



5th Grade Information Night

This Evening's Objectives



- Introduce you to our school
- Explain our curriculum and course sequence
- Meet parents
- Hear from students
- Share how we are alike and different from other BSD schools
- Answer any questions you may have

A Brief Introduction



International school is a choice lottery school in the Bellevue School District that serves students in grades 6-12. Students attend classes in a block schedule, which encompasses seven subjects throughout their seven years in attendance, which ensures a deep and sustained focus on core learning.

Graduates from the International take an average of over nine Advanced Placement courses and students can earn college credit in a variety of subjects as well. Students complete an extensive capstone Senior Project, which involves deep learning in an area of student choice, internships, community service, and a final oral presentation.

The International School was able to go 1:1 with students and laptops in 2014 and the integration of technology for learning has been strong and positive. Each spring students participate in a week-long Focus Week, which acts as an in-depth career exploration elective. Technology and career education are embedded in the overall program, with a focus on learning in application, to mirror what students will have to do in a college and workplace setting.



OUR CORE EDUCATIONAL VALUES GUIDE OUR WORK IN THE WAY WE PRIORITIZE OUR ENERGY AND EFFORTS, HOW WE MAKE DECISIONS, AND ULTIMATELY HOW WE SERVE OUR STUDENTS AND EACH OTHER.

RIGOR

We have high academic expectations for ALL of our students – and support them in their growth.

RELATIONSHIPS

Relationships with others give meaning and depth to learning and further support student success in school and life.

ENGAGEMENT

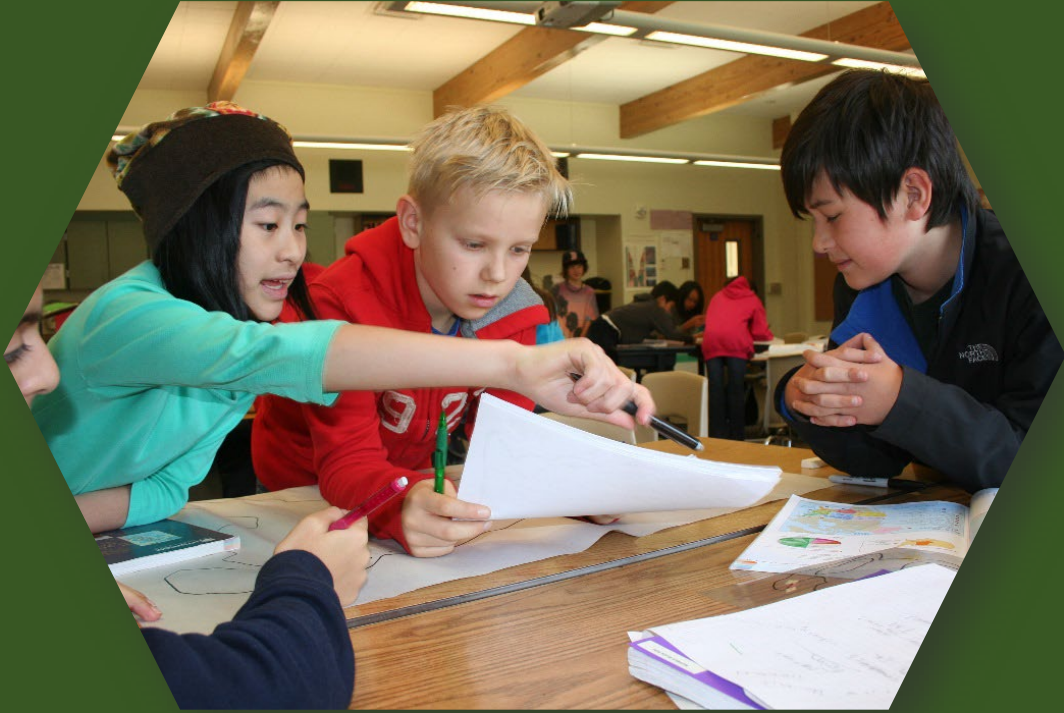
Community engagement is essential. Deep and rigorous engagement is a daily expectation (and joy!) for all of us.

