



WE ARE **INTERNATIONAL**

# INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL **AT A GLANCE**

## OVERVIEW

International High School is an independent, co-educational, college-preparatory school established 40 years ago in the heart of urban San Francisco. A belief in the essential value of diversity is a keystone of our mission, and consequently we attract and serve a richly diverse and varied student population. In addition to a challenging academic program, our school offers a comprehensive Arts program, Interscholastic Athletics, Service Learning, and Cultural and Linguistic trips abroad.

The high school has a population of 383 students, with 100 students in the graduating class of 2018.

## FACILITY

International High School is located in the Hayes Valley neighborhood within blocks of the Conservatory of Music, SF Jazz, San Francisco Public Library, Asian Art Museum, and San Francisco Symphony, Opera, and Ballet. International shares a 180,000 sq. ft. campus with French American International School and the Chinese American International School.

The facilities also include a gymnasium, five science labs, a design lab, and a library/media center. The Dennis Gallagher Arts Pavilion houses a theater, music recording studio, digital arts/film studio and visual arts spaces.

## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

International offers the full International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB) and the French Baccalaureate programs. The majority of our students pursue the full IB Diploma, while a smaller group undertakes the challenge of the French Bac. Both the IB and the French Bac offer vigorous and demanding academic programs over the course of the last two years of high school: students must study English, a second language, mathematics, a laboratory science, a social science, and either a third language, a second science, economics, or an arts course.

In addition, all students take challenging philosophy courses as part of the curriculum. Both programs require diploma candidates to produce an extended piece of personally researched writing in a field of their choice and to participate in service learning, athletic endeavors, and creative activities.

## COMMUNITY

International prides itself on the importance of having a diverse, multi-national, and multi-lingual community. Our faculty is recruited from all over the world, and each is a specialist in his/her field. The average number of years of teaching experience is 18, and 77% of the faculty hold masters degrees or higher. There are 20 nationalities represented in our community.

## ATHLETICS

At International High School, we believe in the education of the whole student—mind, body and heart. Through their participation in competitive sports, our student-athletes learn the importance of commitment, become expert time managers and maximize their potential. Thanks to drive, diligence and determination, they experience growth and accomplishment.

International offers eight sports at the Varsity and Junior Varsity levels. The Jaguars participate in the Bay Counties League-West (BCL).

## CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC TRIPS

As an international school, learning about languages and cultures is a key part of our environment. Each year, there are opportunities for students to travel abroad to improve their linguistic skills, participate in service learning, and learn about the cultural aspects of another country. Recent trips have included Malawi, Laos, Galapagos Islands, India, Spain and Tahiti.



## ► CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS International Baccalaureate: Theory of Knowledge

*TOK is the conceptual center of the IB program. This interdisciplinary seminar class explores how we know what we know through the lenses of language, sense perception, reason and emotion. Areas of knowledge investigated: mathematics, science, history, ethics and esthetics.*

## CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students can participate in a range of activities and clubs including, but not limited to: Student Council, Yearbook, Model United Nations, the student newspaper, Multicultural Students' Association, VOICE, Bake for Lives and Kiva. As part of the school's graduation requirements students must also participate in a minimum of 50 hours of service learning.

## GRADING AND EVALUATION

Because we are a small, intensely rigorous academic environment where nearly all graduates go on to four-year colleges or universities, and because many of the grade distinctions between students are too slight to be significant, we no longer rank our students individually. In 2017 83% of our students were awarded the full IB Diploma. 100% passed the French Bac, 19 with honors. Of the 49 grade nine students in the French section, 100% passed the Brevet exam with 27 *mentions* (honors).

## ARTS

The Arts are an integral part of life at International. Students are required to take at least two years of arts courses, and can choose to take up to four years. The Dennis Gallagher Arts Pavilion is 21,000 square feet and is the home to theater, digital film, music, and visual arts.

In addition to the classroom courses, International High School offers an after-school theater program, an a cappella voice group, and hosts after-school music lessons in piano, violin, guitar, and drums. Each year students put on at least three productions, including a play, musical, and student-directed one-act plays. There are also art shows, concerts, visiting artists and an Arts Festival.

## CURRICULUM

In grades 9 and 10 students take an all-honors foundation program which prepares them for the rigors of the International Baccalaureate (IB) or French Baccalaureate. All students take: English, Mathematics, Biology, Physics/Chemistry, History, a modern language, two years of arts courses, and physical education. In grades 11 and 12 students pursue one of two Baccalaureate options: the IB or the French Baccalaureate.

For more information on the IB program, please visit their website: [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)

## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE OFFERINGS

Students select one course from each group with three classes at a Higher Level and three classes at a Standard Level. They must also complete a Theory of Knowledge course, write an Extended Essay, and complete 150 hours in service, action and creative activities.

### Group 1: Language and Literature

English, French, Chinese, Russian<sup>1</sup>, and Vietnamese<sup>1</sup>  
<sup>1</sup> with external tutors

### Group 2: Language Acquisition

French, Chinese, Spanish, Italian, or English

### Group 3: Individuals and Societies

History and Geography (available in French), Psychology, Business and Management\*, Information Technology in a Global Society\*, Philosophy\*

### Group 4: Experimental Sciences

Chemistry, Biology and Physics (available in French), or Environmental Systems and Societies

### Group 5: Mathematics

Mathematical Studies, Mathematics Standard Level  
Mathematics Higher Level

### Group 6: Arts or Electives

Visual Arts, Film, Music, Theatre, Economics, Chemistry, a Third Language, Design and Technology, Business and Management\*, Information Technology in a Global Society\*, Psychology\*, Philosophy\*

\* online classes

## FRENCH BACCALAUREATE OFFERINGS

**BAC ES (Economics and Social Sciences)** – This Baccalaureate emphasizes economics, social and political sciences. Students specialize in advanced economics/social sciences, mathematics and language.

