

Principal Update 9/19/2025

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International Community School News

Hello ICS Families!

We concluded our visit with our **IB Diploma Programme Consultant** on Monday and Tuesday of this week. She met with multiple stakeholders over two days: parents, students, PTSA leadership, IB Coordinators, ICS leaders and even cabinet level district officials. She wanted to know what each group understands about IB so far, clarify elements of the Programme and give feedback on our implementation journey.

She also met with each teacher who will be delivering an IB course next school year. In these individual meetings, she reviewed the **course outlines** that the teachers created for their assigned course. These course outlines include how they plan to deliver the curriculum, timeline, instructional practices, when and how assessments take place, how they will embed IB's Approaches to Teaching and Learning (teaching practices) and Theory of Knowledge connections within their curriculum. These course outlines are comprehensive and prove to the IB that we will be ready to deliver their curriculum next school year. Our consultant provided individualized feedback on these course outlines for each teacher. Teachers will use this feedback to strengthen their descriptions and plans for implementation. These will be updated by our teachers in the coming weeks and will be included in our official **Application for Authorization** at the start of November.

During our exit meeting at the end of Tuesday, she gave our school glowing praise for where we are in the process. It was validating to hear that we have an amazing staff that is **on track to deliver quality IB courses and overall Programme implementation**. We have work to do in the coming weeks as we finalize our application and send it off to the International Baccalaureate Organization. When our application is received it will be reviewed by the IBO to determine if we are ready for an official IB Diploma verification visit in late winter.

The consultant also suggested that we begin to share bite-sized chunks of **information about our journey and elements of the IB Diploma Programme**. Over the next weeks and months, Lauren Jackson (IB Coordinator) and I will be sharing information about how our community decided that the IB Diploma Programme would fit and complement ICS. After that, we will keep you informed on the process and timeline for official IB verification. Along the way, we will also share important elements of the Programme that makes the IB so special and impactful for our students.

We look forward to keeping you informed throughout the year.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families,

Jacob

Camp Phoenix- Please review the post linked here about camp and complete the following two items.

- Complete the online permission form linked above and at the end of the linked post above.
- Pay the \$250 camp fee in person or online: **LWSD Payment Portal**.

ICS Counseling Team Family Needs Perspective

We hope that everyone's fall is going well! The counseling team has put together a brief survey to get your perspective on what types of supports your students may need, and the types of support we offer for families. We would greatly appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to fill this out for us. Your perspective is important to us, and it helps us better serve your students and you.

High School Survey: **Microsoft Forms**

Middle School Survey: **Microsoft Forms**

Thank you for taking the time to fill this out!

News from the District – Educational Programs & Operations (EP&O) Levies

Did you know that school districts like Lake Washington receive funding for our general fund from three main sources? These include the state government, federal government and local funding. Local funding comes in the form of an Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) levy, which accounts for 16% of our budget. Funding from this levy stays in our district, supporting our students, staff, and schools. EP&O levies must be renewed by voters every four years. LWSD anticipates running an EP&O levy in February 2026. Watch for more information, coming soon.

School Pictures are Ready!

View and order at **<https://shop.jostenspix.com/login>**

- INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL
- Event Code: FE296425
- Also Needed: Skyward Student ID

Payments

Need to pay class fees or purchase ASB Sticker? Fee collection begins on dates below:

- Class fees (Science, Art, Music) - begins September 24 and due by October 24
- Camp Phoenix - due by end of day September 20
- PE Shirts (6th Grade Only) - available now
- ASB Sticker & Yearbook - available now
- Payment Options: In Person: Front Office, 10:30 AM–3:00 PM / Cash, Check (payable to ICS), Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover) or **online payment portal**.

Label Personal Items

Please label all personal items with your students' name. If the item is lost, we can connect it back to them. Last year students lost headphones and cases, cell phones, backpacks, clothing, glasses, water bottles, jewelry and wallets.

Attendance

Phone: **425 936 2381**

Email: **ICSAttendance@lwsd.org**

Please report student absences, late arrivals and early dismissal via email or phone call to Attendance. Include your students' name, grade, and reason in your message. Informing via teachers' emails, the main office, or responding to the newsletter email which is set to 'do not reply' is not recommended.

Parents Bringing Items

There is a shelf inside the school entry for dropping off any items, such as lunches, books or homework for your student. Please make sure that the item is labeled with your students' name and that you have informed them. Laptops must be brought into the office.

Contact Information

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