



A public choice school serving grades 6-12

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Overview

Founded in 1991 by teachers responding to a competitive grant, International School believes confidence comes from competence. Our rigorous curriculum is designed to challenge students to learn at high levels even in subject areas that prove challenging. Elements of our program that support this:

- Students are required to take 7 years of Humanities, International Studies, Math, and Science.
- Students are required to take 6-7 years of Fine Arts, PE, and World Language (French).
- Most course sequences end with AP or higher course.
- 12 CHS courses for college credit.
- Beginning in junior year, students may choose among math and science courses but must take one of each. Students may also choose to take Computer Science courses.
- International's small size and 7-year program fosters interpersonal relationships with both peers and faculty. Our culture promotes collaboration, friendship, and mutual respect among diverse viewpoints.
- Extra-curricular opportunities include: 5 student leadership teams, 8 honor societies, and 20+ clubs. Learn about our organizations at: bsd405.org/international/titans/clubs

International School

School Profile 2023-24

Ranked #59 in USA, #2 in WA, #1 in Bellevue SD - US News (2023)
AP School Honor Roll - Platinum (2023); AP Access Award – Platinum (2023)
AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award (2020, 2021, 2022)
Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the US Department of Education (2004 and 2019)

Curriculum and Unique Features

Admission

All students enroll by choice. Admission is by lottery without regard to financial or scholastic ability. Lottery is held for 5th graders with approximately 89 students admitted out of an applicant pool of 650+.

Enrollment

Class of 2024: 69
International School has 43% of students speaking a first language other than English, 7% qualifying for free and reduced-price lunch, and 29% National Board-Certified Teachers. High School enrollment: 314. Total enrollment: 598.

Curriculum

Students are required to complete 6-7 years of study in 7 subject areas to achieve mastery. Subjects are: Fine Arts, French, Humanities, International Studies, Math, PE, and Science. The curriculum emphasizes depth of learning and development of persistence, including traditionally non-academic areas. They experience a rigorous academic climate in a nurturing environment.

Senior Project

Each senior must create, coordinate, and complete a unique Senior Project. These student-driven projects tap into their intellectual curiosities and sense of public service. Along with over 50 hours of work in the spring semester, the Seniors complete 10 weeks of community engagement outside the school in the real world, a culminating portfolio presentation on Power Point, and a 30-minute portfolio review with a panel of adults. *Examples: 3D printed prosthetic hand, bee keeping, birth control video, building a hydrogen fuel cell, children's book publishing, homeless youth advocacy, music composition & performance, snow ski fabrication, and watershed restoration.*

Focus Week

Each student earns CTE credit by participating in one week of focused study that may take place on or off campus. Instruction is in one or more of the following areas: industrial arts, home and family life education, business and office education, health occupations education, vocational education, trade and industrial education, technical education, and career education. Grading: students earn S for full participation and NC if unable to participate due to absence. *Examples: Projects in Flight and Aerospace, Software Development, STEM Academy, Cultural Cooking, Long Lost Treasures of Chemistry, Urban Planning, Event Planning and Project Management.*

Assessment System

GPA: Unweighted only
Ranking: Bellevue School District does NOT rank
Schedule: 2 semesters per year / 7 courses per semester on a block schedule
Grading Scale: 4.0 grading scale with no +/- . In keeping with our goal of mastery, students do not earn credit with a D grade.

Grade Scale

Letter Grade	%	Points	Notes
A	90-100	4.0	Excellent
B	80-89	3.0	Exceeds Expectations
C	70-79	2.0	Meets Expectations
F	0-69	0.0	

SAT Scores	Class of 2020*			Class of 2022			Class of 2023		
	N	S	IS	N	S	IS	N	S	IS
ERW	528	539	654	528	523	650	529	480	663
Math	523	534	683	539	534	650	521	530	656

ACT data is limited because Bellevue School District provides free SAT to juniors and seniors

College Enrollment	Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
4-Year	95%	99%	94%
2-Year	5%	1%	0%
Other	0%	0%	6%

