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LE JARDIN ACADEMY

AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE
WORLD SCHOOL



The background of the entire page is a photograph of a lush green mountain landscape. In the foreground, a chain-link fence runs across the middle. Below the fence, a group of children and an adult are sitting around a small, round, stone table on a grassy area. The children are wearing blue t-shirts with the Le Jardin Academy logo. The adult is wearing a dark t-shirt and grey shorts. The mountain in the background is covered in dense green vegetation and has a misty or foggy top. The sky is overcast.

Mission Statement

Globally oriented with a strong sense of community, Le Jardin Academy equips students to achieve individual excellence, develop sound character, and positively impact the world.

Values

As a community, Le Jardin Academy values individuality, excellence, innovation, peace, and relationships.



LJA's expansive 24-acre campus provides a lush foundation for student growth and learning. Here, classroom walls fade away in favor of forest pathways and open spaces for innovation and collaboration. The landscape blends seamlessly with the surrounding forest and nearby Kawainui Marsh, both of which serve as extensions of our campus. Facilities include a gymnasium, swimming pool, tennis court, basketball court, athletic field, art studios, design spaces, outdoor learning areas, and two libraries.

As an IB World School, Le Jardin Academy develops globally-minded, caring individuals who are empowered to become impactful future leaders in their communities and in the world. We believe in educating the whole child: academically, physically, socially, and emotionally through constructivist approaches, self-directed inquiry, and individualized instruction.

School and Community

NESTLED AGAINST THE KO'OLAU Mountain Range in Kailua, Le Jardin Academy is a nurturing, vibrant learning community that serves over 800 students. Exceptional faculty, engaged parents, and strong partnerships are foundational to our dynamic sense of community. As an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, we strive to cultivate curious, lifelong learners who are committed to pursuing their passions and to making the world a better place. Students are supported in learning to lead balanced, healthy lives, to appreciate the arts, and to value the diverse perspectives of other people and cultures.

School and Community (continued)

LJA provides a continuum of education consisting of three programs – Primary Years Programme (Grades PK-5), Middle Years Programme (Grades 6-10), and Diploma Programme (Grades 11-12). These programs are united by the IB philosophy and approaches to learning, and each encourages both personal and academic achievement. Students learn to respect diverse perspectives in all courses, they are attuned to local and global issues, and they become deeply engaged, mindful, and curious lifelong learners.

LJA has further distinguished its program by creating an experiential learning environment that celebrates uniqueness and promotes individual voice, choice, and agency at all stages of learning. As a member of the Global Citizen Diploma (GCD) Consortium of Schools, students have opportunities to positively impact the world and can earn a GCD. The diploma represents a commitment to understanding others, to having an awareness of one's global and local impact, and to being accountable for social and environmental sustainability.









Primary Years Programme

THE PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME

(PYP) is a philosophy built around best approaches in teaching and learning practices. Spanning from Pre-Kindergarten (PK) to Grade 5, teachers guide the learners through units of inquiry and discovery with emphasis on conceptual understanding, mastery of skills, and social-emotional learning. Students explore local, national, and global issues through six transdisciplinary units.

Students engage in a blend of structured and unstructured “passion learning” to ensure they have mastered necessary concepts and skills while fostering a love of inquiry, curiosity, and creativity. The Grade 5 PYP Exhibition is a culmination of students’ learning throughout their PYP experience.



