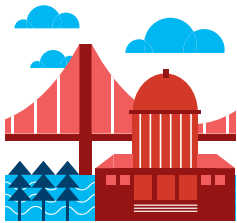
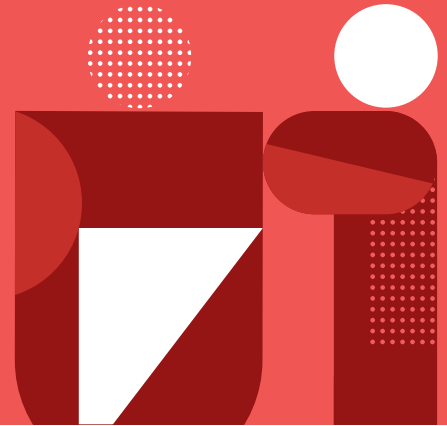


International High School of the French American International School

School Profile 2019-2020



Our School

The International High School of the French American International School (often referred to as International, IHS, French American, or FAIS) was established in 1962 as an independent, coeducational prekindergarten-12th grade school located in the heart of urban

San Francisco. A belief in the value of diversity is a keystone of our mission statement, and we consequently serve a richly diverse student population from San Francisco and the wider Bay Area.



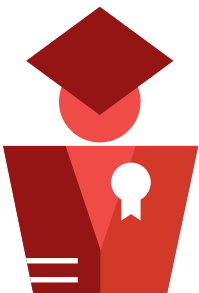
2019-2020 School Year Enrollment Statistics

- Class of 2020 enrollment: 86 students
- Total High School enrollment: 374 students
- 1100 students enrolled school wide



School Accreditation

Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), the French Ministry of Education, the California Association of Independent Schools, the International Baccalaureate Organization, and the Council of International Schools.



Our Programs and Faculty

Our school offers the full International Baccalaureate diploma program, including the bilingual option, as well as the French Baccalaureate S (Science and Math emphasis), ES (Economics and Social Sciences emphasis), and the International Option (OIB). Please refer to the charts below for an overview of these programs. Our school has been offering both the IB and the French Bac since its inception, and

we are the first school west of the Mississippi River to offer the IB Diploma program. Our faculty is composed of teachers from all over the world, and the vast majority have earned Master's degrees or higher.

The IB Diploma Program

All students in the IB program are full diploma candidates, and many of those are IB bilingual diploma candidates in either the French, Chinese, or Spanish languages. Students do not need to know French to enroll at our high school, but they will need to develop strong skills in a language other than English as part of our program. Unlike at many schools that offer the IB program, our IB standard level courses have 240 hours of instructional time, rather than 150 hours, which allows our standard level courses to be nearly as rigorous as our IB higher level courses with 300 hours of instructional time. In a typical year, two thirds of the senior class will be enrolled in the IB diploma program. To obtain an IB bilingual diploma, a student must take two languages from Group 1 Language A or take one of their core subject courses in a language other than English. Students at our school are actively discouraged from taking more than three IB courses at the Higher Level, since our SL courses are almost as rigorous. We believe it is important to encourage students to achieve balance in their academic lives.

The French Baccalaureate Diploma Program

All students in the French Baccalaureate Diploma program are full diploma candidates, and many of those students also take extra coursework required of the OIB (IB Higher Level English and an advanced U.S. History course), in addition to extra coursework in a specialty subject, as well as the arts. In a typical year, one third of the senior class will be enrolled in the French Baccalaureate diploma program.

Similarities between the IB and French Bac

Both the IB and the French Bac offer very rigorous and demanding academic programs during the last two years of high school – students must study at least two languages (the French Bac requires 3), advanced mathematics, at least one advanced laboratory science class (many study 2 or 3), a social science, and an additional subject, which may include another science, and other language, a visual or performing arts class, or an additional social science. In addition, all of our students take challenging philosophy courses as part of the demands of both the IB and French Bac. Both diploma programs also require candidates to write research papers in each subject, as well as an extended piece of research in a field of their choice. For IB students, this research project is called the Extended Essay, and for French Bac students, this requirement is called the travaux personnels encadrés (TPE).



