

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL



An IB World School

A seven-year choice-school experience built on rigorous interdisciplinary learning, global perspective, and a close-knit community. Serving students in grades 6-12 in Kirkland, Washington.



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ICS at a glance

A deliberately small learning community with a global academic vision.

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STUDENTS

Current 2026–27
enrollment

6–12

GRADES

A continuous seven-
year experience

1997

FOUNDED

Nearly three decades of
community

March 2026

IB AUTHORIZATION

Diploma Programme
launched in 2026–27

ICS is one of LWSD's choice schools. Admission occurs by random lottery at grades 6 and 9.
Students admitted in grade 6 continue through grade 12 without reapplying.

Our mission

Classical education. Global application.

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

INTEGRITY

Act with honesty and responsibility.

CURIOSITY

Ask questions and pursue understanding.

REASONING

Analyze evidence and connect ideas.

GLOBAL AWARENESS

Consider local and global perspectives.

What makes ICS distinctive

A coherent program, not a collection of disconnected classes.

1

Seven-year program

Students grow within a consistent community from grades 6–12.

2

Deep interdisciplinary study

Arts, humanities, international studies, mathematics, sciences, and Spanish.

3

Experiential learning

Camp Phoenix and Focus Week extend learning beyond classrooms.

4

Known and supported

Long-term relationships help students build confidence, agency, and belonging.



ICS common course sequence

Grades 6–10

Subject	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10
Humanities	Humanities 6	Humanities 7	Humanities 8	Humanities 9 Honors	Humanities 10 Honors
International Studies	Intl. Studies 6	Intl. Studies 7	Intl. Studies 9	Civics (0.5 credit) and Health (0.5 credit)	Intl. Studies 10 Honors
Mathematics	Math 6+ Math 7+	Math 7+ Algebra	Algebra Geometry Honors	Geometry Honors Algebra 2 Honors	Algebra 2 Honors Pre-Calculus Honors
Science	Integrated Science 6	Integrated Science 7	Integrated Science 8	Biology Systems	Chemistry Honors
Fine Arts	Exploratory Art Intro to Music MS Symphony Choir	Art 1 Intro to Music MS Symphony Choir	Art 2 Intro to Music MS Symphony Choir	Art Foundations Art 3 Honors Intro to Music HS Symphony Choir Jazz Ensemble	Art 4 Honors (Renaiss.) Art 5 Honors (Modern) HS Symphony Choir Jazz Ensemble
World Language		Spanish 1	Spanish 1 Spanish 2	Spanish 1 Spanish 2 Spanish 3	Spanish 2 Spanish 3 Spanish 4
Other	Fitness 6			Office Assistant Teacher Assistant	Office Assistant Teacher Assistant

IB is now central to the ICS high school experience

ICS was authorized as an IB World School in March 2026.

IB WORLD SCHOOL

Diploma Programme grades 11–12

First cohort: Class of 2028

ICS also participates in the
Schoolwide IB initiative, enrolling
every student in at least one IB
course.

Why IB fits ICS

IB strengthens the school's established emphasis on international-mindedness, inquiry, rigorous thinking, research, communication, and service.

Two participation pathways

Students may pursue the full IB Diploma or select individual IB courses that fit their goals and schedule.

Prepared for what comes next

The Diploma Programme is recognized by universities worldwide and combines breadth, depth, independent research, and reflection. Most US universities award credit for IB coursework.

Built for access

ICS offers all six subject groups and supports students through IB Core, counseling, and coordinated course planning.

The IB learner experience

Students develop knowledge, skills, agency, and perspective.

