



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* (FB) and International Baccalaureate Diploma programs. With five Los Angeles-area campuses (Burbank, Los Feliz, Orange County, Pasadena, and West Valley), the School welcomes over 1,000 students. Approximately 10% of our students receive financial aid from the French Government and 23% of our total student population receives school-funded financial aid.

Since 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 60 nationalities and 39 spoken languages represented on the campuses, students study and live in a diverse global community every day. **Our goal is to develop confident, caring, and open-minded critical thinkers who will thrive in a diverse competitive world.**

Key figures

347

secondary students

43

secondary teachers

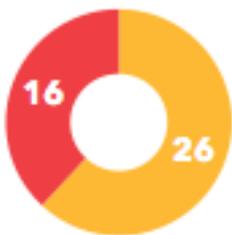
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students in class of 2019

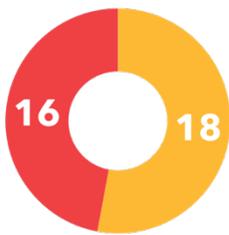
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students in class of 2018

Class of 2019



Class of 2018



■ IB students
■ FB students

Accreditations

The School holds triple accreditation from the French Ministry of Education, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), and the International Baccalaureate (IB) and is a member of the NAIS and the National Honor Society (NHS).



Distinctive curricular features

9th grade:

The freshman academic program allows all students to take the French national *diplôme national du brevet* or *diplôme national du brevet - international*, the latter of which tests students in three-hour exams in both French and English preparing them well for later international options in the French *baccalauréat*. Our success rate for this exam has historically been 100%.

11th & 12th grade:

Students formally apply to, and enroll in, either the **International Baccalaureate Diploma** program or the **French baccalauréat** program including the **OIB** (*option internationale du baccalauréat*). All choices provide rigorous, academically demanding, and well-balanced courses of study. Shared elements include multiple-language study, a minimum of one advanced laboratory science class, challenging philosophy courses, and the completion of university-level research work and writing.

International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB)

All IB students are entered as Diploma candidates when they begin the program and many ultimately receive the **bilingual IB Diploma** for studying in two languages at a literature (not language-acquisition) level. Students who join us in 11th grade to begin the two-year program do not need to know French but must possess a degree of bilingualism in a second language by the time they graduate (see Subjects table below). Our Standard Level (SL) courses are timetabled for three-four hours per week, while Higher Level (HL) courses are timetabled for five-six. Some of our students choose to, but must be approved to, enroll in four Higher Level subjects. The IB scheduling allows for two hours of Theory of Knowledge, a certain number of CAS (Creativity, Action, Service) hours as well as several Independent Learning Center hours per week, allowing students to balance their homework and extracurricular life. Higher Level subjects as well as some Standard Level subjects are given Honors acknowledgement by the UC A-G system.

IB course offerings:

All courses for the Diploma are taken in 11th and 12th grades, and other than languages are taught in English and are offered at Higher Level (HL) or Standard Level (SL).

Theory of Knowledge is taken two hours a week for two years.

Group 1: Language A Literature in English and Language A Literature & Language in French (HL & SL)

Group 2: Language B (Language Acquisition) in French, Spanish, Mandarin, English (HL & SL).

Many students select Language A Literature & Language in French in Group 2 resulting in a bilingual diploma

Group 3: Individuals and Societies: History (HL & SL)

Group 4: Experimental Sciences: Biology (HL & SL), Physics (HL & SL), Chemistry (SL), Environmental Systems (SL)

Group 5: Mathematics: Math Higher Level (HL), Math Standard Level (SL), Math Studies (SL)

Group 6: Arts & Electives: Visual Arts (HL & SL), Music (HL & SL), Film (SL), Economics (HL & SL), Business & Management (HL & SL), Psychology (HL & SL), Philosophy (HL & SL), ITGS (HL & SL)

French *baccalauréat* (FB)

We offer 2 sections: **Scientific** and **Economics/Social Sciences**. All French *baccalauréat* students are in class 32 hours per week in 11th grade and 34 hours per week in 12th grade.

The program offers two concentrations:

- > The **Scientific (S)** section aims to develop both the apprenticeship of fundamental scientific knowledge and the conscience of the future citizen. All science courses and the math course in this section are given Honors-level acknowledgment by the UC A-G course approval system.
- > The **Economics and Social Sciences (ES)** section is multidisciplinary in nature, integrating the socio-economic environment with contemporary issues, in a historical, geographical, mathematical, linguistic and cultural context. All social sciences courses in this section are given Honors-level acknowledgment by the UC A-G course approval system.

French *baccalauréat* course offerings:

The S and ES sections of the French *baccalauréat* have different requirements and very different emphases: while the ES section is for students who wish to focus on economics, social sciences and languages, the S section is for students who prefer to focus on mathematics and the sciences.

