



International Community School

Information Night 2026

Founded in 1997



Tonight's Presenters

- Jacob Hendrickson, Principal
- Mike O'Donnell, Associate Principal
- Lauren Jackson, IB Coordinator
- Ann Nguyen, MS Counselor
- Rebecca Zavala, HS Counselor
- Kristina Summers, Registrar/Lottery
- Rithik Mohan, ASB President
- Afnan Dallasheh PTSA President



Agenda

- Mission & Core Beliefs
- Unique Features
- Achievements
- Associated Student Body
- Questions to Consider
- School Tour for Students
- International Baccalaureate Program
- PTSA
- Q & A
- Reunification



International Community School
cultivates integrity, curiosity, complex
reasoning, problem solving, and global
awareness in every student.

Our Mission

Classical Education - Global Application

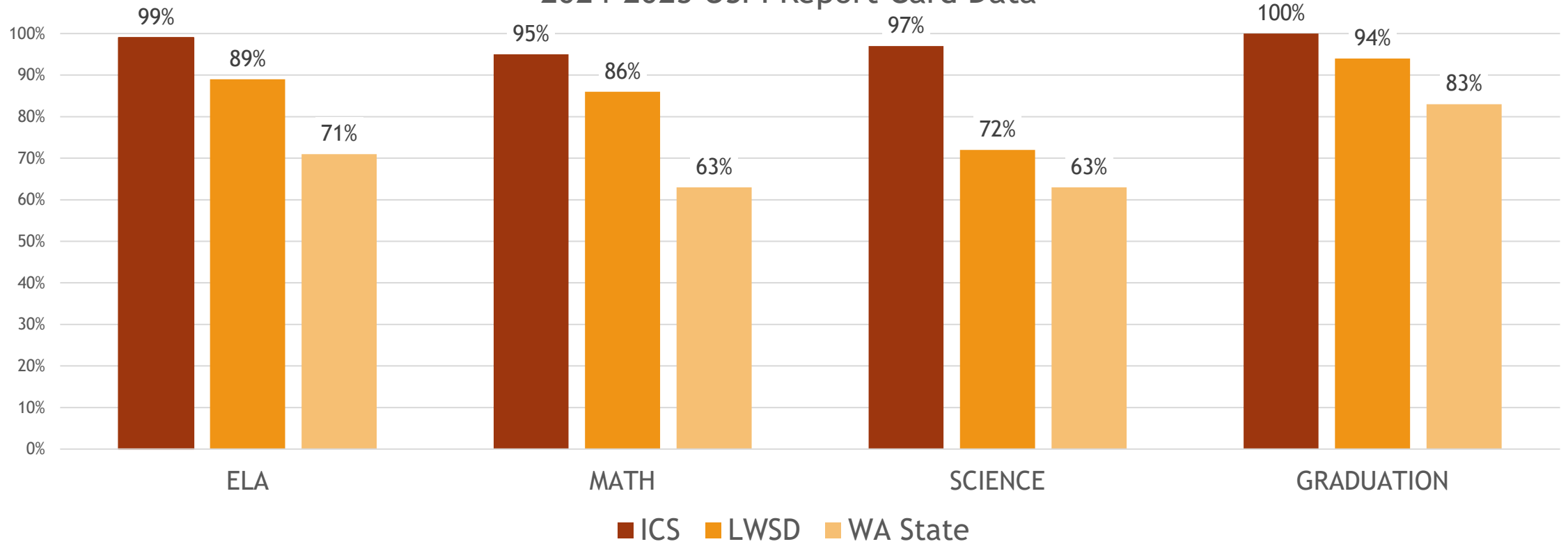


What makes ICS unique?

- Seven-Year Program
- Interdisciplinary Connections
- 4-6 Years of Spanish
- All-School Camp
- Focus Week
- International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (11/12)
- Parent Partnerships (volunteer & financial contribution)



2024-2025 OSPI Report Card Data



Academic Achievements



Middle School Counseling



Core Curriculum

Social/Emotional Learning

Academic Skills

College and Career / High
School & Beyond Plan (Xello)