THINKING

Inquiry, analysis, creative and critical reasoning

RESEARCH

Find, evaluate, synthesize, and communicate information

COMMUNICATION

Express ideas clearly in multiple modes

SELF-MANAGEMENT

Plan, reflect, persist, and learn independently

SOCIAL

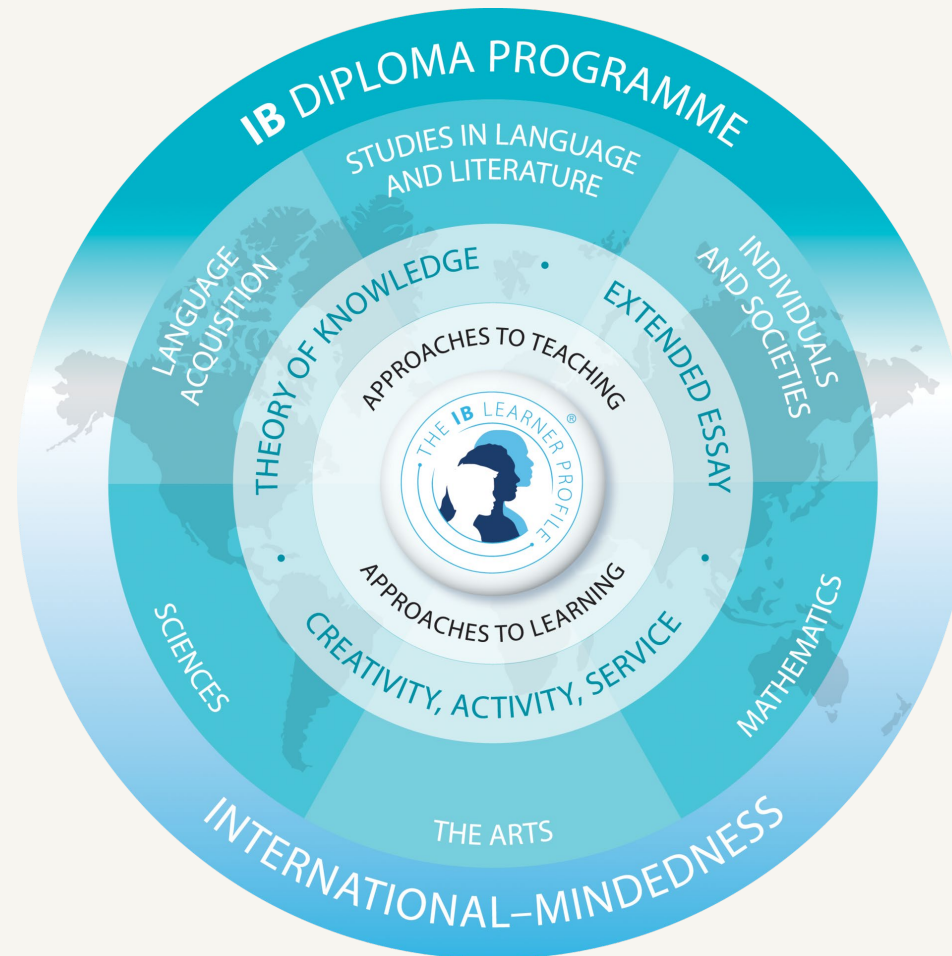
Collaborate, listen, and contribute responsibly

INTERNATIONAL-MINDEDNESS

Understand their own context and consider multiple perspectives

The IB Diploma Programme model

Six subject groups, the DP Core, approaches to teaching and learning, and international-mindedness.



Choose the IB pathway that fits

Both pathways provide access to challenging IB learning.

FULL IB DIPLOMA CANDIDATE

- Six IB subjects across all subject groups
- Three higher level and three standard level subjects
- Theory of Knowledge
- Extended Essay
- Creativity, Activity, Service
- Two-year coordinated programme

IB COURSE STUDENT

- Students will take at least 2 IB courses
- Other courses are school/district based
- Build a schedule aligned to interests and postsecondary goals
- Complete course assessments
- Potential college credit depends on institution policy and final scores
- Does not complete the full Diploma Core
- IB exams not required.

Counselors and the IB team help families understand course sequencing, time commitments, and graduation planning.

IB courses offered at ICS

Current offerings and planned additions published by ICS. HL is Higher Level and SL is Standard Level. Students take 3 of each level.

IB subject group	ICS course offerings
Studies in Language & Literature	English Language & Literature HL/SL
Language Acquisition	Spanish HL/SL
Individuals & Societies	History of the Americas HL Global Politics SL, starting 2027–28
Sciences	Biology HL/SL Chemistry HL/SL Physics SL, starting 2027–28
Mathematics	Analysis & Approaches HL/SL Applications & Interpretation SL
The Arts	Visual Arts HL/SL

Students may replace the arts subject with another eligible science or individuals-and-societies course when scheduling permits.