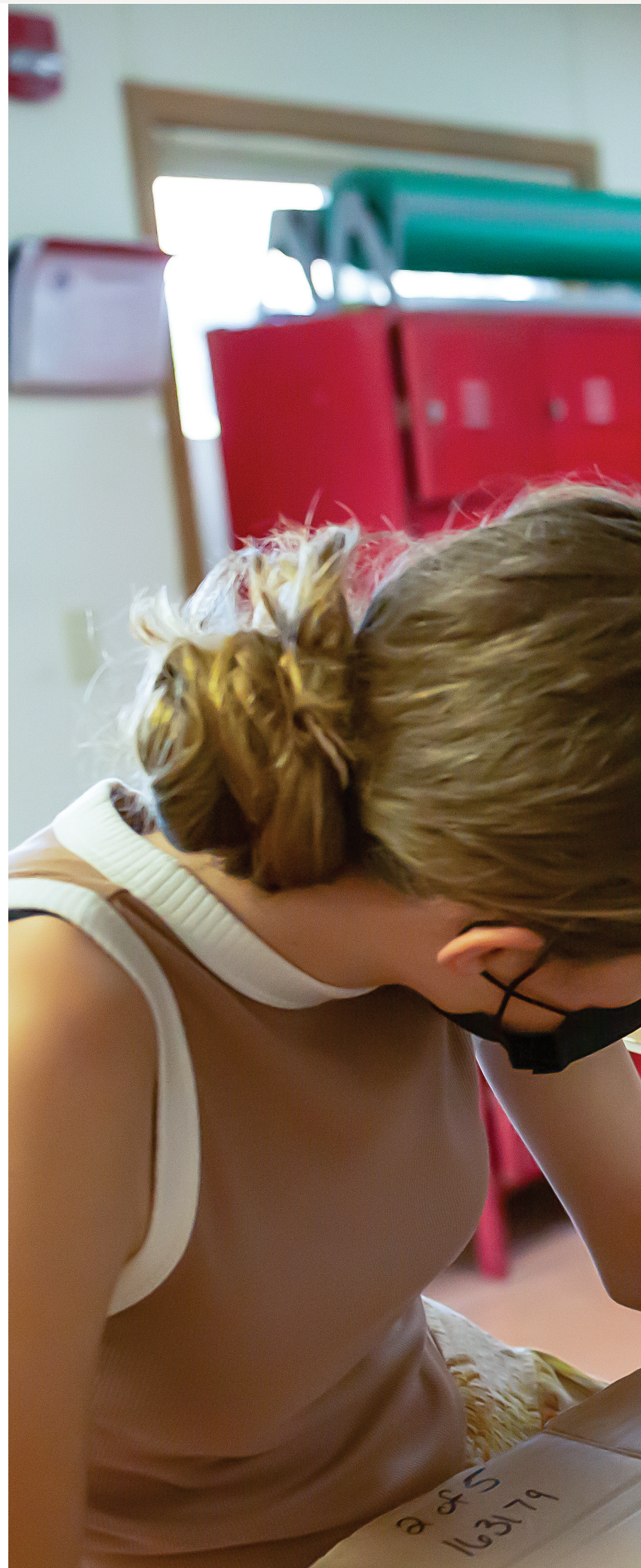
Middle Years Programme

THE IB MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME

(MYP) is a five-year program designed for students in Grades 6–10. The rigorous MYP fosters creative, critical, and reflective thinkers who are also action-oriented and globally-minded leaders poised to take action to address the local and global challenges of our time.

A bridge between the IB Primary Years Programme and the IB Diploma Programme, the MYP curriculum is concept-driven and emphasizes breadth of learning to engage students in a broad range of topics. Similar to the PYP and DP, the MYP facilitates student-driven inquiry and encourages students to think, reflect, and take action on problems of global significance, often in the service of others.

MYP courses are often hands on and interdisciplinary. In an interdisciplinary unit on science and design, students synthesize their learning just like real engineers to design, test, and modify remote control planes. In the final year of the MYP, students complete the Personal Project, an independent year-long project of their choice.





Diploma Programme

THE CULMINATING CHAPTER of the LJA student journey, the IB Diploma Programme (DP) represents more than a rigorous academic program—it is a pathway to students becoming lifelong learners and caring, well-rounded human beings who make a difference in the world. Building on the attitudes, concepts, knowledge, skills, and action developed in the Primary Years and Middle Years Programmes, the Diploma Programme provides juniors and seniors with a depth and breadth of courses that develop college-level abilities. All LJA students enroll in the DP, and the school has celebrated a 92% IB Diploma pass rate in recent years.

