



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 approximately 1,090 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 50 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

Our students returned to in-person instruction in March 2021, after a year of distance-learning. Full in-person learning has continued since then, following health and safety protocols. Official IB and French Bac exams were in place in May/June of 2022 and 2023; however, students still contended with cancellations for standardized testing SAT and ACT exams.

Key figures

403

secondary students

43

secondary teachers

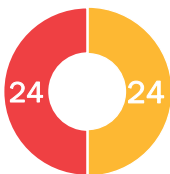
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students in class of 2023

55

students in class of 2024

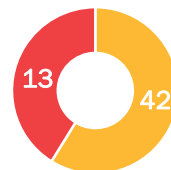
Class of 2022-23 (48)



■ IB Students

■ FB Students

Class of 2023-24 (55)



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).



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 new **BFI** (Baccalauréat Français International), formerly the OIB (Option Internationale du Bac). 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.

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

Group 4: Experimental Sciences: Biology (HL & SL), Physics (HL & SL), Chemistry (HL & SL), Environmental Systems (SL), Sports & Exercise Science (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 2023

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), Experimental Sciences

- > **12th grade:** Honors Philosophy*, History/Geography, Languages (English Literature and Composition and Spanish), Experimental 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):** Cinematic Arts, Biology, Mathematics, Physics/Chemistry, Social Sciences (Economics)
- > **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

The BFI – Baccalauréat français international will first be examined in 2024, replacing the OIB - Option Internationale du Baccalauréat (examined in 2023 for the last time)

The BFI is a two-year curriculum option that exists within the framework of the French *Baccalauréat*. The BFI entails 5 additional hours of study per week in Grades 11 and 12, spent studying English literature (2h), Global Studies in English (2h), and U.S. History in English (1h).

- > *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 **88%** earning **Honors**.

100% Pass rate for IB® Diploma students (compared to 80% pass rate for Northern Hemisphere), with **71%** obtaining the **bilingual diploma** (compared to 27% for Northern Hemisphere). The class mean of **32.1/45** was **1.86 points higher than the world mean** of 30.24.

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
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

Student life

We returned to in-person clubs during the 2021-2022 academic year.

Clubs:

Despite residing in widespread areas of Los Angeles, our students are passionately involved in many meaningful extra-curricular activities, including a competitive Model United Nations (MUN), high-school Debate Team, Gender & Sexuality Alliance, Minority Student Union, Justice Committee, Film Club and a recently revived Girl-Up Club.

Community service & travel:

Community service overnight trips have been on hold until this academic year of 2022-2023. Last year students were active in Heal the Bay, Friends of the L.A. River (FOLAR), Tree People and Sunrise. Our own Green Team actively works for better environmental habits and awareness on campus.

Performance:

Students are musically active, participating in one of two choirs, and high-school band.

Athletics:

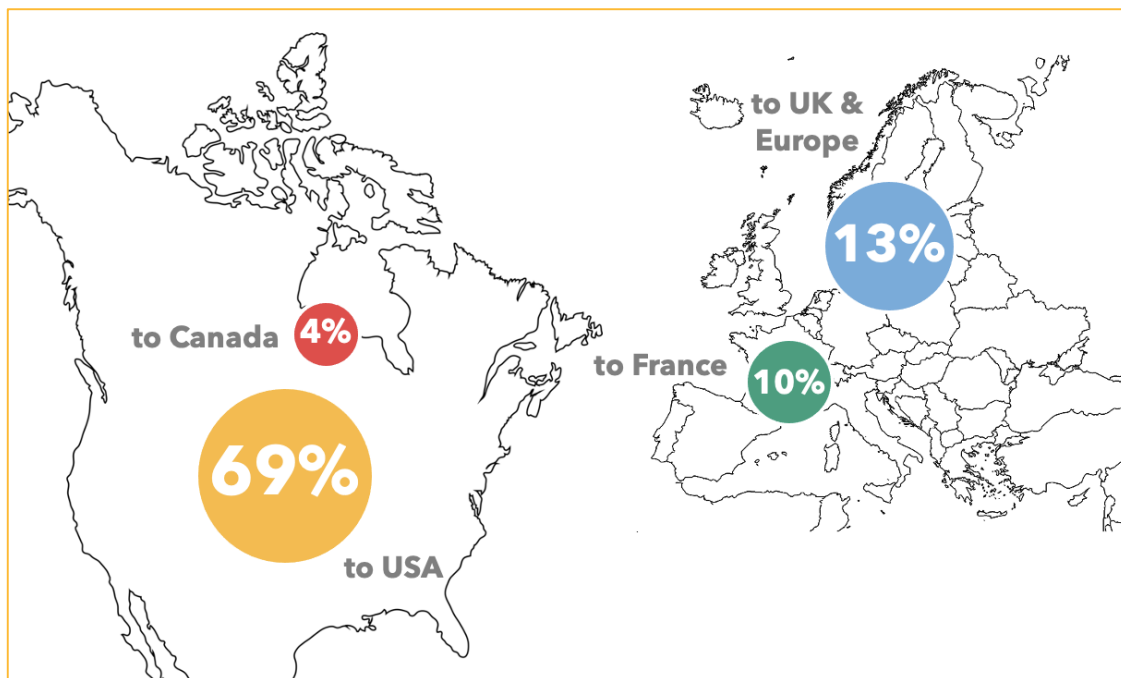
Students are active in basketball, volleyball, and soccer, competing against other schools in the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section (CIF-SS) International League.