Learning extends beyond the classroom

Signature experiences build community, leadership, and service.



Camp Phoenix

An all-school experience focused on relationships, leadership, and school culture.

Focus Week

Experiential learning that connects academic ideas to authentic settings and challenges.

Clubs and student leadership

Opportunities include Model UN, Mock Trial, HOSA, FBLA, Key Club, arts, publications, service, and more.

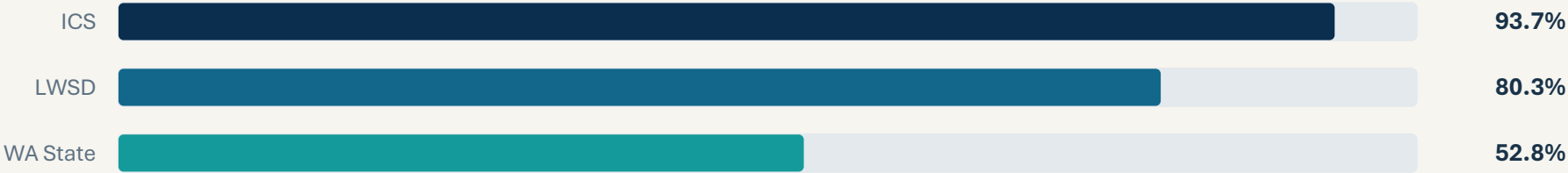
CAS connections

Creativity, activity, and service become intentional parts of the IB Diploma experience.

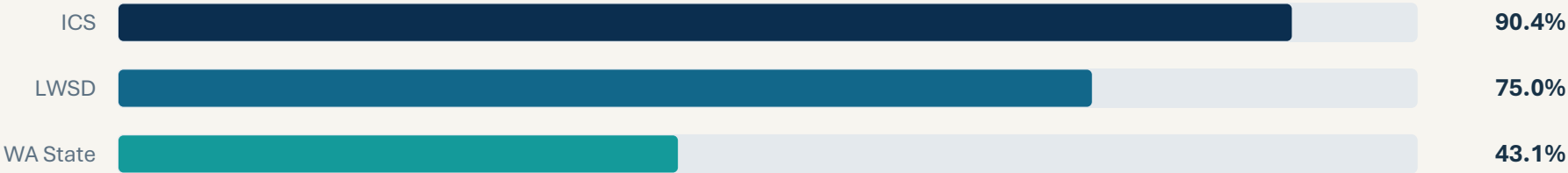
Strong academic outcomes

2026 state assessment proficiency: students meeting or exceeding standard.

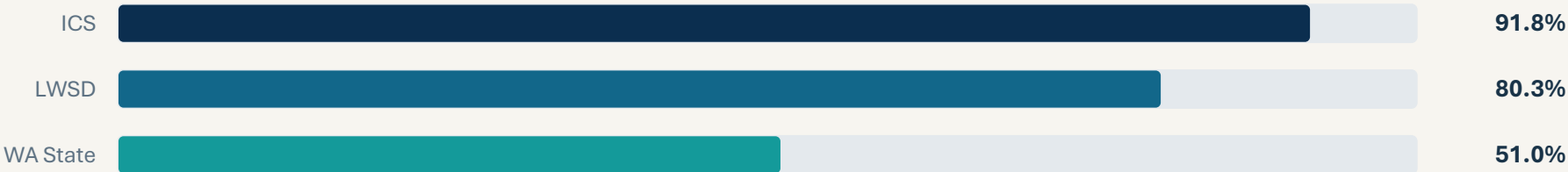
English Language Arts



Mathematics



Science (WCAS)



Percentages represent achievement levels 3–4. Science results use the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science.

Graduates pursue a wide range of next steps

Five-year college matriculation for the Classes of 2022–2026.

