# **Elementary School Profile**

#### **School Introduction**

The International School of Los Angeles is an international preschool through 12th grade school committed to academic excellence in a nurturing and intimate environment that encourages personal initiative, creativity and curiosity. All students study a common bilingual program from preschool through 9th grade after which they have a choice between the rigorous and well-balanced French Baccalauréat and International Baccalaureate Diploma programs. Our school is spread over five Los Angeles-area campuses (our four elementary campuses mentioned below and our secondary campus in Burbank), and is over one thousand students strong. Since



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1978, the School has been instilling the love of learning in all its students through small classes and low student-to-teacher ratios. With over 50 nationalities and 39 spoken languages represented on the campuses, students study and live in a diverse global community every day.

#### **Elementary Campuses**

Each of the School's four elementary campuses has its own director, staff, community, and personality, but they all share our outstanding international education and commitment to a full immersion bilingual program.

#### Los Feliz



Home to approximately 350 Pre-K to 5th grade students, this campus is located on six acres on a hill, surrounded by trees, greenery, and a community garden. Permanent structures and several modular buildings serve as classrooms, science labs, art rooms, a multipurpose room, a library, computer labs, and offices. There is a large field and several fenced play areas.

#### Orange County



Centrally located in the City of Orange on the grounds of Covenant Christian School, the Orange County campus currently serves 130 preschool to 7th grade students with ten classrooms, a media lab, a library, two playgrounds, an administration office, a large parking lot, a grassy field, and a gymnasium.

#### **Pasadena**



Located in the heart of Pasadena across from Pasadena City College, this campus serves 145 preschool through 5th grade students in a two-story building with a total of 11 classrooms, a separate multipurpose room, and a library. Canopied lunch areas shelter students at snack and lunch times, and students enjoy daily use of the basketball court and playgrounds.



Serving 135 preschool through 5th grade students, this campus has three permanent buildings, two modular buildings, and a small pool. The elementary playground includes a shaded lunch area, a sports field, and a basketball court. Preschoolers have two classrooms and a separate playground.

### **Our Approach**

Elementary school is a pivotal time in a child's life. These first years are a time of intellectual curiosity and represent a child's first contact with structured learning. However, young students do not learn at the same rate in all subject areas. The School follows the French Ministry of Education's Cycle System which allows elementary students to develop at their own pace and to acquire knowledge according to their ability.



The elementary school curriculum relies on the traditional essentials of reading, writing, and mathematics. Because of our international community, we also stress social studies and the concept that we are all citizens of one world. French is not simply a subject but also the main language of instruction. Two teachers are assigned to every class, one a native French speaker and the other a native English speaker. As part of the curriculum, starting in preschool, English increases with each grade level, from 20% to 40% of class time. All students also benefit from a bilingual hour, during which both the French and English-speaking teachers are in the classroom, helping students work on their bilingual skills. In Pre-Kindergarten, children are placed in a typical French classroom situation whether



they speak French fluently or not. Every classroom is outfitted with an interactive whiteboard and projector, and each member of our teaching team skillfully integrates technology in daily learning to maximize student participation and critical thinking.

# **Subjects Taught**



- English
- French
- Math
- Sciences, STEM
- History
- Geography
- Art
- Music
- Physical Education

#### **Extracurricular Activities**

The School prides itself on offering more than just a rigorous academic program. To fulfill the goal of educating and developing the whole person, the School offers enriching extracurricular activities. These activities include, but are not limited to:



- Art
- Basketball Drills
- Chess Club
- Choir
- Cooking
- Dance
- Dino Robotics
- Drum Circle
- Fashion Creation
- Fencing

- Individual Piano/Violin Lessons
- Kung Fu
- Lego Construction
- Mad Science
- Runners Club
- Soccer
- Spanish
- Tae Kwon Do
- Tennis
- Yoqa

#### **5th Grade Trip to Paris, France**



Every year, our four elementary campuses gather their 5th graders in Paris, France, for two weeks of history, culture, arts, adventure, and language. The students attend school with French counterparts and visit historical and cultural sites in and around Paris. Together with their classmates and teachers, students discover themselves as they gain confidence and learn independence on this trip of a lifetime.



# **Camps**

During our periodic school breaks, we are proud to offer outstanding care, and tons of fun! These camps include:

- Art Camp
- Circus Camp
- Ecole du Soleil Summer Camp
- Science Camp
- Sports Camp
- And enrichment daycare for the little ones...



#### **Our Accreditations & Memberships**

The School holds triple accreditation from the **French Ministry of Education**, the **Western Association of Schools and Colleges** (WASC), and the **International Baccalaureate Organization** (IBO). Our School also belongs to the **agence pour l'enseignement français à l'étranger** (AEFE), **mission laïque française** (MLF) and the **National Association of Independent Schools** (NAIS).











### **Thinking Ahead**

By the time students finish our elementary curriculum, they have been prepared for a demanding bilingual secondary curriculum and given solid lifelong study habits and learning skills. They may attend middle school at our Orange County campus, or both middle and high school at our Burbank campus. At the end of 10th grade, students formally apply to, and enroll in, one of two academically rigorous programs: the **International Baccalaureate** or the **French Baccalauréat**. The School further requires students in both programs to fulfill 150 hours of community service as part of their roles as world citizens



#### **Admissions**

We strongly encourage you to tour the campus you are interested in as early as possible as waiting lists fill up quickly. Make an appointment to join one of our scheduled tours at <a href="www.internationalschool.la/admissions/">www.internationalschool.la/admissions/</a>.

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