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International Community School

International Community School serves 410 students in grades 6-12 from throughout the Lake Washington School District, the second largest public school district in Washington State. As a choice school, our students are admitted through a lottery system with most students entering at sixth grade. All 46 members of the class of 2023 graduated on time, with their cohort.

ICS was born of community action in 1997 when parents and educators came together to create and support a small, rigorous secondary program with an international focus building global awareness. We continue to have a strong foundation of community partnership and support.

Our complex curriculum emphasizes interconnected learning and depth of understanding. Our small size and seven-year program allow for strong long-term relationships between students and teachers.

Accreditation and Recognition

ICS has met the requirements established by the AdvancED Accreditation Commission and is accredited by the Northwest Accreditation Commission. ICS is also a State Recognized School as certified by the Washington State Board of Education, Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee, and Office of Superintendent of Public Education for high achievement in ELA, Math, Graduation Rate, and SQSS measures.

Matriculation

According to the National Student Clearinghouse, 86 percent of ICS graduates enroll in college and 95 percent of those students complete a degree. ICS graduates have recently matriculated to many different institutions:

American University
Arizona State University
Bellevue College
Brown University
California Polytechnic State University
Case Western Reserve University
Colorado State University
Cornell University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gonzaga University
Johns Hopkins University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
New York Institute of Technology Life Sciences

New York University
Northeastern University
Oregon State University
Purdue University
Rice University
Seattle Pacific University
Seattle University
Simon Fraser University
Stanford University
Texas A&M University
University of Arizona
University of British Columbia
University of California: Berkeley
University of California: Davis

University of California: Los Angeles
University of California: San Diego
University of California: Santa Barbara
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Massachusetts
University of Oregon
University of Portland
University of Southern California
University of Texas
University of Washington
Washington State University
Western Washington University
Whitman College
Yale University



Course Offerings

ICS students earn up to seven credits per high school year. Not all students have full schedules due to meeting graduation requirements early and/or the limited number of high school courses offered. Asterisks indicate semester courses.

Art

Art 3 Honors
Art 4 Honors
Commercial Art and Design
Graphic Production Honors
Studio Art Honors
AP 2D Art and Design
AP Drawing

Humanities

Humanities 3 Honors
Humanities 4 Honors
Analytical and Critical Reading Honors
Creative Writing
Film Analysis
AP Language and Composition
or Humanities 5 Honors
AP Literature and Composition
or Humanities 6 Honors

International Studies

International Studies 3 Honors
International Studies 4 Honors
AP United States History
or International Studies 5 Honors
AP Comparative Government
or International Studies 6 Honors

Mathematics

Algebra 1
Geometry Honors
Advanced Algebra Honors
Math Analysis Honors
AP Statistics
AP Calculus AB

Other Electives

Philosophy
AP Research
AP Seminar

Science

Health 1*
Biology Honors
Chemistry Honors
Physics Honors
AP Biology
AP Environmental Science
AP Physics 1

World Language

Spanish 1
Spanish 3
Spanish 3
Spanish 4

Music

Chorus
Concert Band
Jazz Ensemble
Music Appreciation*
Symphony
Orchestra



Demographics

Female	55.2%
Male	43.8%
Asian	61.1%
Black/African American	1.2%
Hispanic/Latino	4.2%
White	27.1%
Two or More Races	6.4%
Low Income	3.7%
Students with IEPs	2.5%
Students with Section 504 plans	9.6%
Multi-Lingual Learners	0.7%

Graduation Requirements

Humanities	4.0
Mathematics	3.0
Science	3.0
International Studies	4.0
World Language	2.0
Visual or Performing Arts	3.0
Health and Fitness	0.5
Occupational/CTE	1.0
Electives	4.0+
Total	24 Credits

Grade Scale

A	100-90	4.0
B+	89-87	3.3
B	86-83	3.0
B-	82-80	2.7
C+	79-77	2.3
C	76-73	2.0
C-	72-70	1.7
D+	69-67	1.3
D	66-60	1.0
F/N	59-0	0.0

GPA Distribution

The cumulative GPA distribution is for the 2023 graduates. The GPA is not weighted and LWSD does not rank graduates.

4.00	26.1%
3.00 - 3.99	69.6%
2.00 - 2.99	4.3%
1.00 - 1.99	0.0%
0.00 - 0.99	0.0%

Advanced Placement

AP Distinctions earned by the 46 members of the ICS class of 2023:

AP Scholars	19
AP Scholars with Honors	13
AP Scholars with Distinction	35
AP Capstone Diplomas	21

PSAT/NMSQT

Seven percent of the 2023 graduates qualified as semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

SAT

ICS students compared to the nation (2023 SAT Cohort Annual Report):

	ICS	Nation
Test Takers	43	1.9M
Total Mean Score	1386	1028
ERW Mean Score	692	520
Math Mean Score	694	508
Met Both Benchmarks	98%	40%
Met ERW Benchmark	100%	62%
Met Math Benchmark	98%	42%

ACT

Mean ACT scores of students at ICS compared to Washington State (2023 Data):

	ICS	WA State
English	28.5	24.3
Math	27.5	23.6
Reading	31.5	25.6
Science	26.4	24.3
Composite	28.6	24.6

COVID-19 Impacts

LWSD adopted an A or Incomplete grading policy for the COVID-19 school closure during the second semester of the 2019-2020 school year. These grades are indicated on the transcript with an asterisk (*). One-half credit was granted for satisfactory completion of each semester course that met for a combined total of 225 minutes of synchronous and asynchronous learning per week during the 2020-2021 school year.