American University
Arizona State University
Bellevue College
California College of the Arts
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Chapman University
Columbia University
Cornell University
DigiPen Institute of Technology
Eastman School of Music
Emerson College
Georgia Institute of Technology
Glasgow School of Art
Hamilton College
Indiana University Bloomington
Johns Hopkins University
Lawrence University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Michigan State 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
Seattle University
Seton Hall University
Stanford University
Syracuse University
Texas A&M University
Tufts University
University of British Columbia
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Santa Barbara

University of Chicago
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of Michigan–Ann Arbor
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
University of Toronto
University of Utah
University of Washington Bothell
University of Washington Seattle
Wake Forest University
Waseda University
Washington State University
Western University
Western Washington University
York St John University

PTSA Partnership



ICS is an exceptional school for many reasons

Fantastic staff that are willing to go the extra mile

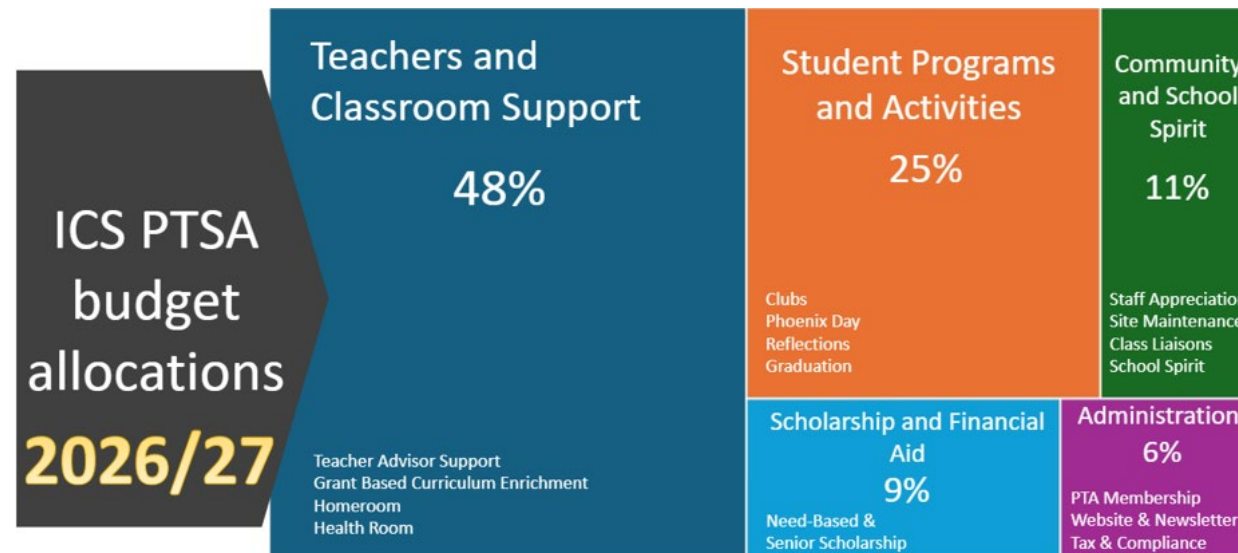
- Many clubs
- Camp and Focus Week Planning
- IB Diploma

Parents created ICS & allow our school to thrive

- Volunteers for camp, FW, Phoenix Day, CAS Advisors
- PTSA run student clubs
- Financial support that supplements a small school budget
 - Teacher Grants
 - Stipends for some clubs
 - Scholarships

ICS Commitment and Community

- Joining ICS is a family and student commitment.
- All ICS families are expected to join the PTSA.
- Each family is expected to contribute 30+ hours of volunteer time at ICS.
- Every ICS family is expected to contribute financially towards the school PTSA \$225 per child, at the beginning of each school year.
- Corporate matching is encouraged and much appreciated.
- ICS families have contributed over \$3 million and hundreds of thousands of hours towards ICS activities and events over the years.
- Confidential financial assistance is available through ICS counselors to families demonstrating need.
- **ICS is exceptional due to the PTSA partnership.**



Is ICS the right fit?

Questions for students and families to consider together.



Is the student interested in a rigorous, interdisciplinary program?



Is the student committed to sustained Spanish study?



Is the student ready for visual arts and/or music through grade 10?



How will the family plan for transportation and activities?



Is the student comfortable with overnight learning experiences?



Can the family commit every year to contribute time and resources and be active in our close-knit school community?

EXPLORE ICS

Learn more about our community, the IB Diploma Programme, course planning, and the choice-school lottery.

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Choice School Lottery Timeline



Application access

Current LWSD families: Parent Square

Families not currently enrolled in LWSD: LWSD website