AP Honors	2021	2022	2023
% total 3+	83%	86%	89%
Scholars	36	37	37
w/Honors	20	12	22
w/Distinction	43	46	60

National Merit	Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Commended	11	13	9
Semi-Finalist	-	-	2
Finalist	4	5	tbd

COVID-19 UPDATE: For much of the 2020-21 school year (September through March), most secondary students learned in a setting that was entirely remote, with 2 – 3 hours of live synchronous virtual learning per class per week. The remainder of learning opportunities were primarily asynchronous. Just prior to the end of the first semester, there was a period of learning disruption for many students that resulted in less live virtual synchronous learning, as well as cancelled classes. To account for these factors, the district modified their grading policies for both 1st and 2nd semesters to allow for the use of Pass or “P” mark at the student’s request in lieu of typical letter grades of B, C or D at the semester mark. A No Credit or “NC” mark has been used in place of F grades. As of September 1, 2021, Bellevue Schools are back to in-person learning under our typical 7-period day schedule.

Students from International School are attending the following institutions:

Auburn University	Gonzaga University	Scripps College	University of Maryland
Barnard College	Grand Canyon University	Seattle Pacific University	University of Massachusetts
Bellevue College	Green River College	Seattle University	University of Michigan
Boston College	Harvard University	Southern Utah University	University of Missouri
Boston University	Johns Hopkins University	Stanford University	University of Oregon
Brown University	Loyola Marymount University	Stony Brook University	University of San Diego
Bryn Mawr College	McGill University	Tennessee State University	University of San Francisco
Cal Poly	Montana State University	Texas Christian University	University of Toronto
Carleton University	New York University	The Univ of British Columbia	University of Utah
Carnegie Mellon University	North Seattle College	The Univ of Texas at Dallas	Univ of Washington-Bothell
Cascadia College	Northeastern University	U. S. Air Force Academy	Univ of Washington-Seattle
Case Western Reserve Univ	Occidental College	University of Arizona	University of West London
Central Washington Univ	Oregon State University	Univ of California-Berkeley	Univ of Wisconsin-Madison
Chapman University	Pennsylvania State University	Univ of California-Davis	Vanderbilt University
Claremont McKenna College	Pepperdine University	Univ of California-Irvine	Washington State University
Columbia University	Pomona College	Univ of California-Los Angeles	Washington Univ in St Louis
Dartmouth College	Princeton University	Univ of California-San Diego	Western Washington Univ
DigiPen Institute of Tech	Purdue University	Univ of California-Santa Cruz	Westmont College
Edmonds College	Rhode Island School of Design	Univ of Chicago	Whitman College
FIDM - Los Angeles	Rochester Institute of Tech	Univ of Colorado Boulder	Whitworth University
Fordham University	San Diego State University	Univ of Florida	Worcester Polytechnic Inst
Georgia Institute of Tech	Santa Clara University	Univ of Hawaii at Hilo	Yale University

AP, College in the HS, and beyond

Students are eligible for college credit through AP and CHS (∞) courses. Most students can take at least 8 out of the 14 AP courses offered beginning in 10th grade. 100% of students take at least one AP course. AP and CHS are equally rigorous.

- *Advanced Calculus* ∞
- *AP 2-D Art/ 3-D Art/Drawing*
- *AP Biology* ∞
- *AP Calculus AB* ∞
- *AP Chemistry* ∞
- *AP Computer Science A*
- *AP Computer Science Principles*
- *AP English Language & Comp* ∞
- *AP English Literature & Comp* ∞
- *AP Environmental Science*
- *AP French Language & Culture*
- *AP Physics 1*
- *AP Physics 2*
- *AP United States History* ∞
- *AP World History: Modern* ∞
- *French 3* ∞
- *French 4* ∞
- *Intro to Data Science* ∞
- *Precalculus* ∞

NOTE: Highest in subject, non-college credit:

- *Honors French Literature, and*
- *Special Topics in Comp Sci*

