

International Community School

Founded 1997



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Eligibility and Access

- ICS is a public school committed to building a diverse student community.
- Choice schools are open to all students that reside within the Lake Washington School District. Families must have established residency in the district by the choice school application deadline in order to be eligible for participation in the choice school lottery. Students with IEPs will be entered into the choice school pursuant to the lottery process.




LWSD Leading With Equity

“As an organization, we have an obligation to be responsive to the needs of all our students while lifting up and elevating our students that have been marginalized both historically and through our current pandemic. I am proud to say that the lives of our Black students matter in Lake Washington School District and we have the opportunity to demonstrate that as students return to school. Given the ongoing discussions about race across the country, we must make sure our students of color, and particularly our Black students, know they belong and that our schools are safe spaces for them. As educators, we have the opportunity to create these safe spaces for students that are most likely wondering what school will feel like right now.”

Dr. Jon Holmen, Superintendent

Mission: The International Community School cultivates integrity, curiosity, complex reasoning, problem solving, and global awareness in every student with a rigorous, signature program of arts and sciences.



Classic Education, Global Application

Our Mission

Our Core Beliefs

- ICS has a comprehensive academic program with an emphasis on visual and performing arts, humanities, international studies, and Spanish. The complex curriculum emphasizes interconnected learning and depth of understanding. Focus Week and Camp Phoenix provide opportunities for experiential learning. Our small size and seven-year programs allow for strong long-term relationships between students and teachers.
- ICS was founded by parents and continues to have a strong foundation of community partnership and support.
- A complex interdisciplinary curriculum results in analytical thinkers who can consider both local and global issues from multiple perspectives.

What makes ICS unique?

- Seven-Year Program
- Fixed Class Schedule Grades 6-10
- MS and HS 7-Period Day
- All-School Camp
- Focus Week
- Art Education
- Integrated Block
- Four-year Spanish Program

Curriculum

- Art
- Humanities
- International Studies
- Spanish
- Mathematics
- Science
- Health/PE
- Electives
- [ICS Curriculum Guide](#)

Sixth-Grade Schedule

- Period 1: Physical Education
- Period 2: International Studies
- Period 3: Art
- Period 4: Humanities
- Period 5: Mathematics
- Period 6: Science
- Period 7: Study Skills
 - *2020 Schedule - may change slightly*

Associated Student Body

- Associated Student Body
- Author's Society
- Civics Club
- Code Club
- Drama
- Future Business Leaders of America
- Girls Who Code
- Green Team
- GSA
- Health Occupations Student Association
- Junior State of America
- Key Club
- Mock Trial
- Model United Nations
- National Honor Society
- Science National Honor Society
- Yearbook

Volunteer Hours and Donations

- Typically, choice schools do not conduct traditional student/parent fundraisers. In lieu of fundraising, schools often request a voluntary annual donation to fund extra projects and excursions that are typically funded. Each school shall communicate and make available financial scholarships/assistance for families that cannot make an annual donation.
- Parent and family involvement is an important aspect of the district's choice schools. As such, families may be asked to contribute volunteer hours on an annual basis.
- No volunteer hour and/or donation requests may be used as a condition of student placement or continued enrollment

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ICS Parent Participation

- Volunteer 30 hours per year
- One-time yearly donation requested
- Stay Informed: weekly newsletter, principal coffees, monthly parent meetings

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Questions to Consider



- Does your student understand this is a seven-year program?
- Is your student committed to learning Spanish?
- Is your student interested in studying art through 10th grade?
- Does your student understand ICS will offer fewer class choices than a traditional high school?
- If your student is an athlete, will she be okay traveling to her home school?
- Are you able to accommodate transportation for seven years?
- Are you interested in being part of an active parent community?

Additional Information

- Questions for Ms. Kinney, ICS Principal
 - icsmainoff@lwsd.org
- School Data
 - <https://washingtonstatereportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/>
- Choice School Application Information
 - <https://www.lwsd.org/schools/choice-schools>
- Equity Information
 - <https://www.lwsd.org/about-us/leading-with-equity>