

Welcome to the International School of Beaverton

An International Baccalaureate World School
Open House Information Night for Incoming Grades 6-8



Becoming compassionate world citizens...



Introductions

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ISB School Mission

At ISB, we encourage students to learn through an international lens as thoughtful, compassionate world citizens.

We actively embrace intellectual rigor, intercultural respect, service to our local and world communities, and the promise of a peaceful world.

International Baccalaureate Curriculum (intellectual rigor and an international lens)

- IBO World School

- Authorized IB Middle Years Program
- Authorized IB Diploma Program



6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Middle Years Program			Diploma Program			

(intellectual rigor and an international lens)

The International Baccalaureate is...

- **Broad and balanced**
 - broad range of content
 - no emphasis in any one academic area
- **Conceptual**
 - engages with large complex ideas
- **Connected**
 - learning within global contexts
 - integration of ideas across subjects
- **A set of principles for teaching and learning**
 - inquiry-based
 - collaborative
 - differentiated
 - thinking and communication based
 - community and global engagement



Where are ISB Dragons today?

(compassionate world citizens and service to local and global communities)

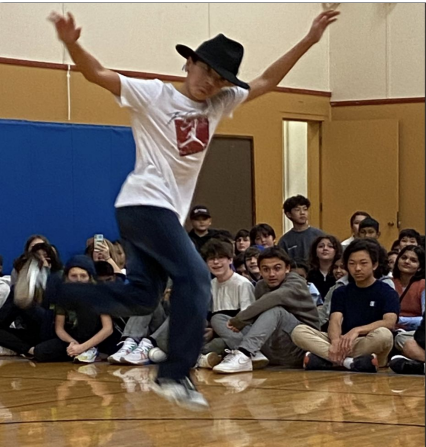
- Executive director of a non-profit
- Medical student/Doctor
- PhD astrophysics student
- Senior investment reporting analyst
- Director of off-campus studies for a university
- Architect
- Washington County Emergency Task Force
- Lawyer with US Department of Justice
- International business and development
- Software development engineer

IB Learner Profile



- ISB aims to develop internationally minded people who are striving to become...
 - Inquirers
 - Knowledgeable
 - Critical Thinkers
 - Communicators
 - Risk Takers
 - Caring
 - Open-minded
 - Well-balanced
 - Principled
 - Reflective

International Lens and Intercultural Respect



- Hosting student groups from other countries
- Student groups and clubs with an international element
- Cultural celebrations around the year from across the globe
- Guest speakers
- Guest performers
- International organizations
- Many staff are either from other countries or lived/taught in other countries

International Lens and Intercultural Respect

- Over 50 home languages spoken among ISB families
- Opportunities in and out of class for students to explore their own cultural identity and engage with classmates in dialogue
- Internationally related opportunities give students a chance to practice this intercultural respect
- Culture Week and International Night



Intellectual Rigor: Student Courses

- ❖ Language Arts
- ❖ Mathematics
- ❖ Social Studies
- ❖ Science
- ❖ World Languages
- ❖ Physical Education
/ Health

- ❖ Electives
 - AVID
 - Design
 - Arts
 - Visual Art
 - Choir
 - Band

Intellectual Rigor: Student Schedule

A Days (odd)

Period	Time	Duration
1	8:25 - 9:55	90 min
3	10:00 - 11:30	90 min
Lunch	11:30 - 12:00 Lunch	30 min
5	12:05 - 1:35 Class	90 min
7	1:40 - 3:10	90 min

B Days (even)

Period	Time	Duration
2	8:25 - 9:55	90 min
4	10:00 - 11:30	90 min
Lunch	11:30 - 12:00 Lunch	30 min
6	12:05 - 1:35 Class	90 min
8	1:40 - 3:10	90 min

Advisory & Access Tutorial

On Wednesday & Thursday, class periods are slightly shorter. Similar to a Homeroom, Advisory meets on Wednesdays. On Thursday, Access Tutorials provides time during the school day for students to meet with study groups or teachers .

Mathematics for 2025-26

Middle Years Program

6	Math 6, 7, 8
7	Math 7, 8, Algebra, Geometry, & Statistics 1
8	Math 8, Algebra, Geometry, & Statistics 1, 2
9	Algebra, Geometry, & Statistics 1, 2, 3
10	Algebra, Geometry, & Statistics 2, 3, Pre-Calculus

Diploma Program

11	IB Application & Interpretation SL 1	IB Analysis & Approaches SL 1	IB Analysis & Approaches HL 1
12	IB Application & Interpretation SL 2	IB Analysis & Approaches SL 2	IB Analysis & Approaches HL 2

World Languages:

Japanese, Mandarin, Spanish

Typical Language Pathways

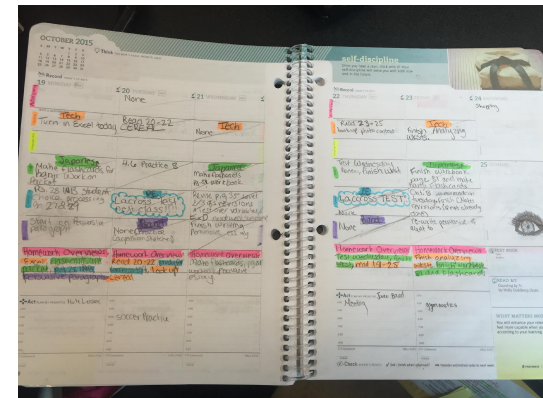
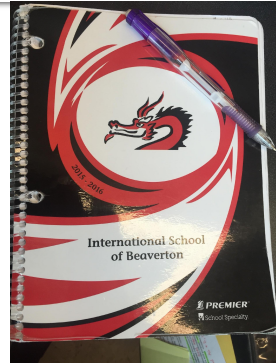
6th grade	Introduction to World Language: Two nine-week courses of a new language
7th grade	Level 1 language course
8th grade	Level 2 language course
9th grade	Level 3 language course
10th grade	Level 4 language course