GPA Calculation and Ranking of Students

Because our school is both a small and intensely rigorous academic environment, and nearly 100% go on to four year colleges, grade distinctions between students are too slight to be significant. For those reasons, we do not rank our students individually. Our grades in each track are translated into the typical American A+-F scale from French track grades out of 20 or International track grades out of 7 according to the following chart.

| French Grade | 20-17 | 16-14 | 13-12 | 11-10 | 9-7 | 6-4 | 3-0 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| International Grade | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1/0 |
| Transcript Grade/GPA value | A+ (4.25) | A (4.0) | B+ (3.5) | B (3.0) | C (2.0) | D (1.0) | F (0.0) |

Our grading scale for both the IB and French Bac is more challenging for students to earn A or A+ grades than at our peer schools. For example, in most international and French schools in the U.S., an IB grade of 6 or 7 or a French Bac grade of 14-20 may earn a student an A+ grade. At our school, only an IB grade of 7 or a French Bac grade of 17-20 is equivalent to an A+. Our school's more challenging grading scale demonstrates the commitment to avoid the appearance of grade inflation. Our grading scale does not include an A- or B- grade values, which also tends to cause difficulty for students to gain higher GPAs than if those grades existed. Students should be evaluated with the realities of our more strict grading scale in mind.



IB, Bac, and Brevet Results

IB Results

2019 Pass Rate: 89%, with 59 out of 66 passing.

French Bac and Brevet Results

2019 Pass Rate: 100% obtained the French Baccalaureate diploma. All of our Grade 9 students in the French track passed the Brevet examination, most with honors.



Standardized Testing Averages

Class of 2019

- SAT Evidence Based Reading & Writing Average Score: 681/800
- SAT Mathematics Average Score: 678/800
- ACT Composite Average Score: 28/36

Class of 2018

- SAT Evidence Based Reading & Writing Average Score: 690/800
- SAT Mathematics Average Score: 670/800
- ACT Composite Average Score: 28/36

These statistics include scores from students whose first language is not English.

Policy Regarding Reporting of Discipline to Colleges

Our school's policy requires reporting of discipline that results in a suspension or academic probation.

Course Offerings and Requirements

During their four years at our school, all students will have taken four years of English, four years of at least one language other than English, four years of mathematics, all three sciences (chemistry, physics, and biology), at least two years of history, and at least one year of visual and performing arts. International Baccalaureate and French Baccalaureate course offerings are listed below, and are taken in a two-year time span during 11th and 12th grade.

International Baccalaureate Course Offerings

| | | |
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| Group 1 Literature and Language and Literature (Language A) (HL and SL) English, French, Spanish, Italian, Mandarin | Group 2 Language Acquisition (Language B) French, Spanish, German, Mandarin, English, Arabic | Group 3 Individuals and Societies History (Europe 20th century, HL/SL) <i>Offered in English and French</i> Economics (HL and SL) <i>Offered in English only</i> Geography (HL and SL) Psychology (HL and SL) Business and Management (HL and SL) |
| Group 4 Experimental Sciences Biology (HL and SL) <i>Offered in English and in French</i> Chemistry (HL and SL) <i>Offered in English only</i> Physics (HL and SL) <i>Offered in English only</i> Environmental Systems SL Design Technology SL | Group 5 Mathematics Mathematical Studies (SL) Mathematics Standard Level (SL) Higher Level Mathematics (HL) | Group 6 Arts and Electives <i>Offered in English only</i> Art (HL and SL) Film (HL and SL) Music (HL and SL) Theater Arts (HL and SL) Theory of Knowledge |

French Baccalaureate Course Offerings

Like the IB, the French Baccalaureate program is a highly demanding 2 year program, and all French Bac academic courses are considered honors level coursework similar to the IB or AP programs. The Bac S and ES programs have different requirements and a different emphasis. Series ES is designed for students wishing to focus on economics, social sciences and languages. Series S is designed for students wishing to focus on mathematics and the sciences.

| BAC S, Scientific Series | BAC ES, Economics and Social Sciences Series |
|---|---|
| Bac S biology, Bac S physics/chemistry, Bac S advanced mathematics, French (replaced by philosophy in grade 12), history/geography or OIB (defined below), IB English, third language, TPE, physical education. | Bac ES advanced mathematics, Bac ES economics and social sciences, Bac ES science (in grade 11 only), French (replaced by philosophy in grade 12), history/geography or OIB (defined below), IB English, third language, TPE, physical education. |

French Bac students must also select one additional emphasis from the following list: math specialty, physics/chemistry, biology, or economics and social sciences.

Students may choose to do additional coursework in the following:

- **OIB: International Option** to the French Baccalaureate (Advanced U.S. History, IB English HL), designed to highlight a French Bac student's bilingualism and biculturalism
- **Arts Option** in either fine arts or theater

Extracurricular Offerings

Our students face the challenge of integrating their various interests outside of the classroom with the reality of the rigor of our program. Our school day is quite a bit longer than that of our peer high schools in that our students may not end their school day until after 4 pm. Despite our unusually long school day, our students are deeply involved in the arts, athletics, community service, and a very exciting international travel program which spans the globe.