Focused In-Depth Course of Study Over Seven Years



Subjects	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Humanities	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
International Studies	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Science	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Math	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Arts	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
French	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A 6TH GRADER



- 6th Grade Humanities
- 6th / 7th Grade International Studies
- 6th Grade Science
- 6th Grade Math
- Middle School PE
- Band/Orchestra/ or Integrated Arts
- French



Humanities



Middle School

6th Grade

IS Community and Humanities
Scholarship

7th and 8th Grade

Year 1: Identity through novels, short stories and drama
Year 2: Society through novels, mythology and rhetoric

High School

9th and 10th Grade

Year 1: Asia and Europe
Year 2: Africa and the Mediterranean

11th Grade

AP Language
Literature and Rhetoric

12th Grade

AP Literature
Poetry and Literature



INTERNATIONAL STUDIES



Middle School

6th and 7th Grade
Human Geography

8th Grade
US History

High School

9th and 10th Grade
AP World History

11th Grade
AP US History

12th Grade
Government and
Senior Project



SCIENCE



Middle School

6th Grade
Science

7th Grade
Science

8th Grade
Science

High School

Chemistry

Biology

11th and 12th: AP Science
(Biology, Chemistry,
Physics 1, Physics 2, or
Environmental Science)



MATH



IMT 1

IMT 2

Algebra 1

Geometry

Algebra 2

Pre-Calculus

AP
Calculus

Adv
Calculus

Data
Science

Math falls into a progression. If your student is an Advanced Learner in BSD, they would move on to the next level.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH



Runs in the
Community

Health

Safety

Variety of Sports
(yoga, badminton,
archery, and
more!)



THE ARTS



6th Grade: Integrated Arts, Band, or Orchestra

Followed by 6 years of study in either:

ART

BAND

ORCHESTRA

CHOIR



FRENCH



Middle School

French 1A

French 1

French 2

High School

French 3

French 4

AP French
Language

Honors
French
Literature

International School



	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
International Studies	Honors International Studies – Human Geography A or B		US Social Studies
Humanities	Humanities (English)	Humanities (7th / 8th Loop)	
Math	IMT 1	IMT 2	Algebra 1
Science	6 th Grade Science	7 th Grade Science	8 th Grade Science
Arts	Integrated Arts or Instrumental Music	Visual Art or Music	Visual Art or Music
PE/Health	Physical Education / Health	Physical Education / Health	Physical Education / Health
Language	French 1A	French 1B	French 2

9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
Modern World History / AP World History		AP US History	Government / Sr. Project
Humanities (9th / 10th Loop)		AP English Language and Comp	AP English Literature
Geometry	Algebra 2	Pre-Calculus	AP Calculus AB (Adv. Calc if accelerated)
Chemistry	Biology	AP Science *	AP Science *
Visual Art or Music	Visual Art or Music	Visual Art or Music	AP Visual Art or Music
Physical Education / Health	Physical Education / Health	Physical Education / Health	Physical Education / Health
French 3	French 4	AP French Language	Honors French Literature

Computer Science Option

- Coding in Python
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Computer Science
- Special Topics in Computer Science



	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Total Years of Study
International Studies								7
Humanities								7
Math						*		6-7
Sciences							*	6-7
French							*	6-7
Arts							*	6-7
PE						*		6-7
Computer Science								0-2