Counseling

Grade level 1:1 meetings

Teacher/Staff Referrals

Peer Mediations

New students

504s/IEPs



Ratios

ICS 250:1

LWSD 350:1



Middle School Courses

Humanities

Humanities 6
Humanities 7
Humanities 8

International Studies

International Studies 6
International Studies 7
International Studies 8

Mathematics

Math 6+
Math 7+
Algebra
Geometry Honors

Science

Science 6
Science 7
Science 8

Fine Arts

Art 1
Art 2
Art 3
Choir
Music Exploration
MS Symphony

World Language

Spanish 1
Spanish 2

Physical Education

Fitness 6

High School Counseling



Core Curriculum

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Academic skills

College/Career (High School and Beyond Plan)

College Preparation



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High School Courses

Fine Arts

Art 3 Honors
Art Foundations
Renaissance Art
Modern Art
IB Visual Arts HL/SL
Choir
Jazz Ensemble
HS Symphony
Music Exploration

Humanities

Humanities 9 Honors
Humanities 10 Honors
IB Language & Literature HL/SL

International Studies

Civics (1 semester)
International Studies 10 Honors
IB History of the Americas HL
IB Global Politics SL

Mathematics

Algebra
Geometry Honors
Algebra 2 Honors
Precalculus Honors
IB Math Analysis and Approaches
HL/SL
IB Math Applications &
Interpretation SL

Science

Health (1 semester)
Biology Honors
Chemistry Honors
Physics Honors
IB Biology HL/SL
IB Chemistry HL/SL
IB Physics SL

World Language

Spanish 1
Spanish 2
Spanish 3
Spanish 4
IB Spanish B HL/SL

CTE

Biology Honors
UW Psychology 101 (dual enrollment)

Other Electives

Theory of Knowledge (IB)
IB Core
Office Assistant
Teacher Assistant



Where do ICS students go after graduation?

American University
Arizona State University
Bellevue College
California College of the Arts
California Polytechnic State University
Case Western Reserve University
Columbia University
Cornell University
DigiPen Institute of Technology
Eastman School of Music Emerson
College Georgia Institute of Technology
Glasgow School of Arts
Hamilton College
Indiana University Bloomington
John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Johns Hopkins University
Lawrence University
New York Institute of Technology

New York University
Northeastern University
Occidental College
Oregon State University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rice University
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Stanford University
Syracuse University
Texas A&M University
Tufts University
University of British Columbia
University of California San Diego
University of California Santa Barbara
University of California-Berkeley
University of California-Davis
University of California-Irvine

University of California-Los Angeles
University of Chicago
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Illinois Urbana Champaign
University of Massachusetts
University of Michigan
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rochester
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
University of Toronto
University of Washington
University of Washington-Bothell
Wake Forest University
Washington State University
Western University
Western Washington University
York St John University



Associated Student Body

- Associated Student Body
- Anime Club
- Authors Society
- Drama
- Future Business Leaders of America
- Green Team
- GSA
- Health Occupations Student Association
- Key Club
- Mock Trial
- Model United Nations
- National Arts Honor Society
- National Honor Society
- Newspaper Club
- Phoenix News
- Red Cross
- Science National Honor Society
- STAMP
- TECC Club
- Science National Honor Society
- Yearbook



Typical Challenges that Families Share

Athletics

- Athletes can still participate in athletics at their neighborhood school

Transportation

- Vibrant carpool system organized by the PTSA
- Potential driver at age 16

Course Offerings

- ICS is the only school in the district to offer the IB Diploma Program. Additionally, students at take a large variety honors courses during their HS years.



What happens before the start of next year?

New student course
requests (Tonight)

Building Master Schedule of
Classes

New Families BBQ

Prep Day (Picture Day)



Transition Time

Students

- Move to the front of school for school tour
 - Parents will have a chance for a tour during August on Registration Day
- Students will receive info from counselors and make their course requests for next year
- Reunification with parents at 7:25
 - MS in the Lyceum
 - HS inside the hallway by the front entrance of school

Parents Remain

- Learn about the IB Diploma Program
- Learn information from the PTSA
- Questions & Answers
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INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Lauren Jackson, IB Coordinator
ICS Humanities Teacher (9 years)
IB Experience (6+ years)



ICS is a Candidate School for the Diploma Programme.

2023 senior retreat,
Olympic Peninsula

We are pursuing authorization as an IB World School,
over 4000 IB schools share a common philosophy—
a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education
that ICS and LWSD believe is important for our students.





Why IB at ICS?

