International School

Bellevue, Washington

SCHOOL PROFILE 2026-27

#2 in state, #39 in nation – College Curriculum Breadth Index (U.S. News, 2026)
#2 in state, #51 in nation – College Readiness Index (U.S. News, 2026)
#1 in district, #2 in state, #41 in nation – Best High Schools (U.S. News, 2026)
AP School Honor Roll – Platinum (College Board, 2025)
AP Access Award (College Board, 2023)
AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award (College Board, 2020-22, 2024)
A+ overall Niche Grade (Niche, 2026)
WA Recognition Program Honored School (WSRP, 2024-25)

A public choice school
serving grades 6-12
Bellevue School District

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CEEB/ACT Code: 480068

Class of 2027: 77
High School: 325
Total Enrollment: 602

GPA: Unweighted only
Ranking: Bellevue SD does not rank or provide GPA distribution
Schedule: 2 semesters/year, 7 courses/semester; block schedule
Grading Scale: 4.0 (no +/- in GPA)
In keeping with our goal of mastery, students do not earn credit with a D.

A	90-100	4.0	Excellent
B	80-89	3.0	Exceeds Expectations
C	70-79	2.0	Meets Expectations
F	0-69	0.0	

Graduation Requirement: Minimum 24 credits and 40 service hours

First Languages: 35
Non-English First Language: 53%
Free/Reduced Lunch: 8%
Racial Diversity: African American 2%, Asian 63%, Hawaiian/Pacific Is 1%, Hispanic 4%, Multi 10%, White 20%
Community: Foreign Born: 49%
Bellevue population: 158,000
Bellevue SD high schoolers: 7,154

Uniquely International
Founded in 1991 by teachers responding to a competitive grant, International School believes confidence comes from competence. Students experience a rigorous academic climate in a nurturing environment. International's small size and 7-year program foster interpersonal relationships with both peers and faculty, promoting mutual respect among diverse viewpoints. Our seven-year program, sibling policy, and offsite overnight high school retreat contribute to a powerful sense of belonging within the school community.

Admission
Students enter International School, one of eight high schools in Bellevue School District, by choice. Admission is by lottery of 5th grade applicants living within district boundaries without regard to financial or academic ability. Approximately 92 students are admitted from an applicant pool of 600 including priority admittance for siblings of enrolled students.

Curriculum
Students study seven core subjects for 7 years ("7x7"). Through the internationally integrated curriculum, students achieve mastery, elevate critical thinking, and develop cross-cultural competence. Subjects are: Fine Arts, French, Humanities, International Studies, Math, Physical Education, and Science. The curriculum emphasizes depth of learning and development of persistence, including in traditionally non-academic areas. For most subjects, students follow a prescribed sequence. Beginning junior year, students may choose among math and science courses but must take one of each. Computer Science courses are available in 11th and 12th grades.

Extra-Curricular Activities
International has 4 student body leadership teams, 10 honor societies, and 20 clubs. High schoolers are not offered sports at International. Students participate in sports at their neighborhood comprehensive high schools. Learn about our organizations at: https://international.bsd405.org/student-life/clubs-and-activities

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Unique Curriculum Features

Senior Project

Every International School second semester senior designs and executes a unique project driven by intellectual curiosity. Students are guided by adult mentors who are experts in the chosen field of study. In addition to 50 hours of work, seniors deliver a final portfolio presentation using PowerPoint. This experiential learning is unique to International School students and is a culmination of learning that prepares students for life after high school. Past examples include glass blowing, art with elementary students, re-building a car engine, concert conducting, and hippotherapy.

Focus Week

Every May, classes at International are paused for a one-week deep-dive into one or more educational area: industrial arts, home and family life, business and office, health occupations, vocational, trade and industrial, technical, and career. This pivot to hands-on and experiential learning leverages students' interests to expand their perspectives and skills. High school students earn .25 Career and Technical Education credit each year in this exclusive program to meet the 1.0 CTE graduation requirement.
Grading: students earn S for full participation and NC if unable to earn credit due to absence.

Post-Secondary Statistics for Class of 2026:

- 27% University of Washington - Seattle
- 30% Highly selective institutions
- 67% Public universities
- 67% West Coast of USA (WA, OR, CA)
- 3% military, workforce, or transition program

	Class of 2024			Class of 2025			Class of 2026		
SAT Scores	N	S	IS	N	S	IS	N	S	**IS**
ERW	480	554	**684**	521	549	**666**	528	560	**677**
Math	530	542	**669**	508	510	**665**	517	535	**675**

ACT data is limited because Bellevue School District provides discounted School Day SAT.

College Enrollment	Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
4-Year	94%	91%	91%
2-Year	5%	6%	4%
Other	1%	3%	5%

AP Honors	2024	2025	2026
% total 3+	92%	91%	96%
Scholars	34	36	40
w/Honors	23	24	24
w/Distinction	63	83	104

National Merit	Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Commended	9	13	19
Semi-Finalist	-	-	2
Finalist	2	2	tbd

INTERNATIONAL RIGOR: Advanced Placement, College in the High School, CTE Dual Credit, and beyond

Most course sequences culminate with an AP or higher course. Students are eligible for college credit through AP and CHS (∞) courses. Most students can take at least 8 out of the 14 AP courses offered beginning in 10th grade. 100% of students take at least one AP course. AP and CHS are college-level coursework and equally rigorous. Credits in () are higher than standard 1.0 credit/year.

- *Advanced Calculus (2.0) ∞*
- *AP 2-D Art/ 3-D Art/Drawing*
- *AP Biology* (1.2) ∞*
- *AP Calculus AB (2.0) ∞*
- *AP Chemistry* (1.2) ∞*
- *AP Computer Science A*
- *AP Computer Science Principles*
- *AP English Language & Comp ∞*
- *AP English Literature & Comp ∞*
- *AP Environmental Science*
- *AP French Language & Culture*
- *AP Physics 1*
- *AP Physics 2*
- *AP Statistics ∞*
- *AP United States History (2.0) ∞*
- *AP World History: Modern*
- *French 3 ∞*
- *French 4 ∞*
- *Precalculus (2.0) ∞*

**Offered alternating school years*

NOTE: Highest in subject, non-college credit:

- *Honors French Literature*
- *Special Topics in Computer Science*