Class of 2023

48 students formed the Class of 2023.

Post high school placement:

96% of the Class of 2023 will continue their studies in the Fall, with an impressive 92% of applicants from last year's graduating class having been accepted to one of the following: a Top 100 Global university, a Top 100 US university, or a Top 100 Liberal Arts college, based on *US News and World Report* rankings. Of the students enrolled in a university, college, or other institutions, 69% are in the USA, 4% are in Canada, 10% are in France, and 13% are in the UK and the rest of Europe.



Matriculations 2019-2023:

USA

Berklee College of Music
Brandeis University
California College of the Arts
California Polytechnic State University Pomona
California State University Long Beach (2)
California State University Los Angeles (2)
California State University Northridge (2)
Claremont McKenna College (3)
Fordham University
George Washington University
Georgetown University (2)
Harvard University
Indiana University
Kenyon College
Lewis & Clark College
Los Angeles Recording School
Loyola Marymount University (2)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
New York University (4)
Occidental College (3)
Penn State University
Pepperdine University
Pomona College
Reed College
Rochester Institute of Technology
San Diego State University
San Francisco Conservatory of Music
Santa Clara University
Smith College
Sonoma State University (2)
Stanford University
The New School, Parsons School of Design (3)
Tufts University
University of California, Berkeley (15)
University of California, Berkeley / Sciences Po Dual Degree Program

University of California, Davis (12)
University of California, Irvine (2)
University of California, Los Angeles (14)
University of California, Riverside (6)
University of California, San Diego (6)
University of California, Santa Barbara (5)
University of California, Santa Cruz (5)
University of Chicago
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Minnesota – Twin Cities
University of Oregon
University of Pittsburgh
University of San Diego
University of Southern California (5)
University of Washington
Wesleyan University

Community Colleges

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

CANADA

Concordia University (20)
McGill University (15)
Polytechnique Montréal
Université de Montréal (3)

UK

Durham University
University College London
University of Bristol
University of Leeds
University of London, Goldsmith's
University of Oxford – Oxford, UK (2)
University of Sussex – Brighton, UK

WORLD

American University of Paris – Paris, France
Atelier de Sèvres – Paris, France
BIMM (Berlin Music Institute) – Berlin, Germany
École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne – Lausanne, Switzerland
École Préparatoire Stanislas – Paris, France
École Supérieure de Commerce – Paris, France
EDHEC Business School– Lille, France
Erasmus University de Rotterdam – Rotterdam, Netherlands

ESCE (École Supérieure de Commerce Extérieur) – Lyon, France
ESCP – Paris, France (multiple campuses) (3)
ESSEC – Paris France (multiple campuses) (3)
École Georges Méliès – Orly, France
IE University – Madrid, Spain
Institut Catholique de Paris – Paris, France
University of Leuven/KU Leuven – Leuven, Belgium (2)
L’X (Polytechnique Paris) – Paris, France
Les Gobelins- Paris, France
National University of Commerce & Business (NUCB) – Nagoya, Japan
Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti (NABA) – Rome, Italy
Paris School of Business – Paris, France
Prépa Molière – Paris, France
Prépa St. Geneviève – Versailles, France
Sciences Po – Reims, France
Universidad de Deusto – Bilbao, Spain
Université de Franche-Comté – Besançon, France
Université de Lille – Lille, France
Université Paris-2 (Panthéon-Assas) – Paris, France
Université Paris Descartes – Paris, France
Université Sorbonne – Paris, France
Université Sorbonne Nouvelle – Paris, France (4)
University of Amsterdam – Amsterdam, Netherlands

Bold – Class of 2023 Matriculates

(#) – Number of matriculates since 2019