Visual and Performing Arts

Theater

Our school has a very ambitious theater program that produces three major plays a school year: the Fall Play, a large production; the student-directed one act plays which are directed by a small group of 12th graders selected for the honor by virtue of their leadership in the department; and the Spring Musical, another large play. Our theater department does not shy away from controversy or adult themes, as exemplified by our recent productions of *Black Rider*, *Spring Awakening*, *Cabaret*, and *Spamalot*. Our productions also include premieres of original work, including a recent project, *Awaiting Dawn*, which gave our students the chance to collaborate with theater professionals, including renowned French Director Moïse Touré, on the production of an original series of cutting-edge theater pieces. Students involved in our theater department often put in very long hours to reach their goals, but the rewards are great.

Film and Visual Arts

Our school has a strong film department, and we often are the only high school to participate in the 48 hour Film Festival, where our film team creates an entire film in a 48 hour time frame. Our students have consistently won awards for their efforts. We also have a dynamic visual arts department, and our students regularly exhibit their work.

Music

Many of our students are talented musicians, helped by our school's location near the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, San Francisco Girls' Chorus, San Francisco Boys' Chorus, and SF Jazz Center. We offer a student orchestra which collaborates with the theater department in playing the music for the school musical as well as performing a wide variety of classical and contemporary music.

Global Travel Program

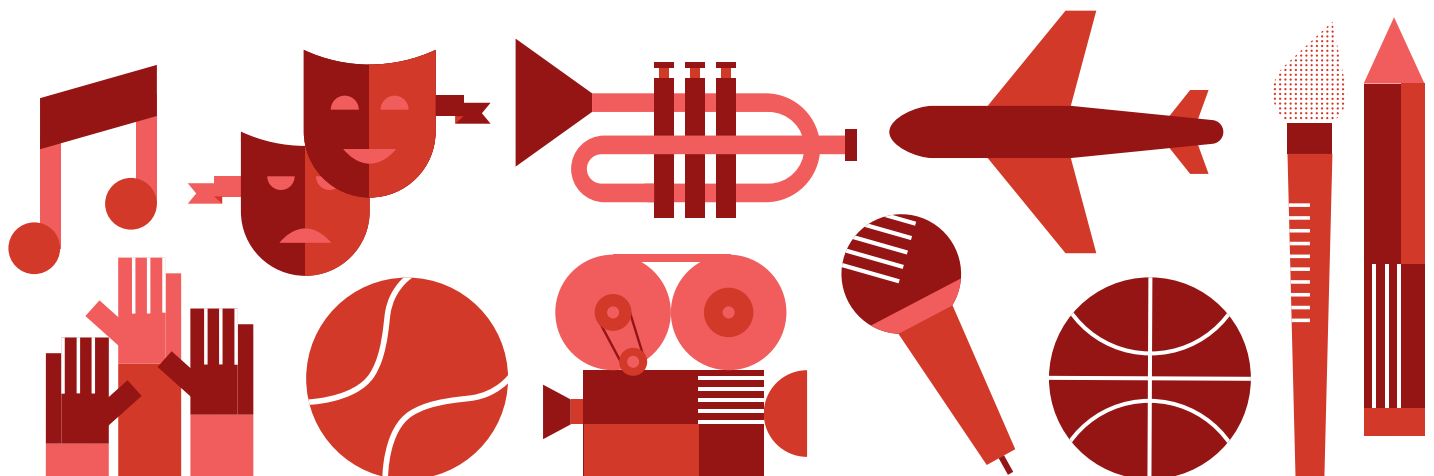
Our students are multilingual global citizens, and our school offers them the opportunity to travel the world in a meaningful way. We can certainly boast about our most ambitious global travel program. Students can practice their language skills and immerse themselves in the culture of Austria, Brazil, China, Cuba, Ethiopia, France, Galapagos Islands, Germany, Guatemala, Italy, India, Laos, Malawi, Myanmar, Peru, Senegal, Spain, Tahiti, or Taiwan.

Community Service

International has a robust community service program, focusing on projects to fulfill the needs of our urban neighborhood as well as projects around the world. Our school has received international awards for its projects involving raising money and building a school in Senegal and working in Ethiopia. We also partner in tutoring students in schools in our neighborhood, bringing students enrichment in the arts and music.

