



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 8th grade after which they choose one of two rigorous programs that culminates in the International Baccalaureate® (IB) Diploma or the French *baccalauréat* (FB). With multiple Los Angeles-area campuses (Burbank, Los Feliz, Pasadena, and West Valley), the School welcomes over 1,000 students. Approximately 26% of our total student population receives school-based 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 65 nationalities and 40 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.**

Regarding the COVID-19 pandemic

The School ceased in-person instruction on March 15, 2020, transitioning to online learning on March 18, 2020. A year later, in March 2021, high school students were able to return to in-person schooling, with a remote parallel learning option offered through the end of the 2020-2021 school year. For the current 2021-2022 school year, the School has resumed full in-person learning, following health and safety protocols. During the 2020-2021 school year, the final exams for the International Baccalaureate® Diploma Programme were canceled as our school was in a non-exam pathway, as determined by the IBO. Similarly, the French *baccalauréat* exams were partially canceled.

Key figures

358

secondary students

40

secondary teachers

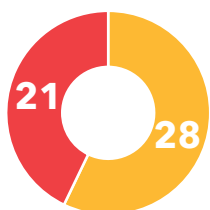
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students in class of 2021

33

students in class of 2022

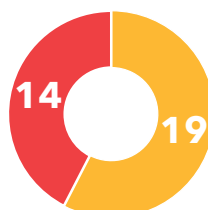
Class of 2021



■ IB Students

■ FB Students

Class of 2022



Accreditations

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



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Distinctive curricular features

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

9th & 10th grade:

Students choose either the International track or the French track for 9th and 10th grades, giving them the opportunity to enroll in rigorous and diverse coursework that culminates in one of two credentials: the International Baccalaureate® Diploma or the French *baccalauréat*. All students in the French track take the *diplôme national du brevet* examination at the end of 9th grade, and students in both the International and French tracks take AP French Language & Culture in 10th grade.

11th & 12th grade:

Students formally apply to, and enroll in, either the **International Baccalaureate® Diploma Programme** or the **French *baccalauréat*** program including the **OIB** (*option internationale du baccalauréat*). Both 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 Programme (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 speak French but must possess a degree of bilingualism in a second language by the time they graduate (see courses below). Our Standard Level (SL) courses are timetabled for three hours per week, while Higher Level (HL) courses are timetabled for five. Some students choose to enroll in four Higher Level subjects, if approved to do so by faculty. The IB® schedule includes 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 automatically 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 Spanish and French

Other languages may be offered as Language B on a case-by-case basis.

Many students select Language A Literature & Language in French in Group 2, earning a bilingual diploma.

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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 Analysis & Approaches (HL & SL), Mathematics Applications & Interpretations (HL & SL)

Group 6: Arts & Electives: Visual Arts (HL & SL), Music (HL & SL)

Other courses available on Pamoja (online learning platform): Economics (HL & SL), Business & Management (HL & SL), Psychology (HL & SL), Philosophy (HL & SL), ITGS (HL & SL), Film (SL)

French *baccalauréat* (FB) - Class of 2021

The revised French *baccalauréat* produced its first graduating class in 2021. In this program, students must study core subjects as well as options and *spécialités* (majors), as detailed below:

French *baccalauréat* core curriculum:

- > **11th grade:** Honors French Literature & Culture*, History/Geography, Languages (English Literature and Composition and Spanish), Integrated Sciences
- > **12th grade:** Honors Philosophy*, History/Geography, Languages (English Literature and Composition and Spanish), Integrated Sciences

Spécialités/Majors (all given Honors recognition in the UC A-G system):

- > **11th grade (3 selections taught 3 times a week for a total of 4 hours each):** Biology, Cinematic Arts, Economics, Mathematics, Physics/Chemistry
- > **12th grade (2 selections remain from the above, taught 2 times a week for a total of 6 hours each)**

Options:

- > **An optional course can be added for 12th grade, adding 3 hours to the student's timetable. The options are:** Advanced Honors Calculus*, Honors Global Issues*, Complementary Mathematics

OIB - *option internationale du baccalauréat*

The OIB is a two-year curriculum option that exists within the framework of the French *baccalauréat*. This option adds 5 hours a week to a student's timetable, and includes the following courses:

- > **11th grade:** AP English Literature and Composition, Honors European History* (taught both in English and French)
- > **12th grade:** Honors World Literature*, Honors European History* (taught both in English and French)

*These French *baccalauréat* classes are given Honors recognition in the UC A-G system, which is also the case for all *spécialités*/majors courses.

Academic results

100% Pass rate for French *baccalauréat* students, with **100%** earning **Honors**.

