

Irmo High School International School for the Arts

Profile 2023-2024

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The mission of Irmo High School, where excellence is never compromised, is to develop an educational community of lifelong learners who meet the global demands of the 21st century through challenging educational programs which embrace diversity and unity, instills integrity and character, and provides opportunities for leadership and teamwork.

◆ Accreditation/Certifications

Irmo High School International School for the Arts is accredited by the South Carolina Department of Education, Cognia and College Board and has been designated a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education three times. Irmo High School International School for the Arts is a certified International Baccalaureate World School and a certified magnet school through Magnet Schools of America.

◆ Magnet School: Student Population 1,300

Irmo High School International School for the Arts is a four-year comprehensive public school serving grades 9-12. Curriculum areas offered include International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, dual credit, honors, college preparatory, career and technical preparatory, and special education programs. Offering a well-rounded Global Education, our magnet programs include This Is Escolares for gifted 9th and 10th graders; the International Baccalaureate Diploma and Career Certificate for visionary 11th and 12th graders; and an all-school Arts Integration approach to learning. All students in School District Five are eligible to attend these programs regardless of attendance zones.

◆ School District Five: Student Population 17,000

Recognized statewide and nationally for achievements in academics, the arts, athletics, and leadership, School District Five of Lexington and Richland counties is synonymous with education excellence.

The district continuously pursues high standards of achievement while seeking to ensure that each child possesses the tools to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

◆ Community

Irmo High School International School for the Arts is located about 10 miles northwest of Columbia, SC and serves most of the St. Andrews and Harbison communities, as well as a portion of the town of Irmo. This thriving suburban community offers a unique balance of life, incorporating both the amenities of our state's capital city with the tranquility of rural byways. A family-oriented community, residents expect and support excellence in education.

◆ Student Activities Program

Irmo High School International School for the Arts sponsors an excellent program of co-curricular activities. Opportunities exist in JROTC, student publications, community service, academic competitions, music, dance, theater and athletics, to name a few. Irmo High School International School for the Arts is renowned for its academic and co-curricular success.

◆ Explanation of Transcript

School Calendar

Irmo High School International School for the Arts' year consists of four quarters of approximately nine weeks' duration. Classes meet for 18 weeks (one semester) or 36 weeks (two semesters) on an alternating A/B block schedule of 90 minute class periods, four periods per day. One (1) unit of credit represents two semesters' work; one-half (1/2) unit represents one semester's work.

Course Placement

Placement in each subject depends on student achievement, standardized test scores, and teacher recommendation. Students are not tracked into any one program or level.

Grade Point Ratio

A uniform grading policy has been implemented for all students in South Carolina high schools effective 2016-2017. This new computation system, the Grade Point Ratio (GPR), has replaced the previous Grade Point Average (GPA) method. The GPR is calculated by assigning a weight to each numerical grade on all courses carrying credits. An additional .5 is assigned for Honors courses and an additional 1.0 is assigned for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate (SL1,SL,HL), and Dual Credit courses. To calculate GPR, the sum of the weights of each grade is divided by the number of units attempted.

Class Rank

In each class, the students' Grade Point Ratio (GPR) is ranked from highest to lowest.

Transcript Designations

IB = International Baccalaureate CP= College Preparation
AP = Advanced Placement EW = Dual Credit
H = Honors

Grading System

A= 90-100 WF= 50
B= 80-89 FA= 50
C= 70-79 P= no value
D= 60-69 WP= no value
F= 0-59 AU= no value
 NP= no value

◆ Course Offerings

International Baccalaureate Courses

Band SL/HL, Biology HL, Business Mgt SL/HL, Chemistry SL/HL, Chorus SL/HL, English HL, Environmental Systems & Societies SL, French Ab Initio SL, French SL, German Ab Initio SL, German SL, History of the Americas HL, IB Dance SL/HL, IB US History HL, Math Analysis HL, Math Analysis & Approaches SL/HL, Orchestra SL/HL, Personal & Professional Skills, Philosophy SL/HL, Physics SL, Reflective Project, Spanish Ab Initio SL, Spanish SL, Theatre Arts SL, Theory of Knowledge, Visual Arts SL/HL

Advanced Placement Courses

Art History, Biology, Calculus AB, Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, European History, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Music Theory, Physics, Statistics, US Government and Politics, US History, Modern World History

Honors Courses

Aerospace Science 3&4, Algebra 2, Anatomy & Physiology, Band IV & V, Biology, Chamber Choir I & II, Chemistry, Drama IV & V, Economics, English I, II, III & IV, French III, IV & V, Human Geography, Geometry, German III, IV & V, Orchestra Master Class III & IV, Physical Science, Physics, Pre-Calculus, Spanish III, IV & V, US Government, US History, World History

Dual Credit Courses

Art History & Appreciation 101, Astronomy 101, English 101, English 102, English 203, Criminal Justice 101, History 201, History 202, Math 110, Math 120, Medical Terminology, Music Appreciation 105, Public Speaking, Psychology 101, Sociology 101, Teacher Cadet, and Theater 101

◆ Block Scheduling

Irmo High School International School for the Arts' students enjoy an environment of enhanced study through the use of alternating day (A/B) block scheduling. With block scheduling, students:

- Have more in-depth study and interact more personally with teachers due to longer class periods.
- May take eight courses per year earning 32 credits during 4 years rather than the traditional 20-24 credits.
- Take college courses while in high school.

