WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE | 2026–2027

OUR MISSION *is to be an exemplary learning community—enriched by differences, informed through inquiry, global in reach.*

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

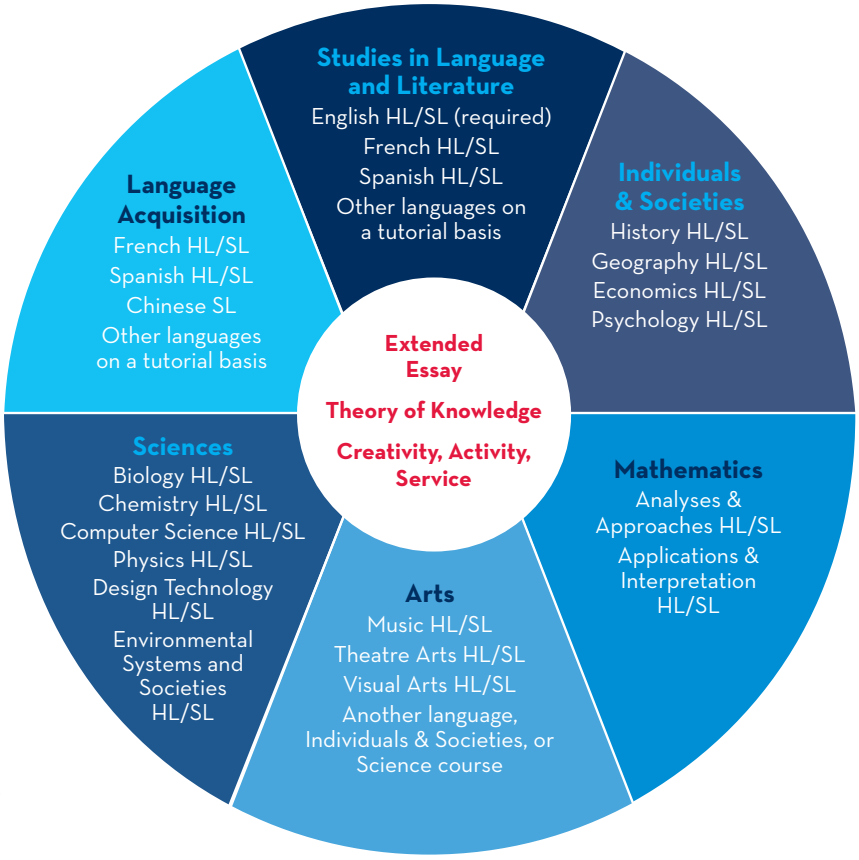
Washington International School is an independent, coeducational day school serving the international and American communities in the nation's capital. Founded in 1966, WIS was one of the first schools in the US authorized to implement the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (DP). The school enrolls 900 students in Preschool through Grade 12. Our students and their parents represent 100+ nations. Approximately 16% of students receive financial aid.

CURRICULUM

All students in Grades 11 and 12 follow the International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum, a highly demanding honors program. While nearly all students pursue the full IB Diploma Program, some choose to take a different combination of higher and standard level courses, making them eligible to receive individual Certificates, rather than the Diploma. Each student's schedule comprises one subject from each of six IB Diploma Program classes.

TRANSCRIPTS

The school uses an internal 7-point scale for grading students in 9–12 (see chart below). Not all of the work that students are graded on will be included in the final IB mark; therefore grades on the transcript should not be interpreted as predicted IB grades.



FACULTY



30 countries of origin among faculty/staff

70% faculty/staff with master's degrees or higher

CLASS SIZE



11 average Upper School class size

GRADING AND STANDARDIZED TESTS

ACT & SAT MEAN SCORES

ACT Composite	33
SAT ERW	675
SAT Mathematics	665
SAT TOTAL	1340

IB EXAM GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Exam Grade	WIS %	World %
7	12.9%	8.2%
6	27.3%	21.4%
5	33.6%	27.7%
4	16.8%	23.2%
3 and below	9.4%	17.4%

World IB statistics from IBO publication.

AP EXAM GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Subject	5	4	3	2	1
Chinese	1	2	4	0	0
French	11	17	4	0	0
German	2	0	0	0	0
Italian	3	0	0	0	0
Spanish	16	13	3	0	0
TOTALS	33	32	11	0	0

AWARD TOTAL

Not all Classes of 2026 members were eligible due to citizenship restrictions.