Athletics

International offers tennis, track and field and cross country, basketball, baseball, badminton, volleyball, swimming, and soccer. Over half of the student body is active in athletics, and some students even take on the additional responsibility of playing on two or even three varsity sports teams. Our athletes get out of the classroom later than at other schools, and many athletes need to travel to athletic facilities far away from campus to practice. The dedication of these students is incredibly high. Our teams have had many very successful league-winning seasons, including our Women's basketball team playing in the California state tournament on several occasions. Several students each year will participate in sports offered in our wider community, including rowing, fencing, diving, and club soccer.



College Matriculation 2014–2019

American University (3 students)
 Bard College (3)
 Barnard College (4)
 Bates College (2)
 Berklee College of Music (2)
 Bishop's University
 Boston College
 Boston University (12)
 Bowdoin College (2)
 Brown University (4)
 California Poly, San Luis Obispo (3)
 California Poly, Pomona
 California State,
 Dominguez Hills (2)
 California State, Northridge (2)
 Carleton College (4)
 Carnegie Mellon University (8)
 Chapman University (2)
 City College of San Francisco (2)
 Clark University
 Claremont McKenna College
 Colgate University (3)
 College of Marin
 Columbia University (3)
 Concordia University, Montreal (5)
 Cornell University (8)
 Dartmouth College
 Davidson College (2)
 DePaul University
 Dominican University
 of California (2)
 Drexel University (3)
 Durham University
 Duke University
 École Hôtelière de Lausanne (2)
 École Polytechnique
 de Lausanne
 Emerson College (3)
 Emory University (3)
 ESSEC (Singapore)
 Fordham University
 Georgetown University (5)
 George Washington University (11)
 Gonzaga University
 Goucher College
 Hamilton College
 Harvard University (8)
 Harvey Mudd College (2)

High Point University
 Hobart and William Smith
 Colleges
 IE University Madrid (2)
 Indiana University
 at Bloomington (2)
 Johns Hopkins University (4)
 Kenyon College (3)
 King's College London (7)
 Lewis & Clark College (6)
 Loyola Marymount University (7)
 Macalester College (2)
 Massachusetts College of
 Pharmacy and Health Sciences
 Massachusetts Institute of
 Technology (4)
 McGill University (12)
 Merritt College
 Middlebury College (2)
 Millikin University
 Mills College
 New York University (21)
 Newcastle University
 Northeastern University (5)
 Northwestern University
 Oberlin College (8)
 Occidental College
 Pace University
 Pitzer College (2)
 Pratt Institute (2)
 Queen Mary University of London
 Reed College (6)
 Rensselaer Polytechnic
 Institute (2)
 Royal Holloway, University
 of London
 Royal Northern College of Music
 Saint Mary's College of California
 San Diego State University
 San Francisco State University (4)
 Santa Barbara City College (2)
 Santa Monica College
 Santa Clara University (3)
 Sarah Lawrence College (2)
 Savannah College of Art and
 Design
 Sciences-Po/Columbia
 University (2)

Scripps College (3)
 Seattle University
 Skidmore College (2)
 Sonoma State University (2)
 St. John's University
 Stanford University (9)
 Stevens Institute of Technology
 Stony Brook University
 Swarthmore College
 Syracuse University (2)
 The University of Edinburgh (5)
 The University of Texas, Austin
 Tufts University (5)
 Tulane University (6)
 Université de Montreal
 University College Dublin
 University College London
 University of British Columbia (8)

University of California:

Berkeley (17)
 Davis (9)
 Irvine (3)
 Los Angeles (17)
 Merced
 Riverside (4)
 San Diego (2)
 Santa Barbara (3)
 Santa Cruz (18)

University of Chicago (15)
 University of Colorado, Boulder (3)
 University of Glasgow
 University of Hawaii at Manoa
 University of Kansas
 University of Leeds
 University of Massachusetts,
 Amherst (3)
 University of Michigan
 University of New Haven
 University of Notre Dame
 University of Oregon (3)
 University of Oxford (2)
 University of Pennsylvania (5)
 University of Pittsburgh
 University of Portland (2)
 University of Puget Sound
 University of Rochester (2)

University of San Diego
 University of San Francisco (4)
 University of Southern California (7)
 University of St Andrews (5)
 University of the Pacific
 University of Toronto
 University of Victoria
 University of Virginia
 University of Washington (17)
 University of Wisconsin, Madison (2)
 University of York
 Vassar College (2)
 Virginia Tech
 Wake Forest University (5)
 Washington University
 in St. Louis (7)
 Wellesley College (2)
 Wesleyan University (2)
 Whitman College (4)
 Willamette University
 Williams College (2)
 Yale University (2)



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