



### Mission

Our mission is to be an exemplary learning community—enriched by differences, informed through inquiry, global in reach.

### School and Community

Washington International School is an independent, coeducational day school serving the international and American communities in the nation's capital. Founded in 1966, WIS was one of the first schools in the US authorized to implement the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (DP).

The school enrolls 900 students in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12. The WIS graduating class of 2018 numbered 54 students. Our students and their parents represent more than 90 nations. Approximately 13% of students receive financial aid.

### Faculty

Faculty and staff members come from more than 30 countries. Over seventy percent of the faculty hold master's degrees or higher.

### Class Size

The average Upper School class size is 10 students.

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# THE WIS EXPERIENCE

## Curriculum

All students are enrolled in a rigorous college preparatory curriculum. Two key components of our curriculum are internationalism and the learning of more than one language. In the primary years, our youngest students are fully immersed in French or Spanish; children in Grades 1–5 follow a dual-language program in English and either French or Spanish. By the time they get to the upper grades, most students are fluent in their second language.

All students in Grades 11 and 12 follow the International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum, a highly demanding honors program. While nearly all students pursue the full IB Diploma Program, some choose to take a different combination of higher and standard level courses, making them eligible to receive individual Certificates, rather than the Diploma.

## Over their four years in the Upper School, students will have completed:

**English:** 4 years

**Math:** 4 years (including algebra, geometry, trigonometry and calculus for all)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Language:** 4 years

**Additional Language:** optional

**Social Sciences:** 4–7 years

**Lab Sciences:** 4–7 years

**Arts Courses:** 2 years required

**Grade 10 Project:** ½ year

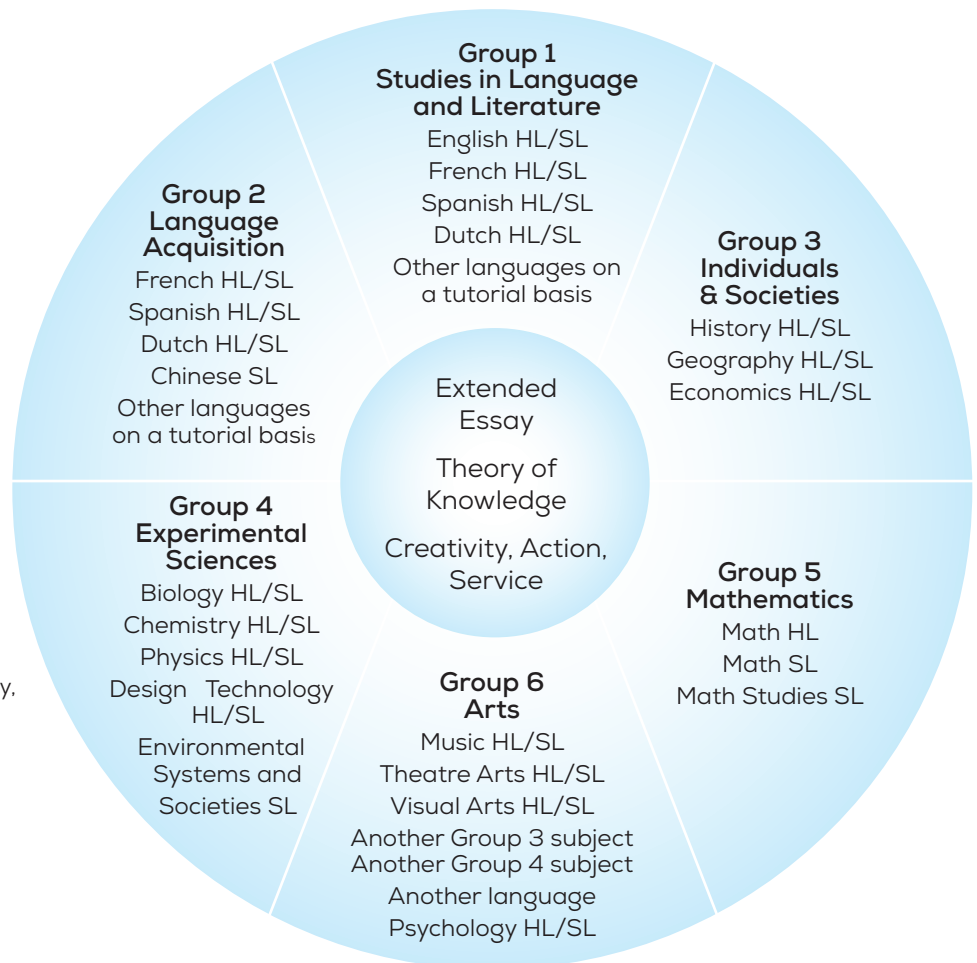
**Community Service:** 80 hours

**Theory of Knowledge:** 1½ years

**Physical Education** 2–4 years

## IB Diploma Program

In 11th and 12th grades students must select one subject from each of the six groups.