IB builds on ICS strengths

Research

- Students learn to find, evaluate and synthesize information

Self Management

- Students are self-directed learners

Thinking

- Students develop inquiry and critical thinking skills

International-mindedness

- Students celebrate diversity and thrive in a multicultural context

Social Skills

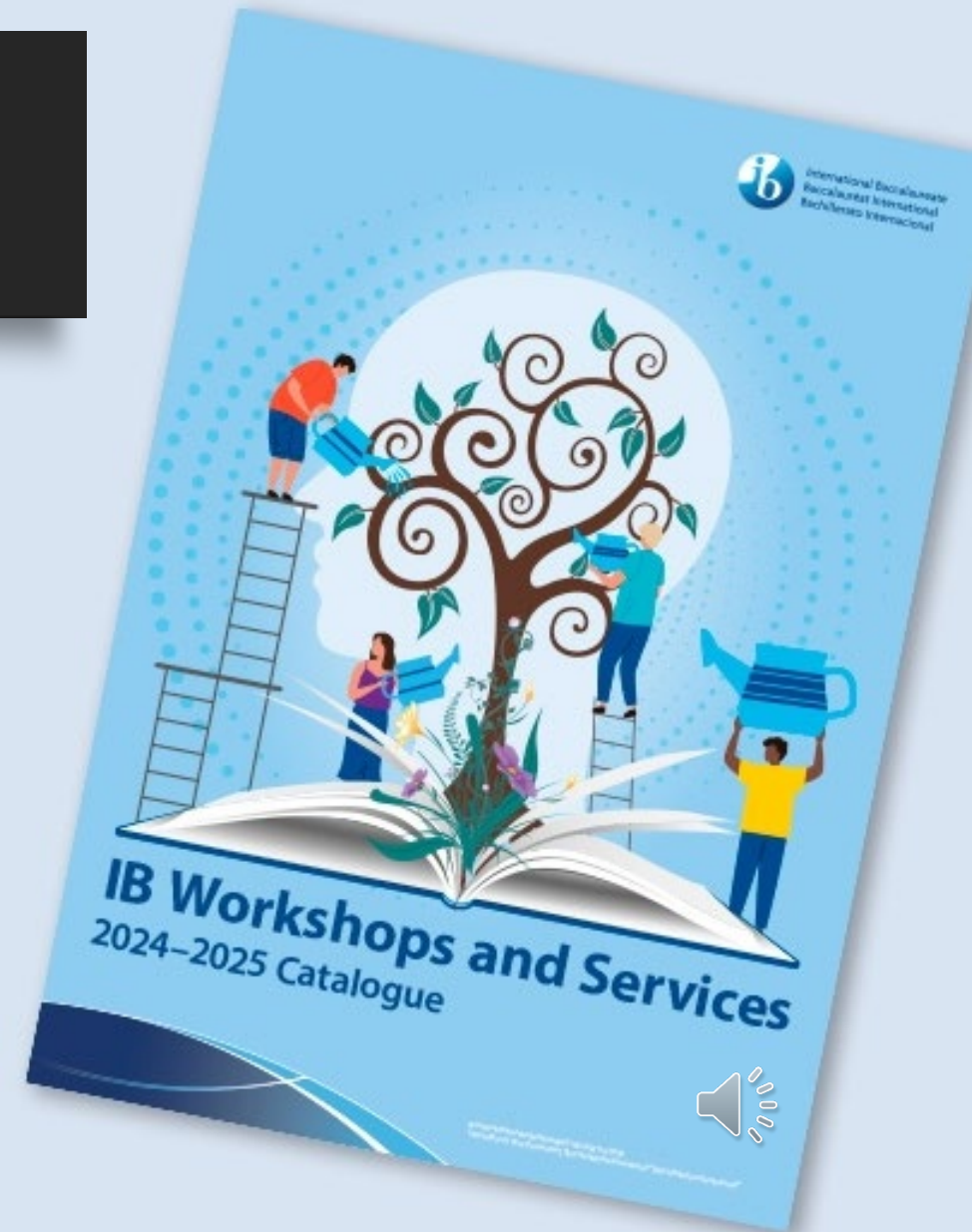
- Students collaborate and communicate effectively

Communication

- Students present ideas clearly in a variety of modes 

ICS Preparation for IB

- Both principals and IB coordinator have significant IB experience
- All teachers, counselors and coordinators are IB trained (authorization process)
- IB consultant met with us regularly & visited ICS in preparation for authorization
- Rigorous process and requirements for authorization: Verification Visit scheduled for Feb 23-24
- LWSD support: training, instructional materials, etc.