8 National Merit Commended

1 National Merit Finalist

3 Presidential Scholar Nominee

RANKING AND WEIGHTING

WIS does not rank its students. Acknowledging the significant demands of the IB curriculum, a weighting scheme is used which recognizes the comparative difficulty of higher level courses. Courses designated as HL have a weight of 1.1. All courses award .5 credits per semester with the following exceptions: Grades 9 and 10 Phys. Ed. and Theory of Knowledge courses are .3 credits per semester; Grade 10 Project is .3 credits in fall semester of Grade 10 year; courses with 11/12 in the title are .2 credits per semester.

SCALE	DESCRIPTOR
7 to 6	Excellent
6- to 5-	Very Good
4+ to 4	Satisfactory
4-	Satisfactory
3+ and below	Failing

CLASS OF 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

70 students in the Class of 2026 • **32** students were at WIS since at least Grade 1 • **97%** of students in the IB Diploma Program • **93%** of WIS candidates earned the IB Diploma while **83%** of the candidates worldwide earned the IB Diploma • **73%** of WIS IB Diplomas were the prestigious Bilingual Diploma in comparison to **27%** of world-wide candidates • **40%** of WIS students' marks were 6's or 7's • **5.16** average IB subject mark at WIS compared to **4.9** worldwide subject mark • **33.5** average WIS IB Diploma score compared to **30.8** worldwide IB Diploma score • **49** are attending college in the US • **18** are attending universities abroad • **4** are taking a gap year

OVER THEIR FOUR YEARS IN THE UPPER SCHOOL, STUDENTS WILL HAVE COMPLETED:

English — 4 years
Math — 4 years (*including algebra, geometry, trigonometry and calculus for all*)
2nd Language — 4 years
Additional Language — optional
Social Sciences — 4–7 years
Lab Sciences — 4–7 years
Arts Courses — 2 years required
Grade 10 Project — · year
Community Service — 80 hours
Theory of Knowledge — 1 · years
Physical Education — 2–4 years

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS | 2023–2026

WIS Matriculation by Country

Canada
McGill University* (17)
Toronto Metropolitan University*
University of British Columbia (2)
University of Toronto* (6)
University of Waterloo
Western University

Ireland
Technological University Dublin
Trinity College Dublin - The University of Dublin* (2)
University College Dublin (2)

Italy
Bocconi University (4)

Netherlands
Erasmus University Rotterdam*
Leiden University College*
University of Amsterdam

Spain
IE University - Madrid (2)
IE University - Segovia* (4)
University of Navarra

Switzerland
Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne Vaud*

United Kingdom
Durham University* (4)
Goldsmiths, University of London
Imperial College London (2)
King's College London* (2)
London College of Fashion
Newcastle University
University College London* (4)
University of Bristol
University of Cambridge
University of Edinburgh (4)
University of Oxford* (3)
University of Southampton* (2)
University of Sussex

United States
American University
Babson College
Barnard College* (4)
Boston College* (6)
Boston University* (3)
Bowdoin College (2)
Brown University
Case Western Reserve University
Chapman University*
Colgate University
College of Charleston*
College of William & Mary* (2)
Columbia University* (7)
Cornell University
Drexel University* (2)
Duke University
Emory University
George Washington University* (5)
Georgetown University* (3)
Grinnell College
Harvard University (2)
Haverford College
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University New Orleans (2)
Macalester College (2)
Middlebury College*
New York University* (5)
Northeastern University* (13)
Northwestern University (2)
Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences
Occidental College
Parsons - The New School* (3)
Pennsylvania State University
Pratt Institute
Princeton University* (2)
Purdue University* (2)
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rochester Institute of Technology
Savannah College of Art and Design
Sciences Po - Columbia University Dual BA Program (2)
Spelman College
Saint Mary's College of California*
Stanford University* (4)
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University* (2)
Temple University
Tufts University* (6)
Tulane University (4)
University of California, Berkeley* (2)
University of California, Davis
University of California, Los Angeles* (3)
University of California, San Diego*
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Chicago* (11)
University of Colorado Boulder (2)
University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign*
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Miami
University of Michigan* (11)
University of Minnesota
University of Pennsylvania (3)
University of Pittsburgh* (2)
University of Rochester
University of Southern California* (6)
University of Virginia* (4)
University of Virginia - Wise
University of Washington* (4)
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Vanderbilt University*
Virginia Polytechnic Institute (Virginia Tech)
Wake Forest University* (4)
Washington and Lee University
Washington University St. Louis
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University*
Yale University* (3)

(*) Indicates a university/college attended by at least one member of the Class of 2025.

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