100% Pass rate for IB® Diploma students (compared to 89% pass rate for Northern Hemisphere), with **84%** obtaining the **bilingual diploma** (compared to 30% for Northern Hemisphere). The class mean of **35/45** was **2 points higher than the world mean** of 33/45.

Ranking, assessment, and GPA calculation

The School does not rank its students, because of small cohorts that are separated out by Diploma choices. 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. The School's GPA calculations range from 4.3-5.3. Weighted GPA points are assigned to Higher Level and UC A-G approved Honors courses.

French grade 20-point scale	14.8-20	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	5.8-6.7
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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
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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
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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
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Standardized and other test scores (Class of 2021)

The majority of students were not able to take any standardized tests during the 2020-2021 academic year. 2021 AP exams were conducted partially at school, partially online, and many students chose not to take exams. The AP French Language & Culture score was 4.3 (over 5).

Student life

In the pandemic, we virtualized student life opportunities to the degree possible. Though many experiences transitioned online, some were canceled during the 2020-2021 school year.

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 against other schools in the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section (CIF-SS) International League.

Class of 2021

49 students formed the Class of 2021.

Post high school placement:

72% of students received **61** acceptances from Top 100 Global universities (US News & World Report).

33 students (67%) are attending universities and colleges, while 9 (19%) are attending business or art schools, 2 (4%) are attending community colleges, and 5 (10%) are taking a gap year. Of students enrolled in a university, college, or other institution, 18 are in the USA, 5 are in Canada, 13 are in France, 4 are in the UK, 3 are in Europe, and 1 is in Asia.

Matriculations 2017-2021:

USA

ArtCenter College of Design
California College of the Arts (1)
Carnegie Mellon University
Chapman University (2)
Claremont McKenna College (1) (2)
Emerson College (2)
Georgetown University (2)
Harvard University (1)
Kenyon College
Lewis & Clark College
Los Angeles Recording School
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Michigan State University
New York University (3)
Occidental College (1) (2)
Penn State University (1)
Pepperdine University
Pomona College
Reed College
San Diego State University (1)
Smith College
Sonoma State University (2)
Stanford University (2)
The New School, Parsons School of Design (2)
Tufts University
University of California, Berkeley (1) (14)
University of California, Davis (4) (7)
University of California, Irvine (2)
University of California, Los Angeles (1) (9)
University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego (1) (2)

University of California, Santa Barbara (1) (4)
University of California, Santa Cruz (1) (4)
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Pittsburgh
University of San Diego
University of Southern California (1) (4)
University of Washington
Yale University

Community Colleges

Glendale Community College (2)
Pasadena City College
Pierce College
Santa Monica College (2) (3)

CANADA

Concordia University (3) (16)
HEC Montreal (2)
McGill University (2) (12)
Université de Montréal
University of British Columbia
University of Toronto

UK

Durham University - Durham, UK (1)
King's College London - London, UK
University of Bristol - Bristol, UK
University of Oxford - Oxford, UK (2)
University of Plymouth - Plymouth, UK
University of Sussex - Brighton, UK (1)

WORLD

American University of Paris - Paris, France (1)

Atelier de Sèvres - Paris, France (1)

Ecole polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne - Lausanne, Switzerland

École Préparatoire Stanislas - Paris, France

École Supérieure de Commerce - Paris, France

ESCP - Paris, France (multiple campuses) (3)

ESSEC - Paris France (multiple campuses) (3)

IE University - Madrid, Spain (1)

Institut Catholique de Paris - Paris, France

Institut Universitaire de Technologie de Nantes - Nantes, France

Les Roches, Global Hospitality Education - Switzerland

L'X (Polytechnique Paris) - Paris, France (1)

National University of Commerce & Business (NUCB) - Nagoya, Japan (1)

Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti (NABA) - Milan, Italy (1)

Paris School of Business - Paris, France

Prépa Molière - Paris, France (1)

Prépa St. Geneviève - Versailles, France (1)

Sciences Po - Reims, France

Universitaet zu Koeln - Cologne, Germany

Université de Lille - Lille, France

Université Paris-2 (Panthéon-Assas) - Paris, France

Université Paris Descartes - Paris, France

Université Sorbonne - Paris, France (1)

Université Sorbonne Nouvelle - Paris, France (1) (3)

University of Rotterdam - Rotterdam, Netherlands (1)

blue (#): 2021 matriculations & number of students from the Class of 2021

gray (#): number of matriculations from the Classes of 2017-2021 (if more than 1)

bold: top global 100 universities - US News & World Report