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Accreditations



The International Baccalaureate
Organization

The French Ministry of Education

The Council of
International Schools
(CIS)

The California Association
of Independent Schools (CAIS)

The Western Association
of Schools and Colleges (WASC)

Our International Community

French American and International is an independent, coeducational prekindergarten-12th grade school located in the heart of San Francisco. Since our founding 60 years ago, our community has prepared students to navigate the world with confidence and command, empathy and joy. We achieve this through rigorous bilingual, French, and International Baccalaureate education programs, and a vibrant school culture strengthened by multilingual, multinational educators and families.

Our Mission + Values

MISSION: Guided by the principles of academic rigor and diversity, French American and International offers programs of study in French and English to prepare its graduates for a world in which the ability to think critically and to communicate across cultures is of paramount importance.

VALUES: Our international community brings together people from many backgrounds. Together we strive to create a shared culture that develops compassionate, confident, and principled people who will make the world better. We base our community on these values: Respect, Integrity, Inclusion, Collaboration, and Curiosity.

COMMITMENT TO EQUITY: We commit to advancing equity and social justice in our diverse, urban community. We fulfill this promise through our programs and practices, and we inspire and equip our students to live this commitment locally and internationally.

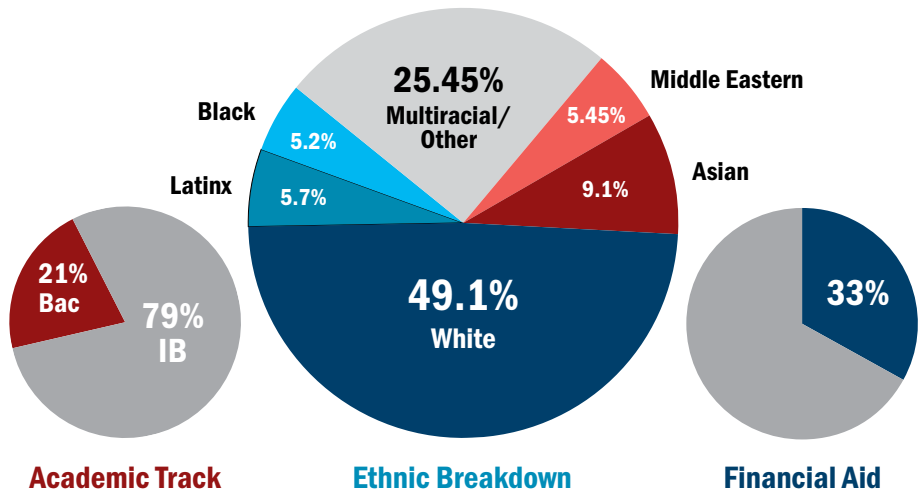
High School Demographics

Enrollment: **386**

The Class of 2024: **100** Students

24 countries represented

Geographic Representation: **86%** San Francisco, **8%** East Bay, **3%** Peninsula, **2%** Marin County, **1%** Other



Our Diploma Programs

IHS students have the choice to select between two diploma pathways: the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP) and the French Baccalaureat (French Bac). In both programs, students are taking demanding classes, many of which are equivalent to introductory college courses. Students simultaneously receive an American High School Diploma upon completion of their required courses.

International Baccalaureate



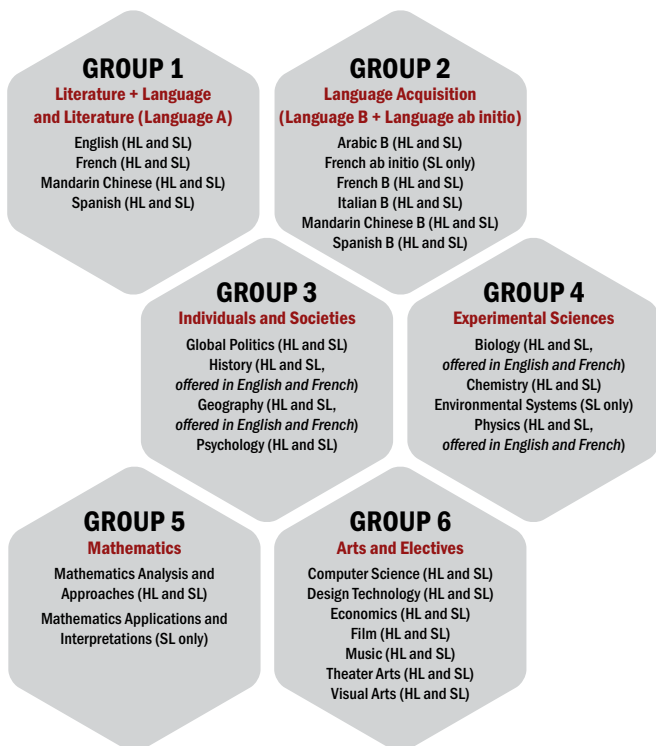
The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP) is a two-year academically rigorous program recognized throughout the world. The program is highly customizable and students are encouraged to choose subjects unique to their interests. Over the course of the program, students study literature, mathematics, at least one experimental science, at least one subject in the “individuals and societies” category, and a second language.

