School Profile 2026-2027

Interlake High School

An International Baccalaureate World School

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Community and School Overview

Situated between two large lakes formed by receding glaciers during the last ice age, Interlake High School is in Bellevue, the fifth largest city in Washington State. With Seattle to the west and the foothills of the Cascade Mountains to the east, Bellevue is a modern city in a park-like setting that attracts international businesses, particularly in the technology sector. Bellevue is incredibly diverse; 20% of Bellevue's approximately 158,000 residents are naturalized citizens and 29% are non-citizens.[1] 53% of the households in Bellevue speak a primary language other than English.[1]

Interlake is one of five public high schools in the Bellevue School District (BSD) and serves approximately 1700 students. Interlake is accredited by the Washington State Association of Educational Service Districts and is an authorized International Baccalaureate (IB) World School. Interlake offers a variety of programs to meet the different needs of students. Our motto is "Integrity, Humanity, Scholarship."

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School Information

CEEB/ACT Code: 480069
GPA: unweighted only
Ranking: BSD does not rank
Grading Scale: 4.0 (no +/-)

Schedule: 2 semesters per year; 7 courses per semester on a modified block schedule

Each semester earns 0.5 credits; students typically earn 26-28 credits over 4 years

Class of 2027 size: 454

Demographics 2025-2026[2]

Asian: 51%
White: 23%
Hispanic/Latino: 16%
Two or more races: 7%
Black/African American: 4%
Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, American Indian: <1%

Low Income: 25%

Graduation Requirements[3]

Credits: 24
English: 4.0
Math: 3.0
Science: 3.0
Social Studies: 3.5
Career/Tech Ed: 1.0
PE/Health: 2.0
Fine Arts: 2.0[4]
World Language: 2.0[4]

[3]Additional pathways to graduation exist
[4]Washington State's Personal Pathway allows students to replace 1.0 of Fine Arts and 2.0 of World Language with classes more beneficial to their future plans.

Staff 2024-2025[2]

Staff: 100 classroom teachers
Average experience: 14 years
Earned Masters or higher: 81%
National Board certified: 29%

Academic Achievement

May 2026 IB assessments
Diplomas awarded: 185
Average points obtained by IB candidates: 35
Highest points awarded: 44
Bilingual Diplomas earned: 8
Total Exams: 1204

7: 16%	5: 32%
6: 37%	4: 12%

May 2026 AP exams
Total Exams: 1759
5: 40%
4: 35%
3: 16%

National Merit 2026
Commended: 79
Semifinalists: 45
Finalists: 42
Scholarship winners: 7

[1]https://bellevuedemographics.shinyapps.io/DemographicProfileApp/ (09Sep26)
[2]https://data.wa.gov/education/Report-Card-Enrollment-2024-25-School-Year/2rwv-gs2e/about_data (09Sep26)

Programs

Interlake is an **International Baccalaureate** (IB) World School that offers multiple paths to earn an IB Diploma. Part of IB's mission statement is to "develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect."[5] The IB program at Interlake focuses on developing students who are active, compassionate, and lifelong learners. The program strengthens qualities such as reasoning, research and communication skills, with an emphasis on global awareness. Students complete rigorous assessments during and at the end of six IB courses, as well as an Extended Essay (independent research project of their choosing), Theory of Knowledge (metacognitive course about what and how they know), and Creativity, Activity, Service (which encourages students to remain well-rounded and balanced in their lives). IB courses and the Diploma Program are open to all students. All students at Interlake complete a 2-year IB Language Arts course; most students take several IB classes even if they are not pursuing the Diploma.

Interlake hosts Bellevue School District's highly capable program, **Advanced Learning**. To be identified students must score at or above the 98th percentile on a test of cognitive ability and at or above the 95th percentile on reading and math achievement tests. Students in the Advanced Learning program complete the IB Diploma Program in 10th and 11th grades, leaving senior year for additional college-level courses and an internship. 36% of the students at Interlake are enrolled in Advanced Learning.

Washington State offers a dual-enrollment program to eligible 11th and 12th grade students called **Running Start**. Students can enroll in a community college or college, full or part-time, and earn college and high school credit simultaneously. A 5-credit college course is equal to 1.0 high school credit.

Interlake offers specialized classes in **Career and Technical Education** (CTE) including Welding, Construction Management and Nursery/Greenhouse Operations. Students can access CTE courses across our school district and neighboring districts; options include Auto Technology, Teaching Academy, Health Sciences, and more. Students can receive dual credit through local colleges for CTE courses.

Interlake also hosts **Pacific**, the district's program for educating students with developmental disabilities. There are currently 25 Pacific students in our school community. Pacific students have specialized classes for life skills, functional academics, and job training but also join the rest of the student body for electives and activities, including Sparkle Cheer, Day of Champions, and Unified Soccer as well as Unified Robotics. Pacific students also operate the Big Dog Café at Interlake and work at sites across Bellevue.

College Matriculation 2025-2026

Public, in-state: 45%	Public, out-of-state: 17%
Private, in-state: 2%	Private, out-of-state: 18%
International: 4%	2-year colleges: 5%
Employment/Gap Year/Other: 9%	

Students choose the University of Washington (all campuses 32%) for its academic strength and value. Out-of-state colleges include UC Berkley (10 students), Carnegie Mellon (7), MIT (5), and Cornell (4).

Interlake students are…

Creative!

Our 7-period scheduled allows students to access classes in Music, Theatre, and the Visual Arts without having to sacrifice their academic subjects. Interlake students also lead a variety of clubs, like Robotics, Debate, and Fiber Art, that give our students opportunities to express their creativity.

Active!

Interlake is the proud home of the Saints. We offer a diverse array of Physical Education classes, like Yoga and Net Sports, as well as traditional, after-school competitive sports. Interlake students run clubs like Badminton, Dance Crew, and Ping Pong for additional activity.

Service-oriented!

Although all graduates are required to complete 40 hours of community service, 197 students in the class of 2026 completed 100 hours or more. Students also serve during the school day as Peer Coaches in our Pacific Program or as Academic Coaches with our Multi-Language Learners.

[5] https://www.ibo.org/about-the-ib/mission/ (09Sep26)