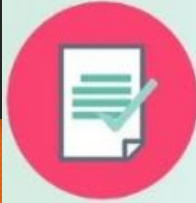
IB Learner Profile

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INQUIRERS

- Nurture our curiosity
- Learn Independently and with others
- Learn with enthusiasm all our life



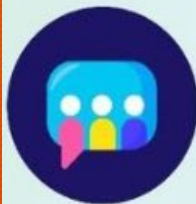
KNOWLEDGEABLE

- Develop and use conceptual understanding to explore knowledge
- Engage with issues and ideas that are important in our lives and for the whole world



THINKERS

- Use critical and creative thinking skills to analyze and take action on complex problems
- Show initiative in making reasonable and ethical decisions



COMMUNICATORS

- Express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language
- Collaborate effectively by listening carefully to the perspectives of others
- Share our ideas respectfully



PRINCIPLED

- Act with integrity, honesty and a strong sense of fairness and justice for all
- Take responsibility for our actions and their consequences



OPEN MINDED

- Appreciate our own cultures and personal histories, as well as the traditions and values of others
- Seek and evaluate a range of different points of view
- Grow from our experiences



CARING

- Show empathy, compassion and respect
- Commit to service learning
- Act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world



RISK-TAKERS

- Work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas
- Develop innovative strategies
- Be resourceful and resilient in the face of challenge, change and uncertainty



BALANCED

- Balance different aspects of our lives - intellectual, physical and emotional
- Create well-being for ourselves and others
- Recognize our interdependence with other people and the world in which we all live



REFLECTIVE

- Consider the world, our own ideas and our experiences thoughtfully
- Understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development



IB Diploma (DP)—Schoolwide

- Students take ICS courses in grades 6-10
 - ICS courses are designed to prepare students for the IB programme rigor
- Choose IB Diploma OR IB Courses in grades 11-12
- IB DP can be tailored to a student's interests & future goals
 - More STEM: take 2 sciences
 - More Liberal Arts: take Visual Art, Global Politics



Courses in 6 Subjects Grades 11-12 HL vs SL

Subjects	2-year Courses choose 1 in each subject
Studies in Language & Literature	English Language & Literature HL/SL
Language Acquisition	Spanish HL/SL
Individuals & Societies	History of the Americas HL Global Politics SL
Mathematics	Math Analysis & Approaches HL/SL Math Applications & Interpretation SL
Science	Chemistry HL/SL Biology HL/SL Physics SL
The Arts	Visual Art HL/SL or another Science or Indiv & Societies



Example DP Schedule (Lots of options)

DP Students take six 2-year courses plus the Core:

3 Higher Level (HL)	3 Standard Level (SL)	DP Core Class (3 goals in 1 class + independent work)
English	Math Analysis & Approaches	Theory of Knowledge (TOK) course
Biology	Global Politics	Extended Essay (EE)
Visual Arts	Spanish	Creativity Activity Service (CAS)

State graduation requirements are fulfilled with DP



DP Core Class

Theory of Knowledge TOK

- How do we know what we know?
- Interdisciplinary **course** encouraging critical thinking

Extended Essay EE

- Original, **independent** research
- Student chooses subject
- Faculty advisor, structured process

Creativity, Activity, Service CAS

- **Independent** participation
- Experiential learning & portfolio
- Reflection, collaboration, initiative



Scheduling & Options



**IB DP Students have DP
Core class before/after
school
(0 or 7th pd)**

- Theory of Knowledge class (TOK)
- Supervised time to work on the independent elements of the DP (EE, CAS)

**IB Course Students
(no 0 or 7th pd)**

- Will take IB Courses (college credit applies)
- Do not have to follow DP course distribution
 - E.g. can take all SL courses or 3 sciences
- Will not do the DP Core requirements
- Must fulfill all state and district graduation requirements



University Acceptance Rates for IB Diploma Applicants (2018 survey)

University	Overall Acceptance Rate	IB DP Acceptance Rate
MIT	7.2%	23.1%
Stanford University	4.65%	17%
Harvard University	5.1%	12.2%
University of Chicago	7.9%	60.3%
Princeton University	6.5%	17.2%
Cornell University	14.1%	47%
Columbia University	6%	13.9%
University of Pennsylvania	9.4%	31.6%

University	Overall Acceptance Rate	IB DP Acceptance Rate
University of Michigan	28.6%	70.8%
Univ of California, Berkeley	17.5%	45.5%
UCLA	18%	41.4%
Carnegie Mellon Univ	13.7%	69.6%
New York University	33%	46.8%
Univ of Washington	45%	63.4%
Duke University	9%	36.2%
Yale University	6.3%	14.3%