During the two-year program, students select six IB Diploma courses in addition to participating in the IB Diploma Core. Through the IB Diploma Core, students reflect on the nature of knowledge, complete independent research, and undertake a project that often involves community service. The Core consists of: Theory of Knowledge; Creativity, Activity, and Service; and the Extended Essay – a culminating independent, self-directed research project and 4,000-word paper. In addition to preparing students for college and beyond, students who earn the IB Diploma are often eligible for valuable scholarships or college credits in schools around the world.









STEM

LE JARDIN ACADEMY teaches science, technology, engineering design, and mathematics (STEM) through an interdisciplinary problem-based approach. Students are offered provocations, problems, and local or global issues to solve through exploration, research, circular reasoning, design thinking, and analysis and reflection. Our curriculum offers rich opportunities across grade levels for every child to develop a passion for STEM and a confidence in STEM-based skills.

In the MYP, integrated math and sciences guide students to develop abstract, logical, and critical thinking as well as the ability to reflect upon their work and the work of others. The Grades 6-10 MYP courses prepare students well for the DP, a rigorous two-year curriculum that is widely recognized by universities and can lead to college credit. During the five years of the MYP Design course, students practice using the design cycle to create solutions to real world problems for actual clients or identified stakeholders.

Le Jardin Academy's robotics teams encourage students to engage in STEM-based projects and develop teamwork skills through the lens of robotics. We emphasize community outreach, individual excellence, cooperative learning, and developing strong character.

Language

LEARNING ANOTHER LANGUAGE can provide a portal into an entirely new culture, and can also reveal new insights into our everyday lives and personal histories. LJA prioritizes language instruction for all students in Grades PK-12. Students embrace vocabulary, written language, and culture through steady exposure to their foreign language of choice.

Languages Offered

PK - JK:	French
K - Grade 12:	Choice of French, Mandarin, Japanese, or Spanish



Arts

IMMERSION IN THE ARTS begins in Pre-Kindergarten at LJA, and students enjoy broad exposure to visual and performing arts in an expanding curriculum through Grade 12. Students explore and become deeply engaged in visual arts, performing arts, and the arts through design. Whether they are delving into an inquiry about global art, writing and acting in

their very own play, or repurposing materials to design a custom piece of furniture, LJA students are empowered to employ the arts for problem solving and creative expression.

The IB uses the arts to inspire a wide array of creativity. Students in Grades PK-5 receive visual arts and music instruction through an



international lens. Middle and High School offerings expand to include Chorus, Band, and the popular Theater Program, grounded in devised theater and playwriting. In the Diploma Programme, each student designs their own personalized, well-rounded collection of two-year courses. Students may select Visual Arts, Music, Theater, or Film.



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Global learning through theatre

LJA is a member of the International Schools Theatre Association (ISTA), which brings together young people, artists, and teachers from different countries in different settings to experience, create, and learn about theater. We share ISTA's belief that the future of our world depends on confident, internationally-minded, collaborative, and culturally literate young people who are empowered to engage with and change the world responsibly.

Impact Programs

EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION is central to our program. Academic curricula are delivered using best practices in experiential learning, and we allocate significant resources to ensure that all students engage in activities that make a positive

impact. Collectively, our experiential education initiatives—or Impact Programs—provide an array of pathways for personal, meaningful engagement for each individual student.





Experiential Learning PK-5

STUDENTS IN GRADES PK-5 enjoy experiential learning embedded within the school day. Each academic unit of inquiry incorporates student-initiated action. In addition, Wild Blocks (forest time), Kahana'iki (marsh stewardship), curated field trips and guest speakers,

Genius Hour, and Makerspace labs all provide unstructured creative time to practice and hone skills. By the time students reach the Secondary Division, they are prepared and ready to pursue pathways that lead to personal, meaningful engagement.

