



International School

School Profile 2024-25

Ranked #65 in USA, #2 in WA, #1 in Bellevue SD - US News (2024)
AP School Honor Roll - Platinum (2023, 2024); 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 92 students admitted out of an applicant pool of 650+.

Enrollment

Class of 2025: 63

International School serves grades 6-12 and has 47% of students speaking a first language other than English, 7% qualifying for free and reduced-price lunch, and 28% National Board-Certified Teachers. High School enrollment: 317. Total enrollment: 600.

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. *Past 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: 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 or provide GPA distribution
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	

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.
- 11 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: 4 student leadership teams, 10 honor societies, and 20+ clubs. Learn about our organizations at: international.bsd405.org/student-life/clubs-and-activities

	Class of 2022			Class of 2023			Class of 2024		
SAT Scores	N	S	IS	N	S	IS	N	S	IS
ERW	528	523	650	529	480	659	480	554	684
Math	539	534	650	521	530	656	530	542	669

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

College Enrollment	Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
4-Year	99%	94%	94%
2-Year	1%	0%	5%
Other	0%	6%	1%

AP Honors	2022	2023	2024
% total 3+	86%	89%	92%
Scholars	37	37	34
w/Honors	12	22	23
w/Distinction	46	60	63

National Merit	Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Commended	13	9	9
Semi-Finalist	-	1	2
Finalist	5	1	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.

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*

Students from International School are attending the following institutions:

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