[UW Exams for Credit page](#)

[IB University Recognition Pages](#)

College Credits

- All public universities in WA and OR **must** award college credit for IB exam scores of 4 (out of 7) or above.
- University of Oregon:
 - automatic scholarship for IB Diploma students with score over 23 (out of 45)
 - \$6000/year for 33+ out-of-state
 - Up to 12 credits for 4+ on HL courses (5 credits for SL courses)
- University of California system:
 - 8 quarter units for 5+ on each HL course
 - 6 extra quarter units for 30+ DP score
- Selective Private Universities award less credit for both AP and IB, usually recognize IB Diploma as a more rigorous program
 - For example, Harvard does not award credit for either program but uses scores for placement.



UW Transfer IB Credits

IB Courses	IB Exam Score	UW Credit
Language and Literature HL	4,5,6,7	5 credits
Language B: Spanish SL	4,5	5 credits
Global Politics SL	4,5,6,7	5 credits
Biology HL	5,6,7	10 credits
Math Applications and Interpretation-AI SL	5,6,7	5 credits
Visual Arts HL	4,5,6,7	5 credits
Total possible credits		35 credits

**45 credits= 1 full
year at UW**

SAMPLE

ICS PTSA

Supporting ICS

- Time, Talent, and Treasure since 1997!
- Small School Community - Families, Students, Faculty
- Everyone adds something

ICS principal Jacob Hendrickson:

"ICS is a great place when we all pitch in."

PTSA[®]
everychild.one voice.[®]

www.icsptsa.org



ICS PTSA Vision

ICS PTSA is to provide:

Financial and Volunteer support for programs and activities that complement the curriculum and enhance the overall ICS experience for students, teachers, and parents.



What Does the ICS PTSA Provide?

Event	Details
WhatsApp Community	Join the main chat & individual channels like grade level, volunteer, etc.
Prep Day	Friday before first day of school (tentative)
New Family Picnic	Wednesday before School starts in school campus
Camp	50 parent chaperones attended
Fast Grants for Teachers	Teachers apply for classroom supplies
Larger Grants	Music, Library, ASB Club needs, Lunchtime sports equipment
Grade Specific Events	Outside of school (Class Liaisons)
Staff Appreciation	Monthly Lunches & Appreciation Week
Staff Stipends	ASB club support and extra activities
PTSA Clubs	Robotics, Math, Ski Bus, Science, Chess, and more
Phoenix Day	Parent led classes on the first day of the 2 nd semester, 80 volunteers
Senior Graduation Activities	Yearbook, Scholarships, Sweatshirts, Sunrise & Sunset



PTSA Expectation (Each Family)

PTSA Family Contribution/Donation

- \$225 per family for this year (2025-2026)

Volunteering Requirement

- Minimum 30 hours per family

Attend Parent Meetings In-Person & Online

- Dates published in newsletter & on School Calendar
- Counts for up to 1.5-hour / family volunteering each meeting



PTSA Volunteering (Each Family)

Volunteering Requirement

- Minimum 30 hours per family

Volunteering opportunities :

- Traffic management
- Lunch helpers
- Camp phoenix chaperones
- Staff appreciation
- Nominating committee
- PTSA Clubs leads

- Phoenix Day volunteers
- School clean ups
- Newsletter editors
- Outdoor mulching events
- International night volunteers

And Many More Opportunities!



PTSA Expectation (Each Family)

PTSA Goal is 100% Family membership

- We encourage all families to join the PTSA at the beginning of the school year. You can join any time after August.

Sign-up for the Newsletter



2025-2026 PTSA Board

- 12 Board Positions
- 32 Committees
- Wide range of Volunteer Opportunities to fit your schedule
- 6th grade families & any other new family can join the Board



The Nominations Committee is currently seeking to fill open Board positions for 2026-2027. Applications are open now, so please join the Board and send in your nominations (self-nominations are acceptable) to the Nominations Committee at nominations@icsptsa.org.

Carpool & School Bus



- **School Bus**

- Lottery information on the ICS/district website.

- **Carpool**

- MS form to help coordinate carpools.
- Available on Prep Day
- Input your address & phone to populate a private Google Map. Find others via the map and coordinate your own carpool.





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Q & A



Reunification Time

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- High School parents move outside to the front of the school