They also take the course Theory of Knowledge (focusing on epistemology), write an Extended Essay (a 4,000-word research paper), and complete the CAS requirement (creativity, activity, and service).

Due to the demanding nature of the program, we highly recommend students to take no more than three IB courses at the Higher Level. Students who complete a second language A (native-level) or a science/individual & societies class in a different language and earn a 3 or higher receive an IB bilingual diploma.

Class of 2023 IB Results: 88% pass rate

IB Course Offerings



French Baccalaureate



The French Baccalaureate is a two-year program that is an essential credential for entry into the French national university system. It combines required core courses and selected in-depth specialty courses. Students select three specialty classes in grade 11 and drop one of these specializations in grade 12. All French Bac students must complete a “grand oral” presentation in grade 12 which focuses on one or both of the final specializations.

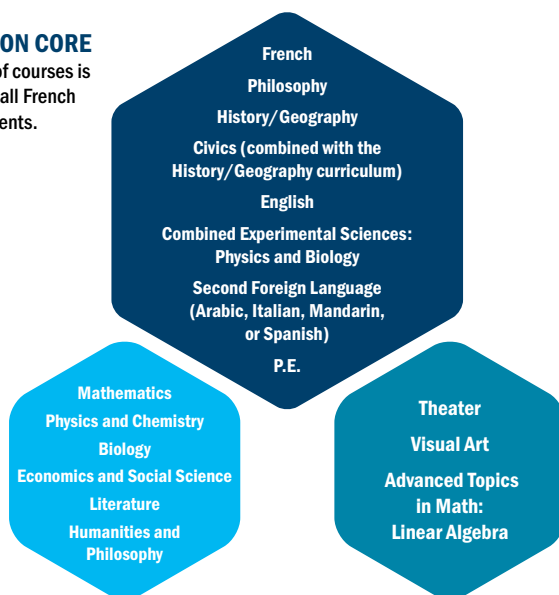
THE BACCALAUREAT FRANCAIS INTERNATIONAL (BFI) – This option program is the successor of the Option Internationale du Baccalauréat (OIB) and leads to additional Bac exams at the end of grade 12. The majority of IHS students choose to participate in the BFI program. The BFI places a large emphasis on oral presentation and argumentation skills. It also encourages students to analyze how their own cultures fit within a broader world context. As part of the BFI, students take the new course, *Connaissance du monde* (translation: understanding of the world), where they explore the following topics: contemporary world issues, building a healthy future, and becoming a global citizen. They also complete a personal project (in partnership with an international organization) based on their interests; this culminates in an oral presentation.

Class of 2023 French Bac Results: 100% pass rate

French Bac Course Offerings

COMMON CORE

This set of courses is taken by all French Bac students.



Students choose three specializations in grade 11, and continue with two of these in grade 12.

GPA Scale

Our school assigns unweighted GPAs. Please note that we changed our GPA scale in Fall 2023 to better align with a traditional American grading scale. IHS does not rank students.

LETTER	GPA	FRENCH SCALE	IB SCALE
A+	4.3	20-17	7
A	4.0	16-14	6
A-	3.7	13	5+
B+	3.3	12	5
B	3.0	11	4+
B-	2.7	10	4
C+	2.3	9	3+
C	2.0	8	3
C-	1.7	7	2+
D+	1.3	6-4	2
D	1.0	3-1	1
F	0.0	0	0

Previous GPA Scale (until Fall 2023)

LETTER	GPA	FRENCH SCALE	IB SCALE
A+	4.25	20-17	7
A	4.0	16-14	6
B+	3.5	13-12	5
B	3.0	11-10	4
C	2.0	9-7	3
D	1.0	6-4	2
F	0	3-0	1/0

Standardized Testing

IHS encourages students to prioritize studying for their standardized examinations for the IBDP/French Bac over preparing for the SAT or ACT. Their overall performance in their coursework and diploma programs are strong indicators of their future success in their postsecondary schools. Please note that testing spaces for the SAT and ACT are extremely limited in the Bay Area.

Covid Response

The Class of 2024 started high school remotely until November 2020. For the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, we offered an optional hybrid learning experience. All students returned to campus for in-person learning in August 2021.

Discipline Policy

We expect our students to respond truthfully if a college requires students to self-report any disciplinary infractions that result in probation, suspension, or expulsion. International High School provides disciplinary information on such infractions upon the college's request.

