



Islander Middle School Profile

2022-2023

The Community

Mercer Island, an island community located in the south end of Lake Washington, is linked to Seattle, a metropolitan city of approximately 724,000, by a floating bridge (I-90). The city of Mercer Island is primarily a residential area for approximately 26,000 people, most of whom are employed in professional and managerial positions in business and industry in Seattle and the surrounding areas.

The Middle School



Islander Middle School is the only middle school in the Mercer Island School District. Located on the South end of the Island, the school is situated near Lakeridge Elementary and the South Mercer Playfields. Currently, IMS has an enrollment of approximately 950 students in grades six through

eight. In order to meet the needs of students, IMS has 59 certificated staff and 20 classified staff members.

Accreditation

Islander Middle School is accredited by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and meets all requirements and standards established by the state of Washington.

Academic Day

Islander runs on a traditional 6-period day in which students complete required academic courses as well as participate in a variety of elective courses. School runs from 8:25 AM-2:50 PM on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. On Wednesday, students are released from school at 1:20 PM to provide time for staff development for teachers and support staff.

Counseling Program

Islander is fortunate enough to have three school counselors to support students with academic and social and emotional needs. This counseling team provides individual support to students as well as facilitating small groups based on student needs. We are also fortunate to partner with Mercer Island Youth and Family Services (MIYFS) to provide on-site support for students through having a full-time MIYFS staff member on campus daily.

IMS utilizes district-adopted curriculum as the foundation for its core classes as well as offering a variety of engaging learning electives.

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Curriculum Features

STEM Offerings - IMS continues to grow in the STEM offerings that are available to students during the school day. Offerings such as computer programming, media technology, and robotics are courses that students may take as part of their elective choices.

World Languages - Three World languages are offered to IMS students: French, Mandarin Chinese, and Spanish. These languages provide an opportunity for students to engage with the content as well as earn High School credit while at IMS.

Music Program - We are fortunate to have award winning music programs in Band, Choir, and Orchestra. One of the unique features about the Mercer Island School District is that teachers in these programs teach grades 5 through 12 to provide continuity in experiences for students throughout their elementary, middle and high school experience.

Diverse Academic Offerings - IMS strives to meet the needs of all learners on campus. Services are provided for students across the academic spectrum including remedial as well as advanced options for students.

One-to-One iPads

Every student at IMS is provided with a school-issued iPad for academic use. These iPads serve to enhance the curriculum through content-specific programs and applications. Islander Middle School supports students with this technology through several staff members devoted to technology integration and support.



Interscholastic Sports

IMS has several interscholastic sports programs for student participation. They include volleyball, cross country, wrestling, and track and field. These seasons provide students with opportunities to improve athletic skills while also focusing on cooperation and teamwork.

Clubs and Activities

IMS offers a diverse range of clubs and activities that serve to enhance the student experience. Among these include

- Destination Imagination
- Baking Club
- Chess Club
- Creative Writing
- Dance Club
- Drama Club
- Dungeons and Dragons Club
- Games Club
- Girls Lunch Group
- Homework Center
- JUST (Justice & Understanding Support Team)
- Math Study Group
- Programming Club
- QUILTBAG: Islander's Gender and Sexuality Alliance Club
- Softball Club
- Sources of Strength: Sources of Strength Leadership program is focused on supporting the IMS community
- Terrific Tuesday: Unstructured optional lunch group for students who want to meet and play cards and/or other board games with the Counselors.
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Boys Golf Camp
- Girls Golf Camp

The Mercer Island School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, marital status, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The Mercer Island School District offers classes in many College and Career Readiness Programs, admission to which is non-discriminatory. Lack of English-language proficiency will not be a barrier to admission and participation in those programs. The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:

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