Computer Science is the only CTE option available at International School

International School Celebrations



#65 in National Rankings
#2 in Washington State Rankings

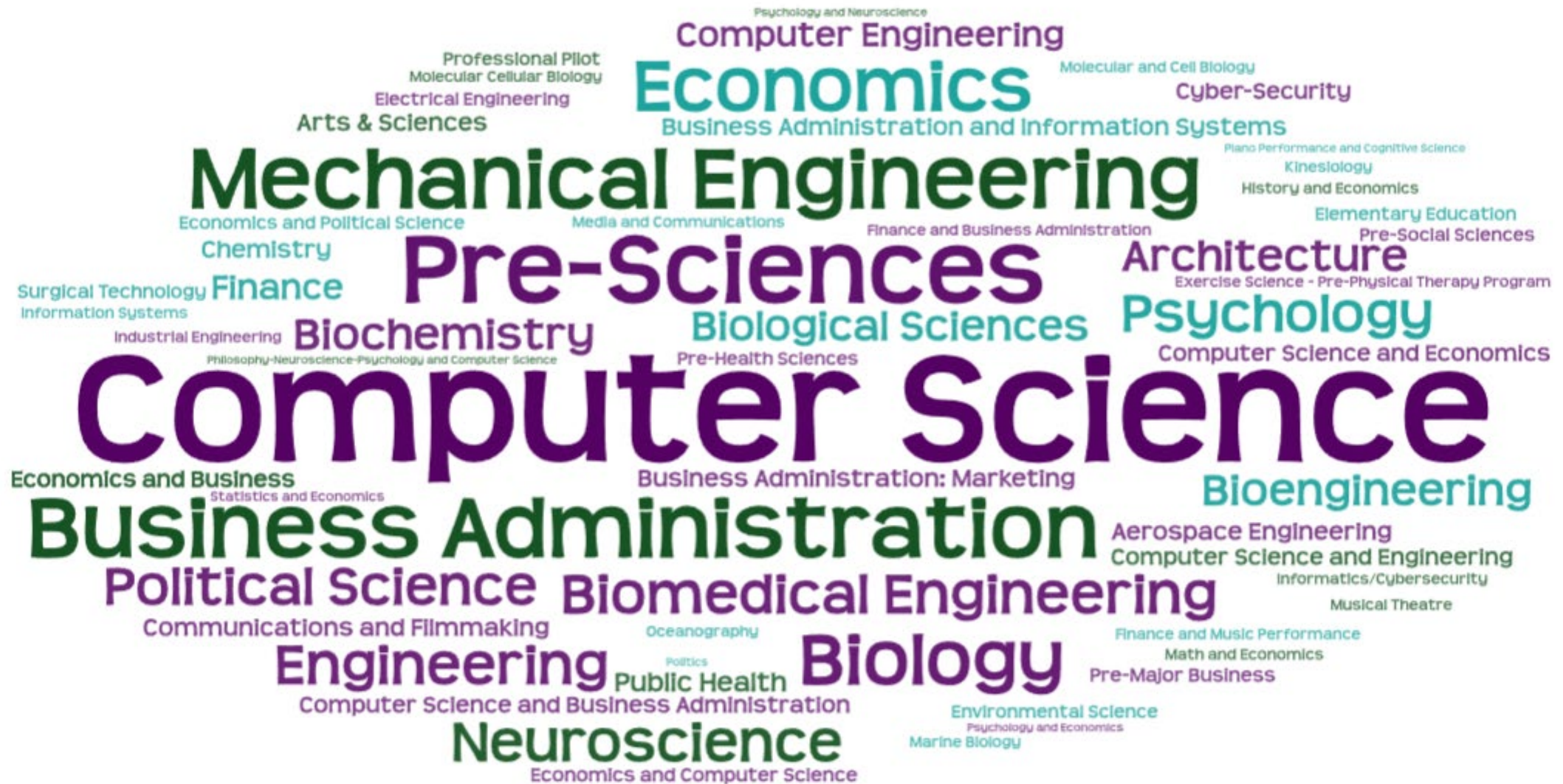


Post-Secondary Institutions (Recent Graduates)



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Post-Secondary Education Plans (Recent Graduates)



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What Our Graduates Tell Us



They consistently tell us they are well prepared for college—even the most rigorous schools.

The “grit” and “perseverance” they learned at International has helped them in college.

They know how to manage their time and plan their work.

They know how to make oral presentations.

They have developed longer attention spans.



International School is Similar to Other BSD Schools in the Following Ways...

BSD CORE
CURRICULUM IN
ALL DISCIPLINES,
ENRICHED AND
MODIFIED TO MEET
SCHOOL MISSION

STRONG FOCUS ON
COLLEGE
PREPAREDNESS
INCLUDING AP
CLASSES



International School is Different from Other BSD Schools in the Following Ways...

DEEP
CONNECTION
TO
COMMUNITY

ALTERNATING
BLOCK
SCHEDULING



HIGH
SCHOOL
SPORTS AT
HOME
SCHOOL

APPROX. 90
STUDENTS
PER GRADE



PARENT
NIGHTS WITH
COUNSELORS

FOCUS WEEK
AND
COMMUNITY



SENIOR
PROJECT



Considerations for You...

- Small – social benefits and challenges
- Long-term commitment
- Specialized, intensive focus of study
- Essential: Student commitment!
- Essential: Parent and Student engagement!

Because of our 7-year core curriculum, we **do not** offer CTE (Career Tech Education) classes except for Computer Science classes that students may take only in 11th and/or 12th grade.



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL IS FOCUSED ON BUILDING
COMMUNITY AND SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS.

RELATIONSHIPS

Student to student relationships
stronger over 7-year bond

Strong student leadership

Active ASB, Student Clubs and
Jubilee

High School Retreat

Friendships based on interests
not geography

6th GRADE SUPPORT

Big Buddies, mixed grade level
support

6th Grade retreat in September;
overnight camp in May

Teacher/counselor collaboration

Strong teaming between teachers

FLEXIBLE SUPPORT

Tutorial after school

National Honor Society tutors

Resource room for students with
IEPs

High levels of communication,
parent involvement, and support



Remember to Apply

- Choice schools are by lottery – ANYONE can apply
 - Siblings of current IS students MUST apply by the deadline
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Choice Schools Application Deadline is

Friday, January 17th at 4:30pm

Save the Date:

Accepted 5th Grade Information Night (Tuesday, February 11 @ 6:30 pm)

Questions?