## UPPER SCHOOL COURSE REQUIREMENTS

9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> Grades
English	English	3 DP Higher Levels
2 <sup>nd</sup> Language	2 <sup>nd</sup> Language	3 DP Standard Levels
Math	Math	(must include English, math, lab science, social science, and foreign language)
Geography (semester)		
History (semester)	History	
Choice of two: Biology/Chemistry/Physics	Continuation of two: Biology/Chemistry/Physics	Theory of Knowledge Extended Essay
Choice of at least two: Additional Language/ Art/Music/Theatre Arts/Journalism/Design Technology/Digital Design/Photography and Film/Computer Systems, Programming and Robotics/Third Science/Global Health Seminar	Choice of at least two: Additional Language/Geography/Art/Music/Theatre Arts/Journalism/Design Technology/ Digital Design/Photography and Film/ Computer Systems, Programming and Robotics/Third Science/Global Health Seminar	Optional Electives: Art/Music/Theatre Arts/Journalism/Design Technology/Robotics/Yearbook/Physical Education/Language/Global Health Seminar
	Grade 10 Project	
Community Service	Community Service	Creativity, Action, Service
Physical Education	Physical Education	

# CLASS OF 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

**54** students in the Class of 2018 • **25** students were at WIS since at least 1st grade • **96%** of students in the IB Diploma Program • **100%** of WIS candidates earned the IB Diploma while **78.4%** of the candidates worldwide earned the IB Diploma • **65%** of WIS IB Diplomas were the prestigious Bilingual Diploma in comparison to **22.6%** of worldwide candidates • **43%** of WIS students' marks were 6's or 7's • **5.42** average IB subject mark at WIS compared to **4.8** worldwide subject mark • **34.2** average WIS IB Diploma score compared to **29.9** worldwide IB Diploma score • **34** are attending college in the US • **18** are attending universities abroad • **4** are taking a gap year (Worldwide scores are 2017.)

## STANDARDIZED TESTS

### ACT SUMMARY

	Mid 50%	Mean
English	30-35	32.1
Math	26-29	27.8
Reading	31-35	32.8
Science	27-30	28.7
STEM	27-30	27.9
Composite	28-32	30.5

### SAT SUMMARY

	Mid 50%	Mean
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	620-700	660
Mathematics	580-710	640
Total	1180-1400	1310

### AWARD TOTAL

*Not all students in the Classes of 2017 and 2018 were eligible due to citizenship restrictions.*

<b>5</b> National Hispanic Scholar	<b>1</b> National Merit Finalist
<b>12</b> National Merit Commended	<b>4</b> Presidential Scholar Nominee

### SAT SUBJECT TEST SCORES

(5 or more exams)

	Mid 50%	Mean
English Literature	590-660	649
French	760-800	783
Math Level I	540-660	619
Math Level II	690-770	742
Physics	740-790	758
Spanish	740-800	763

### IB EXAM GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Exam Grade	WIS %	World % (2017)
7	12%	8%
6	31%	21%
5	35%	28%
4	17%	24%
3 and below	5%	19%

*(World IB statistics come from an IBO publication.)*

### AP EXAM GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Subject	5	4	3	2	1
French	10	9	3	0	0
Spanish	15	5	3	0	0
TOTALS	25	14	6	0	0

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

On top of the demands of their IB classes, WIS students participate in multiple extracurricular activities on campus and off. Some of our offerings at WIS include:

**Clubs:** Black Student Union, Debate, Girls Who Code, Global Issues Network, Happiness Club, Investment Club, Latinx/Hispanic Student Union, Math Club, MUN, Operation Smile, Pride Alliance, Reading Partners, Student Diversity Leadership, Students Standing, UNICEF

**Publications:** *International Dateline* (online student newspaper), Yearbook

**Sports:** Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track, Volleyball

**Student Government:** International Student Union

**Theater Productions:** Fall Musical, Winter Play, Senior Produced Plays

## GRADING SYSTEMS

### Transcripts

The school uses an internal 7-point scale for grading students in 9-12 (see chart at right). Not all of the work that students are graded on will be included in the final IB mark; therefore grades on the transcript should not be interpreted as predicted IB grades.