Unique Learning Opportunities

GLOBAL TRAVEL: Every year, our students have the opportunity to participate in unforgettable trips all over the globe. Each destination has a specific theme and focus—athletic, linguistic, or scientific—but all have a cultural and service learning dimension. They provide extraordinary opportunities to enhance our students' globally-focused education outside the classroom and enrich their linguistic proficiency. The trips abroad take place during the academic year and last about two weeks each.

MULTILINGUAL CURRICULUM: IHS's multilingual program enables students to experience different ways of thinking on a daily basis, enhancing their intellectual flexibility. Our students are able to add a third or fourth language class when their peers in other schools are just beginning language learning. Accelerated classes in Arabic, Italian, Mandarin, or Spanish position them for proficiency in another language, in addition to English and French. Several of our IB non-language learning classes are also offered in French.

URBAN ENGAGEMENT: The Urban Engagement Mentorship program helps students hone in on their passions and professional interests, and begin to prepare for work beyond the school through a curated mentorship program, pairing students with parents and alumni. The program entails an introductory course in the fall, open to all Grade 10 students, which introduces them to research, interview and other skills through which to probe future professional work. In addition to being paired with mentors, they engage with a range of professional panels and undertake field trips.

ARTS: Our Arts Pavilion is our home for the arts and a testament to how integral the arts are in our daily life. Students have access to professional artists and extensive resources to further their interests in Theater, Music, Film, and Visual Arts. Highlights include masterclasses, workshops, visiting artists and events, and major shows throughout the year.

DAY OF ACTION: Every year, IHS holds a day-long student-organized event where the high school community participates in workshops and hears from community activists about social justice and engagement. Each Day of Action revolves around a theme selected by the IHS Student Diversity Council. In 2023, our theme was Community Care and Rehabilitation.

College Enrollments

Class of 2019 through Class of 2023

Our students' enrollment choices reflect the diversity of the International High School student body and their adventurous spirits. Of the Class of 2023, 95% chose to attend 4-year institutions, 2% chose to attend community colleges, and 3% are pursuing other opportunities.

Art Center College of Design
 Bard College
 Bard College Berlin
 Barnard College
 Bates College
 Boston College
 Boston University*
 Bowdoin College
 Brandeis University
 Brown University
 Bryn Mawr College
 California Polytechnic State University (San Luis Obispo)
 Carleton College
 Carnegie Mellon University
 Chapman University
 City College of San Francisco
 Claremont McKenna College
 Colgate University
 College of Marin
 Columbia University
 Concordia University (Montreal)*
 Cornell University*
 Dartmouth College
 Davidson College
 Drexel University
 Duke University
 Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne
 Emerson College
 Emory University
 Erasmus University Rotterdam
 ESSEC Business School
 Fordham University
 George Washington University
 Georgetown University
 Grinnell College
 Hampshire College
 Harvard University
 Harvey Mudd College
 Haverford College
 HEC Montreal
 IE University
 Indiana University Bloomington
 Kenyon College
 King's College London
 Lewis & Clark College
 Loyola Marymount University
 Macalaster College
 Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

McGill University*
 Middlebury College
 New York University**
 Northeastern University*
 Northwestern University*
 Oberlin College
 Occidental College
 Olin College of Engineering
 Parsons School of Design
 Pitzer College
 Pomona College
 Princeton University
 Purdue University
 Reed College
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 San Diego State University
 San Francisco State University
 Sandefjord Folk School
 Santa Barbara City College
 Santa Clara University*
 Santa Monica College
 Sapienza Universita di Roma
 Smith College
 Spelman College
 Stanford University
 Syracuse University
 The University of Edinburgh
 The University of Warwick
 Trinity University
 Tufts University*
 Tulane University
 University College London
 University for the Creative Arts
 University of Bristol
 University of British Columbia
 UC Berkeley and Sciences Po Dual Degree
 University of California Berkeley*
 University of California Davis**
 University of California Irvine**
 University of California Los Angeles**
 University of California Riverside
 University of California San Diego**
 University of California Santa Barbara
 University of California Santa Cruz*
 University of Chicago*
 University of Colorado Boulder
 University of Denver

University of Exeter
 University of Glasgow
 University of Hawaii at Manoa
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 University of Massachusetts Amherst
 University of Michigan
 University of North Dakota
 University of Notre Dame
 University of Oregon*
 University of Pennsylvania*
 University of Pittsburgh
 University of Rochester
 University of San Diego
 University of San Francisco*

University of Southern California**
 University of St Andrews
 University of Washington**
 Vanderbilt University
 Vassar College
 Wake Forest University
 Washington University in Saint Louis*
 Wellesley College
 Wesleyan University
 Williams College
 Yale University

* Five or more students enrolled
 ** Ten or more students enrolled