◆ Graduation Requirements

To meet South Carolina graduating requirements, students must earn a minimum of 24 Carnegie units and demonstrate computer proficiency. The State Department of Education specifies that credits must be distributed as follows:

| | | |
|-----------------|---|-------------------------|
| 24 Units | 4 units of English | 4 units of Mathematics |
| | 3 units of Science | 1 unit of US History |
| | ½ unit American Gov't | ½ unit Economics |
| | 1 unit other Soc. Studies | 1 unit Computer Science |
| | 1 unit PE or JROTC | 1 unit World Language |
| | 7 units of Electives or Technical Education | |

Note: College admission requirements may vary from graduation requirements.

| Irmo High International School for the Arts Graduating Class of 2023 | | |
|---|----------------|-------|
| Total Seniors: | 276 | |
| Attending: | 4-year college | = 48% |
| | 2-year college | = 22% |
| | Total College | = 71% |
| | Military | = 6% |
| | Work/Other | = 23% |

Scholarships: Members of the Class of 2023 were offered over \$29 million in college scholarships.

◆ Test Scores

| SAT | | | | | ACT | | |
|------|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Year | # of Students Tested | Mean ERW Score | Mean Math Score | Mean Total Score | Year | # of Students Tested | Composite Mean Score |
| 2023 | 100 | 489 | 446 | 935 | 2023 | 41 | 15 |
| 2022 | 161 | 461 | 429 | 890 | 2022 | 81 | 15 |
| 2021 | 145 | 506 | 486 | 992 | 2021 | 123 | 19 |
| 2020 | 215 | 482 | 469 | 952 | 2020 | 250 | 17 |
| 2019 | 262 | 496 | 482 | 978 | 2019 | 214 | 18 |

◆ 2023 Advanced Placement Test Scores

| Course | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Total | % Passing |
|------------------------------------|----|----|----|---|---|-------|-----------|
| Art History | | | 1 | | | 1 | 100% |
| Biology | 4 | 4 | 3 | | | 11 | 27% |
| Calculus AB | 4 | | | | | 4 | 0% |
| Chemistry | | | | 1 | | 1 | 100% |
| English Language and Composition | 8 | 13 | 6 | 1 | | 28 | 25% |
| English Literature and Composition | 4 | 8 | 11 | 6 | | 29 | 59% |
| European History | | 1 | | | | 1 | 0% |
| Human Geography | 17 | 8 | 2 | 3 | | 30 | 17% |
| Macroeconomics | 11 | 6 | 2 | 1 | | 20 | 15% |
| Physics 1 | | 1 | | | | 1 | 0% |
| Physics 2 | | | 1 | | | 1 | 100% |
| Statistics | 2 | | | | | 2 | 0% |

◆ 2023 International Baccalaureate Scores

| Course | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | NP | P | Total | % Passing |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|---|-------|-----------|
| Biology HL | | | | | 2 | | | | | | 100% |
| Business Management HL | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 | 0% |
| Business Management SL | | | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | 0% |
| Chemistry HL | | | | | | | | | | 0 | NA |
| Chemistry SL | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | 2 | 33% |
| Dance HL | | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | 100% |
| Dance SL | 2 | | | | | | | | | 2 | 0% |
| English A: Literature HL | | 4 | 3 | 1 | 4 | | | 1 | | 13 | 62% |
| Env. And Soc. SL | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 6 | 33% |
| French AB, SL | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | 0% |
| French B SL | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | 2 | 50% |
| German AB, SL | 1 | | | 2 | | | | | | 3 | 67% |
| German B SL | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | 0% |
| History Americas HL | | | | 3 | 2 | | | | | 5 | 100% |
| Mandarin AB, SL | | | | | | | | | | 0 | NA |
| Mathematics Analysis/Appr HL | | 3 | | | | | | | | 3 | 0% |
| Mathematics Analysis /Appr SL | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | 2 | 50% |
| Music HL | | | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | 0% |
| Music SL | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 0% |
| Philosophy HL | | | | | | | | | | 0 | NA |
| Philosophy SL | | | | | | | | | | 0 | NA |
| Physics SL | | | | | | | | | | 0 | NA |
| Spanish AB, SL | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | 1 | | | 4 | 50% |
| Spanish B SL | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | 2 | 100% |
| Visual Arts HL | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | 0% |

◆ National Merit Scholars Program

| Irmo High School | Class of | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 |
|------------------------------------|----------|------|------|------|
| National Merit Scholar | | 1 | | |
| National Merit Finalists | | | | |
| National Merit Semi-Finalist | | | 1 | |
| National Merit Commended | | | | 2 |
| National Achievement Scholar | | | | |
| National Achievement Finalists | | | | |
| National Achievement Semi-Finalist | | | | |
| National Achievement Commended | | | | |

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