**BAC S (Science and Mathematics)** – This Baccalaureate is intended for the more scientifically focused students. Students specialize in advanced mathematics, physics, chemistry and biology.

These baccalaureates are also taken with the **International Option (OIB)**.

### ► CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS French Bac: Travaux Personnels Encadrés (TPE)

*TPE is a small group project which allows students to choose their own topics and follow their interest within broad themes provided by the French Ministry of Education. Students are required to cover the perspectives of two different disciplines and can submit multimedia to support their topics.*

# COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2012-2017

Agnes Scott College (2)  
 American University (3)  
 Amherst College  
 Bard College (4)  
 Barnard College (4)  
 Bates College (2)  
 Berklee College of Music (2)  
 Bishop's University (Canada)  
 Boston College  
 Boston University (9)  
 Brown University (2)  
 California Institute of the Arts  
 California Poly—San Luis Obispo (3)  
 California State - Dominguez Hills  
 Carleton College (4)  
 Carnegie Mellon University (10)  
 Chapman University (2)  
 City College of San Francisco  
 Claremont McKenna College  
 Clark University (4)  
 Colgate University (3)  
 College of Marin  
 Colorado College (2)  
 Columbia University (6)  
 Concordia University-Montreal (5)  
 Cooper Union for the Advancement  
 of Science & Art  
 Cornell University (8)  
 Dartmouth College  
 Davidson College  
 DePaul University (2)  
 Dominican University of  
 California (2)  
 Drexel University (3)  
 Duke University  
 Durham University (UK)  
 Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne  
 (Switzerland) (3)  
 Emerson College (2)

Emory University (2)  
 Fordham University (2)  
 George Washington University (9)  
 Georgetown University (4)  
 Gonzaga University  
 Hamilton College  
 Harvard University (6)  
 Harvey Mudd College  
 Haverford College  
 Hult International Business School  
 Humboldt State University  
 Indiana University at Bloomington  
 Johns Hopkins University (4)  
 Kenyon College (2)  
 King's College London (7)  
 Lawrence University  
 Lewis & Clark College (5)  
 Loyola Marymount University (4)  
 Loyola University New Orleans  
 Manhattan College  
 Massachusetts Institute of  
 Technology (2)  
 McGill University (14)  
 Merritt College (2)  
 Mills College (2)  
 New York University (15)  
 New York University-Abu Dhabi  
 New York University-Shanghai  
 Northeastern University  
 Northwestern University (2)  
 Oberlin College (13)  
 Occidental College (4)  
 Pennsylvania State University  
 Pitzer College (2)  
 Portland State University  
 Pratt Institute  
 Princeton University (2)  
 Queen Mary, University of London  
 Quest University Canada

Reed College (3)  
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (2)  
 Royal Holloway, University of London  
 Royal Northern College of Music  
 San Francisco State University (5)  
 Santa Barbara City College  
 Santa Clara University (3)  
 Sarah Lawrence College (3)  
 Savannah College of Art and Design  
 School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
 Sciences Po-Columbia University,  
 Dual BA Program  
 Sciences Po Paris  
 Sciences Po Paris - Campus de Poitiers  
 Sciences Po Paris - Campus de Reims  
 Scripps College (2)  
 Seattle University  
 Skidmore College (3)  
 Smith College (2)  
 Sonoma State University (2)  
 St. Lawrence University  
 St. Mary's College - California  
 Stanford University (12)  
 Stevens Institute of Technology (2)  
 Syracuse University (3)  
 Tufts University  
 Tulane University (4)  
 Universidad de Navarra (Spain)  
 University of British Columbia (7)  
**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA:**  
 Berkeley (18)  
 Davis (8)  
 Irvine (4)  
 Los Angeles (13)  
 Riverside (3)  
 San Diego (3)  
 Santa Barbara (4)  
 Santa Cruz (14)

University of Arizona  
 University of Chicago (13)  
 University of Colorado Boulder (3)  
 University of Edinburgh (UK) (6)  
 University of Findlay  
 University of Hawaii at Manoa  
 University of Leeds (UK)  
 University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
 University of Michigan  
 University of New Haven  
 University of Oregon (7)  
 University of Oxford (UK)  
 University of Pennsylvania (2)  
 University of the Pacific  
 University of Portland (2)  
 University of Rochester (2)  
 University of San Diego  
 University of San Francisco (6)  
 University of Southern California (4)  
 University of St. Andrews (4)  
 University of Texas, Austin (2)  
 University of Warwick (UK)  
 University of Washington (12)  
 Univ. Wisconsin, Madison (2)  
 Virginia Tech  
 Wake Forest University (5)  
 Washington University in St. Louis (4)  
 Wellesley College (2)  
 Wesleyan University  
 Whitman College (4)  
 Willamette University (2)  
 Williams College (2)  
 Yale University

*(#) indicates number of students enrolled if more than one*

## ACADEMIC PROFILE CLASS OF 2017

### SAT SCORES

Critical Reading: 638 (mean score)

Math: 650

### ACT

Mean Composite 27.3



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