S section:

Bac S Honors Mathematics, Bac S Honors Biology, Bac S Honors Physics, Bac S Honors Chemistry, Bac S French (end-examined in 11th grade) Bac S Philosophy (only in 12th grade), History-Geography, FB English or AP English Lit & Comp in 11th grade, Spanish, Group Scientific Work (TPE), Physical Education, World Literature (in English) in 12th grade

ES section:

Bac ES Honors Mathematics, Bac ES Honors Economics/Social Sciences, Bac ES Honors History/Geography, Bac ES Biology, Bac ES Physics, Bac ES French (end-examined in 11th grade), Bac ES Philosophy (only in 12th grade), FB English or AP English Lit & Comp in 11th grade, Spanish, Group Scientific Work (TPE), Physical Education, World Literature (in English) in 12th grade

Spécialité (higher weighted course):

All 12th grade FB students must select a higher weighted course. For ES, students must choose between economics/social sciences or political science; S students must choose from the following list: mathematics, biology, physics/chemistry. This course adds two hours to the students' schedules.

OIB - option internationale du baccalauréat

A two-year curriculum option that exists within the framework of the French *baccalauréat*, the OIB is new to the School in 2018-19. In its first year, both Honors/AP English and Honors History/Geography are taught in English, in conjunction with the other French *baccalauréat* subjects.

Students may also choose the *cinéma audio visuel* (film and film theory) option as an arts course, which is scheduled after school.

All students also fulfill the UC A-G requirements for high school graduation and university entrance.

Academic results

100% Pass rate for French *baccalauréat* students

89% Pass rate for IB Diploma students, **69%** of whom obtained the **bilingual diploma**. IB candidate scores ranged from 23 to 34 out of 45.

Ranking, assessment, and GPA calculation:

The School does not rank its students, because of small cohorts that are separated out by Diploma choices (in 2018 we had 18 IB students, and 16 FB students who in turn were separated by their choice of S or ES section). In classes as small as these, GPAs do not exhibit significant differences. FB students are traditionally graded on a 20-point scale, while IB students are graded on the IB 7-point scale; these two systems are then translated into an American A-F scale as well as a GPA as per the table below. Students are considered to be failing if they have reached a D+ equivalency. Higher Level and Honors-level courses are given additional weight:

French grade 20-point scale	16.3-20	14.8-16.2	13.8-14.7	12.8-13.7	11.8-12.7	10.8-11.7	9.8-10.7	8.8-9.7	7.8-8.7	6.8-7.7
IB grade 7-point scale	6.2-7	5.5-6.1	5.1-5.4	4.7-5.0	4.3-4.6	4.0-4.2	3.6-3.9	3.3-3.5	3.0-3.2	2.6-2.9
Transcript Value	A+/4.3	A/4	A-/3.7	B+/3.3	B/3	B-/2.7	C+/2.3	C/2	C-/1.7	D+/1.3
Weighted Value	A+/5.3	A/5	A-/4.7	B+/4.3	B/4	B-/3.7	C+/3.3	C/3	C-/2.7	D+/2.3

Standardized and other test scores (Class of 2018)

SAT average: 1360 English: 670 Math: 580 SAT subject test average: 690 ACT average: 29
AP exams: In May 2018, 37 students took 66 exams; 4.6 (over 5) was the average score for AP French Language & Culture. The class of 2018 featured 6 AP Scholars, 1 AP Scholar with Honor, and 2 AP Scholars with Distinction.

Student life

Clubs:

Despite residing in widespread areas of the city, our students are active in many meaningful extra-curricular involvements, including the National Honor Society (NHS), a Girl-Up Club, a competitive high-school Model United Nations (MUN) Club, a high-school Debate Team, a Robotics Club, a Math Team, a Political Awareness Club as well as the UNICEF and Key Club.

Community service & travel:

Community service trips include a Costa Rica environmental service trip, and various departments participate in academically-linked trips every year including one to Washington, DC and one to the Ashland, Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Tenth graders now have an opportunity to join an academic exchange with a school in Paris.

Performance:

Students are musically active, participating in one of two choirs and/or bands as well as French Contemporary Theatre.

Athletics:

Students are active in basketball, volleyball, and soccer, competing other schools in the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section (CIF-SS) International League.

Class of 2018

34 students formed the Class of 2018.

Post high school placement:

25 students (93%) attending 4-year institutions, 1 taking a gap year, 1 undecided student

Notable acceptances:

McGill University

New York University

Prépas Lycée Hoche (France)

Stanford University

University of California, Berkeley

University of California, Los Angeles

University of St. Andrews (United Kingdom)

University of Toronto

University of Virginia

Matriculations:

California:

ArtCenter College of Design

Emerson College

LA Recording School

San Jose State University

Stanford University

University of California, Berkeley

University of California, Irvine

University of California, Los Angeles

University of California, Merced

University of California, Santa Barbara

University of California, Santa Cruz

USA:

Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts, The New School

Grand Canyon University

Pace University

Parsons School of Design, The New School

Canada:

Concordia University, Montréal

McGill University

Université de Montréal

University of British Columbia

France:

Classes préparatoires (France)

Ecole Supérieure d'Ingénieurs Léonard de Vinci, Paris

(bold denotes top global 100 universities - US News & World Report)