosters interpersonal relationships with both peers and faculty. Our culture promotes collaboration, friendship, and mutual respect amongst diverse viewpoints.

# International School

## School Profile 2021-22

*Ranked #60 in US News national ranking of Best High Schools (2021)*

*Ranked #66 in Jay Mathews Challenge Index National Rankings (2020)*

*Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the US Department of Education (2004 and 2019)*

## Curriculum and Unique Features

### Admission

All students enroll by choice. Admission is by lottery without regard to financial or scholastic ability. Lottery is held for 5<sup>th</sup> graders with approximately 89 students admitted out of an applicant pool of 650+

### Enrollment

Class of 2022: 69

International School has 36% of students speaking a first language other than English, 8% qualifying for free and reduced-price lunch, and 34% National Board-Certified Teachers. High School enrollment: 319. Total enrollment: 594.

### Curriculum

Students are required to complete 6-7 years of study in 7 subject areas to achieve mastery. Subjects are: Fine Arts, French, Humanities, International Studies, Math, PE, and Science. They experience a rigorous academic climate in a nurturing environment. Instruction is in person for 2021-22 with our typical 7-period per day schedule and two semesters per year.

### Senior Project

Each senior must create, coordinate, and complete a unique Senior Project. These student-driven projects tap into their intellectual curiosities and sense of public service. Along with over 50 hours of work in the spring semester, the Seniors complete 10 weeks of community engagement outside the school in the real world, a culminating portfolio presentation on Power Point, and a 30-minute portfolio review with a panel of adults. *Examples: 3D printed prosthetic hand, bee keeping, building a hydrogen fuel cell, children's book publishing, homeless youth advocacy, music composition & performance, and watershed restoration.*

### Focus Week

Each student earns CTE credit by participating in one week of focused study that may take place on or off campus. Instruction is in one or more of the following areas: industrial arts, home and family life education, business and office education, health occupations education, vocational education, trade and industrial education, technical education, and career education. *Examples: Projects in Flight and Aerospace, Software Development, STEM Academy, Cultural Cooking, Long Lost Treasures of Chemistry, Urban Planning, Event Planning and Project Management.*

### Assessment System

**GPA:** Unweighted only

**Ranking:** Bellevue School District does NOT rank

**Schedule:** 2 semesters per year / 7 courses per semester on a block schedule

**Grading Scale:** 4.0 grading scale with no +/- . In keeping with our goal of mastery, students do not earn credit with a D grade.

#### Grade Scale

Letter Grade	%	Points	Notes
A	90-100	4.0	Excellent
B	80-89	3.0	Exceeds Expectations
C	70-79	2.0	Meets Expectations
F	0-69	0.0	

SAT Scores	Class of 2019			Class of 2020			Class of 2021		
	N	S	IS	N	S	IS	N	S	IS
ERW	531	539	<b>647</b>	528	539	<b>654</b>			N/A
Math	528	535	<b>700</b>	523	534	<b>683</b>			N/A
ACT Scores									
	N	S	IS	N	S	IS	N	S	IS
English	20.2	21.3	<b>29.9</b>			N/A			N/A
Math	20.5	22.1	<b>29.6</b>			N/A			N/A
Reading	21.3	22.7	<b>29.7</b>			N/A			N/A
Science	20.8	21.9	<b>29.5</b>			N/A			N/A
Composite	20.8	22.1	<b>29.8</b>		22.9	30.4			28.7
College Enrollment									
4-Year		96%			95%			92%	
2-Year		2%			5%			7%	
Other		2%			0%			1%	

N=National; S=State (WA); IS=International School

*COVID-19 UPDATE: For much of the 2020-21 school year (September through March), most secondary students learned in a setting that was entirely remote, with 2 – 3 hours of live synchronous virtual learning per class per week. The remainder of learning opportunities were primarily asynchronous. Just prior to the end of the first semester, there was a period of learning disruption for many students that resulted in less live virtual synchronous learning, as well as cancelled classes. To account for these factors, the district modified their grading policies for both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semesters to allow for the use of Pass or “P” mark at the student’s request in lieu of typical letter grades of B, C or D at the semester mark. A No Credit or “NC” mark has been used in place of F grades. As of September 1, 2021, Bellevue Schools are back to in-person learning under our typical 7-period day schedule.*

## Advanced Placement

Due to our course plan, most students can take a maximum of 8 out of the 14 courses offered. The first AP course is offered in 10th grade, and our course plan includes only one AP course for most students that year. 100% of students take at least one AP course. AP courses offered at International include:

- 2-D Art & Design
- 3-D Art & Design
- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Chemistry
- Computer Science A
- Computer Science Principles
- English Language & Composition
- English Literature & Composition
- Environmental Science
- French Language & Culture
- Physics 1
- Physics 2
- United States History
- World History: Modern

## Students from International School are Attending the Following Institutions:

American University	Georgia Institute of Technology	Saddleback College	University of Denver
Amherst College	Gonzaga University	San Diego State University	U of Maryland-College Park
Azusa Pacific University	Harvey Mudd College	Santa Clara University	University of Missouri-Kansas City
Bellevue College	Liberty University	Scripps College	University of Northern Colorado
Boise State University	Loyola Marymount University	Seattle Central College	University of Oregon
Boston College	Loyola University Chicago	Seattle Pacific University	University of Pennsylvania
Boston University	Montana State University	Seattle University	University of Portland
Bryn Mawr College	New York University	Southern Utah University	University of Puget Sound
California Polytechnic State U-SLO	Northeastern University	Stanford University	University of San Diego
California State U-Long Beach	Northwestern University	Swarthmore College	University of San Francisco
Carnegie Mellon University	Occidental College	Texas Christian University	University of Southern California
Central Washington University	Oregon State University	The University of Arizona	University of Toronto
Chapman University	Oregon State University-Cascades	United States Air Force Academy	University of Utah
Claremont McKenna College	Pacific University	United States Naval Academy	University of Washington-Bothell
Colorado School of Mines	Pennsylvania State University	University of British Columbia	University of Washington-Seattle
Cornell University	Pomona College	University of California-Berkeley	University of West London
Dartmouth College	Portland State University	University of California-Irvine	Vanderbilt University
DigiPen Institute of Technology	Princeton University	U of California-Los Angeles	Washington State University
Edmonds College	Purdue University-Main Campus	University of California-San Diego	Western Washington University
Emory University	Rhode Island School of Design	U of California-Santa Barbara	Whitman College
FIDM-Los Angeles	Rice University	University of California-Santa Cruz	Whitworth University
Fordham University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Chicago	Worcester Polytechnic Institute