Community Clubs 6-12

Secondary students can pursue a broad array of interests after school, including:

- Amnesty International
- American Sign Language
- Band
- Chorus
- FIRST Robotics Team
- French Honor Society
- Gay Straight Alliance
- Japanese Honor Society
- LJArchives
- Model United Nations
- Mural Club
- Peer Mediation
- Philosophy Club
- Playwrights Association
- Polynesian Club
- Rocketry Club
- Spanish Honor Society
- Student Government
- Surf Team
- Wild Kids Stewardship
- Yoga





Impact Academies 6-12

All secondary students participate in one of the following cohorts to complete meaningful work; achieve the GCD Diploma; and meet the IB's Creativity, Activity, and Service requirements:

- Arts and Creativity
- Communications and Relations
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Health and Well-Being
- Wild Kids



The projects undertaken by each Impact Academy help to promote the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Impact Term (I-Term) 6-12

All secondary students participate in Impact Term, a week of school wherein students embark on an immersive learning experience outside of the classroom. Inspired by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, a diverse catalog of I-Term courses is co-curated annually by students.

Previous offerings:

- Art and Traditions of Japan
- Backpacking and Climate Change
- Biospheres of the Peruvian Amazon
- Digital Photography in Nature
- Diving Down Under in Australia
- Drone Racing
- Entrepreneurship & Sustainability
- Farm to Table
- Jewelry Making
- La'au Lapa'au
- Lala Land: Music Career Pathways
- Life on the Ranch in Arizona
- Makani Olu- Sailing the Hawaiian Islands
- Surf and Sustainability: Fiji





Athletics

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS are an integral part of LJA's education program. Participation in athletics provides an unparalleled opportunity for character development, team building, and lasting life lessons. Our program balances competitive athletics and maximum achievement with values such as sportsmanship, health, and academic achievement. Nearly 75% of high school students participate in athletics.

LJA is a member of the Interscholastic League of Honolulu (ILH) and the Hawai'i High School Athletics Association (HHSAA). We sponsor 57 intermediate, junior varsity, and varsity teams representing 10 different ILH sports. Students can also participate in PAC-5 or combined school teams. Students in Grades 4-6 can participate in the Bulldog League in volleyball and basketball.



FALL SPORTS

Boys and Girls Air Rifle
Boys and Girls Bowling
Cheering
Boys and Girls Cross Country
Football
Boys and Girls Kayaking
Boys and Girls JV Tennis
Girls Volleyball
Boys Water Polo

WINTER SPORTS

Boys and Girls Basketball
Boys, Girls, and Mixed Paddling
Boys and Girls Precision Riflery
Boys and Girls Soccer
Boys and Girls Swimming
Boys and Girls Intermediate Tennis
Boys and Girls Wrestling

SPRING SPORTS

Baseball
Boys and Girls Golf
Boys and Girls Judo
Boys and Girls Sailing
Girls Softball
Boys and Girls Varsity Tennis
Boys and Girls Track and Field
Boys Volleyball
Girls Water Polo

Enrichment

WE BELIEVE that school is much more than just a place of study — it's also a community where students will develop self-esteem, set goals, and cultivate talents. At LJA, the fun and learning doesn't stop at the end of the academic school day. Because student interest drives clubs and activities, extracurricular life at LJA is as rich and diverse as our student body. Whether you want to explore a talent, serve the community, bolster your academic profile, or just meet new friends, there is something for everyone and everyone has something to offer.

We offer more than 30 different opportunities beyond the classroom that allow students to explore specific interests and give back to the community. From student ambassadors to outdoor exploring with the Wild Kids Hawai'i, there is an extracurricular activity that appeals to everyone. New clubs are often created to meet student interests.