Diploma Program

11	IB Standard Level Year 1	IB Higher Level Year 1	IB Self-taught SL Year 1
12	IB Standard Level Year 2	IB Higher Level Year 2	IB Self-taught SL Year 1

Academic Supports

- IB Approaches to Teaching & Learning
- AVID School Wide Teaching Strategies
 - Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, Reading to Learn
- Math/Reading Intervention Class
- Counselors, Social Worker
- English Language Development
- Special Education
- Community Service Coordinator
- Advisory/Access Tutorial

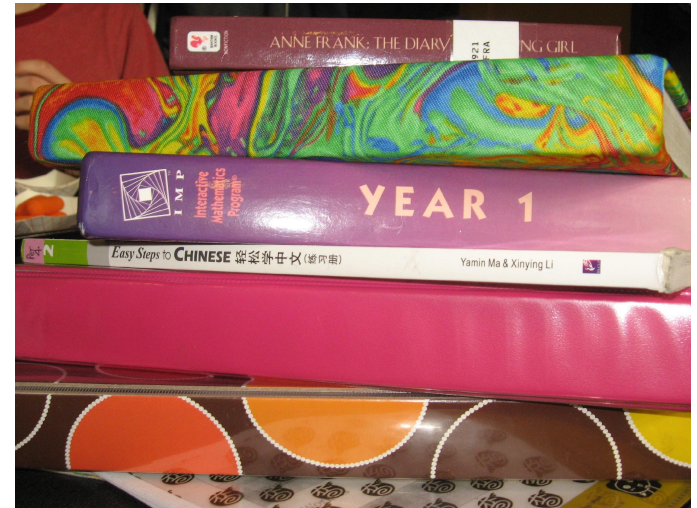


Homework

■ Summer Reading Assignment

■ Nightly:

- Reading
- Complete daily assignments
- Practice world language
- Review & revise notes
- Work on long-term projects



Service to our Local and Global Communities

- Part of our mission
- Role of service within MYP
- Service is about learning (integrated into some classes)
- Grade 6, 7, 9: Service as Action
- Grade 8 Community Project
- Grade 10: Personal Project
- Grade 11-12: CAS



Outdoor School

- Hands-on Environmental Science
- All Grade 6 students
- 4 Days/3 Nights
- Free to all students



Co-curricular Activities

- Student Leadership
 - Dress Up Days
 - Socials
- Grade Level Retreats



Co-curricular Activities

❏ Clubs 44+ and growing!

- Chess
- Art
- Business
- Global Issues Network
- Middle School Debate
- Middle School Volunteering
- Affinity Groups
- Environment
- Choir
- Jazz Band
- Ping-Pong
- Video Game
- THPRD sports (XC & Track)
- and a lot more!



Transportation & School Day

- Morning

- Neighborhood ➡ Hub ➡ ISB

- Afternoon

- ISB ➡ Home High School ➡ Neighborhood

- School Day: 8:25 am – 3:10 pm

Is ISB a good fit for you?

- Do you want to ...
 - make real-world connections with your learning?
 - be an independent and evaluative thinker?
 - put your knowledge, skills and attitudes into practice through community service?
 - go deep in a rigorous, complex curriculum focused on real world connections?
 - become a member of a learning community focused on academic excellence for all?
 - commit to a 6-12 program that builds skills over the years?

Is ISB a good fit for you?

- Do you want to...
 - Go to school outside your neighborhood with all new people?
 - Potentially have a long commute?
 - Be at a school that is Grade 6-12 with some classes being mixed grade levels?
 - Have 90 minute long class periods every other day?
 - Be at a small school where you know everybody and everybody knows you?
 - Have a lot of homework?
 - Be in an older building that doesn't have updated state-of-the-art facilities?

Next Steps

6th Grade:

- 155 students total will be selected through the lottery and second consideration. (About +/- 350 applicants)
- 2nd Consideration based on sibling preference
- Remaining seats go back to the lottery

7th & 8th Grades:

- 10 students in each grade will be selected in the lottery
- 2 seats in each grade may be filled during 2nd Consideration (sibling preference)

Next Steps

- Submit BSD Options Application by 3:00 pm, Friday, December 5th. Beaverton School District residency or approved inter-district transfer required.
- Lottery will be held on Wednesday, December 10th. Notifications will be emailed to families on Friday, December 12th.
- If offered, you must accept or decline by Friday, January 16, 2026. We backfill based on number of people declining and enrollment at other grade levels.

Next Steps

What if I am not selected in the lottery or second consideration process?

- As spaces become available, additional students are selected in a lottery first from the eligible 2nd Consideration pool, then from the original application pool.
- As students are selected through these additional lottery rounds, they will be contacted by ISB's registrar during the late spring and summer of 2026.

Thank you for coming! Feel free to walk through the main part of the building as you depart.

Any questions?



Thank you!
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