### Ranking and Weighting

WIS does not rank its students. Acknowledging the significant demands of the IB curriculum, a weighting scheme is used which recognizes the comparative difficulty of higher level courses. Courses designated as HL have a weight of 1.1. All courses award .5 credits per semester with the following exceptions: 9th and 10th Phys. Ed. and Theory of Knowledge courses are .3 credits per semester; Grade 10 Project is .3 credits in fall semester of Grade 10 year; courses with 11/12 in the title are .2 credits per semester.

GRADE	DESCRIPTOR
7	Excellent
7-	
6+	Very Good
6	
6-	Good
5+	
5	
5-	Satisfactory
4+	
4	
4-	Failing
3+ and below	

## Number of WIS Students Enrolled:

### Australia

University of Queensland (1)

### Belgium

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (1)

### Canada

McGill University (5)

Quest University (1)

University of British Columbia (2)

University of British Columbia – Okanagan Campus (1)

University of Toronto (9)

### France

Sciences-Po – Columbia University Dual BA Program (2)

### Ireland

Trinity College Dublin (1)

### Italy

Università Bocconi (1)

### Netherlands

Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam (2)

University College Utrecht (1)

### Sweden

Lund University (1)

### United Kingdom

Bath Spa University (1)

Durham University (3)

Imperial College of London (1)

King's College London (2)

Lancaster University (1)

London School of Economics and Political Science (2)

School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London (2)

University College London (5)

University of Aberdeen (1)

University of Bristol (9)

University of Cambridge (4)

University of Edinburgh (4)

University of Exeter (1)

University of Glasgow (1)

University of Oxford (2)

University of Southampton (1)

University of St. Andrews (2)

University of Sussex (2)

University of Warwick (2)

University of Westminster (1)

### United States

American University (2)

University of Arizona (1)

Babson College (2)

Bard College (1)

Barnard College (1)

Boston College (1)

Boston University (2)

Bowdoin University (1)

Brown University (2)

California Institute of Technology (1)

University of California, Berkeley (4)

University of California, Davis (1)

University of California, Los Angeles (7)

University of California, Santa Barbara (1)

Carleton College (3)

Carnegie Mellon University (1)

Case Western Reserve University (1)

University of Chicago (6)

Claremont-McKenna College (2)

Colgate University (1)

University of Colorado-Boulder (1)

Colorado College (1)

Columbia University (3)

Connecticut College (2)

Cornell University (2)

Dartmouth College (1)

Davidson College (1)

Duke University (1)

Emerson College (1)

Emory University (2)

Fordham University (1)

George Mason University (1)

George Washington University (2)

Georgetown University (4)

Georgia Institute of Technology (1)

Haverford College (2)

College of the Holy Cross (1)

Indiana University at Bloomington (1)

Ithaca College (1)

James Madison University (1)

Johns Hopkins University (2)

University of Maryland, College Park (6)

University of Michigan (5)

Middlebury College (1)

New York University (11)

University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (3)

Northeastern University (4)

Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences (1)

Olin College of Engineering (1)

Pennsylvania State University (2)

University of Pennsylvania (12)

University of Pittsburgh (1)

Pitzer College (1)

Pratt Institute (1)

Princeton University (3)

Purdue University (2)

Rhode Island School of Design (1)

University of Richmond (1)

Salisbury University (1)

Savannah College of Art and Design (1)

University of Southern California (3)

Spelman College (1)

Stanford University (3)

Swarthmore College (2)

Syracuse University (1)

The New School–All Divisions (2)

Tufts University (1)

Tulane University (2)

University of Vermont (1)

Virginia Tech (1)

University of Virginia (5)

Wake Forest University (2)

Washington University in St. Louis (1)

University of Washington (1)

Wesleyan University (2)

College of William & Mary (2)

Williams College (1)

University of Wisconsin, Madison (3)

Yale University (3)