Offerings include:

Art	Reading
Basketball	Rocketry
Cooking	Running
Computer Science	Science
Dance Fit Fun	Soccer Academy
Environmental Club	Student Ambassadors
Gardening	Student Council
Golf	Swimming
Hip Hop	Tahitian Dance
Hula	Tennis
Knitting	UAchieve Math
Japanese	Ukulele Ensemble
LEGO Robotics	Volleyball
Little Vet School	Wild Kids
Martial Arts	Yoga
Origami	



Extended Day

BEYOND SCHOOL HOURS, students enrolled in our Extended Day program enjoy time for play, homework, snack, and special activities in a caring and supportive atmosphere. Care is also available for non-school days (Fall Break, Winter Break, Spring Break, and Professional Development Days) as an added option for families.



University Destinations (2006–2022)

UNITED STATES

Arizona State University	Harvey Mudd College	Reed College
Bard College	Hawai'i Pacific University	Regis University
Barnard College	Heidelberg University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Barton College	Honolulu Community College	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Baruch College	Humboldt State University	Saint Louis University
Baylor University	Ithaca College	Saint Mary's College of California
Bellevue Community College	Johnson and Wales University	San Diego State University
Belmont University	Kapi'olani Community College	Santa Clara University
Boston College	Kenyon College	Savannah College of Art and Design
Boston University	Lafayette College	Seattle Pacific University
Bradley University	Lawrence University	Seattle University
Brigham Young University, Provo	Lee College	Sewanee: The University of the South
Brown University	Leeward Community College	Simpson University
Bryn Mawr College	Lehigh University	Sonoma State University
California Lutheran University	Lewis & Clark College	Southern Methodist University
California Maritime Academy	Liberty University	Southern Oregon University
California Polytechnic Institute, San Luis Obispo	Linfield College	Stanford University
Central Washington University	Loyola Marymount University Maine	Stuart Rogers' Studios
Chaminade University	Maritime Academy	St. Lawrence University
Chapman University	Marist College	Texas A&M University
College of the Canyons	Marquette University	Texas Christian University
College of William and Mary	Maryland Institute College of Art	Tufts University
Colorado College	McDaniel College	United States Air Force Academy
Colorado State University	Menlo College	United States Coast Guard Academy
Concordia University Irvine	Mercyhurst University	United States Merchant Marine Academy
Cornell University	MiraCosta College	United States Military Academy, West Point
Creighton University	Montana State University	United States Naval Academy
Cuyahoga Community College	Multnomah University	Universal Technical Institute
Dartmouth College	Nebraska Wesleyan University	University of Arizona
DePaul University	New York University	University of British Columbia
Drexel University	Northern Arizona University	University of California, Berkeley
Duke University	Northwestern Preparatory School	University of California, Davis
Eastern Michigan University	Norwich University	University of California, Los Angeles
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	New York University	University of California, Merced
Emerson College	Orange Coast College	University of California, San Diego
Florida State University	Oregon State University	University of California, Santa Barbara
Front Range Community College	Otis College of Art and Design	University of California, Santa Cruz
George Fox University	Pacific Lutheran University	University of Colorado, Boulder
George Mason University	Pacific University	University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
Georgetown University	Park University Gilbert	University of Denver
George Washington University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Florida
Gonzaga University	Pepperdine University	University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
Goucher College	Point Loma Nazarene University	University of Hawai'i at Hilo
Grand Canyon University	Pomona College	
Harvard College	Portland State University	
	Pratt Institute	
	Purdue University	

University of Hawai'i at Windward
Community College
University of La Verne
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Montana
University of Nebraska Omaha
University of Nevada, Reno
University of New Mexico
University of North Dakota
University of Northern Colorado
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
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University of Pittsburgh
University of Portland
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University of Utah
University of Virginia
University of Vermont
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin-Madison
University of Wyoming
Valparaiso University
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Villanova University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Wagner College
Washington State University
Western Carolina University
Western Michigan University
Western Washington University
Whitman College

Willamette University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

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Edinburgh College
ESMOD International Fashion Institute
International Christian University, Japan
McGill University
New York University, Shanghai
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University of Exeter
Ritsumeikan University-Japan
Royal Military College of Canada
St. Mary's University,
Twickenham, London
University of Melbourne
University of Ottawa
University of Oxford



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