

# Issaquah High School

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## 2009-2010 School Profile

### SCHOOL

One of three comprehensive high schools in the Issaquah School District, Issaquah High School (IHS) takes great pride in continuing a 100+ year tradition of excellence in academic and co-curricular programs. IHS serves over 1350 10th through 12th grade students. Freshmen students attend the Pacific Cascade Freshmen campus.

The school community is characterized by enthusiasm, spirit, passion, and humanity. Students, parents, and staff share an active partnership in the educational mission of IHS. The school has over 48 clubs, a strong music and theater program, excellent vocational education opportunities, an award winning NJROTC program, and a long history of sports excellence in the 4A KingCo League.

Parents in our community are well-educated, technology savvy professionals. Many travel extensively and have a global perspective on education. Parent and student volunteerism contributes greatly to the school and community environment.

Issaquah High School is in the process of a complete tear down and rebuild. Freshmen students will return to us in Sept. 2010 as we begin to move into a beautiful new facility.

### MISSION

IHS seeks to inspire all students to embrace lifelong learning and realize their potential. By creating an environment of academic excellence, IHS prepares students to successfully meet the challenges of our ever-changing, global community.

- College preparatory and technical programs
- Advanced Placement (AP) program
- Tech Prep (articulated programs between Issaquah School District courses and associate degree technical programs)
- Running Start (Junior/Senior pre-approved community college courses which receive both high school and college credits and grades)
- NEVAC (area cooperative allows students to travel to other high schools to take technical courses)
- Special Education

OPPORTUNITIES EXIST FOR STUDENTS TO ENROLL IN ACCELERATED, ADVANCED AND HONORS COURSES IN THE FOLLOWING ACADEMIC AREAS:

- Advanced Algebra Functions & Trigonometry
- Advanced Art
- Advanced Biology/Anatomy/Physiology (offered in even years)
- Advanced Biology/Zoology/Paleontology (offered in odd years)
- Advanced Photography
- Advanced Sales and Marketing
- Advanced Spanish Conversation & Culture
- Advanced Sport Medicine
- Advanced Woods Technology
- Calculus / Math Applications
- Honors English 10
- Honors European Studies 10
- Pre-Calculus
- Symphony Orchestra 2 (Evergreen Philharmonic)
- Vocal Jazz Ensemble
- Wind Ensemble
- Women Select Choir
- Leadership for ASB Officers

### 12 Advanced Placement Courses

- AP Biology
- AP Calculus (AB)
- AP Calculus (BC)
- AP Chemistry
- AP English Language & Composition
- AP English Literature & Composition
- AP French Language
- AP Physics C: Mechanics
- AP Spanish Language
- AP Statistics
- AP U.S. Government & Politics
- AP U.S. History

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT 2008-2009

- Four National Merit Scholars
- AP testing: 328 students took 619 AP tests in 16 different subjects - 83% earned a score of 3 or better. First year of AP Biology had an overall pass rate of 70% with 18% getting 5's.
- Sports Medicine placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Sports Medicine Competition and placed 5 students in the top 20 out of over 500 competitors.
- Women's vocal ensemble 2<sup>nd</sup> in State
- Men's vocal ensemble 2<sup>nd</sup> in State
- String Ensemble took 2<sup>nd</sup> in State
- DECA sent 45 to the state competition and the Quiz Bowl was state champions and also finished in 3rd place at the International competition.
- Sport Teams moved to 4A.
- Volleyball to state tournament.
- Football second in state.
- Football team eighth in state scholastic cup.
- Girls Basketball 7th in state.
- Baseball participated at state level.
- Boys and girls Soccer participated at state level.
- Spanish Club created a Tertulia program for Spanish students and community members to gather and speak Spanish together.
- Yearbook staff won best yearbook plan for third year in a row.
- Robotics team won the Oregon State Regional.

**THE SCHOOL ENSURES THAT TECHNOLOGY IS INFUSED THROUGHOUT THE CURRICULUM. A SAMPLE OF CLASSES WITH A STRONG TECHNOLOGY EMPHASIS INCLUDE:**

- Graphic Design 1, 2
- Journalistic Writing
- Material Science Technology
- Multimedia 1 & 2
- Software Technology 1 & 2
- Yearbook
- Woods and Advanced Woods Technology

Students and staff are provided with individual computer accounts, and data storage on building servers. The IHS library subscribes to online databases accessible from any of the 500 computers in the building, as well as from home. Issaquah High School takes full advantage of its computer rich environment maintaining a website as a student, staff, parent and community resource.

## IHS STAFF

In 2009-10 IHS staff includes 69 certified and 46 classified staff. Of the certificated staff, 43 have Masters degrees and one has a doctorate. Classified staff members provide support services including secretaries, educational assistants, custodians, food service, and student services.

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:** Issaquah High School operates on a Carnegie Credit/Unit system with two semesters, each lasting 18 weeks, and earning one credit unit for each full-year subject passed or one-half unit for each semester-length course passed. Classes meet 275 minutes per week for a 18 week semester. Students must earn 22.0 Carnegie units.

Language Arts	4.0 credits
World Cultures Studies	1.0 credit
European Studies	1.0 credit
U.S. History	1.0 credit
Mathematics	2.0 credits
Science	2.0 credits
Technical Proficiency	0.5 credit
Health	0.5 credits
Physical Education	1.5 credits
Fine/Applied Arts	1.0 credit
Occupational Education	2.0 credits
Electives	<u>6.0 credits</u> 22.0 credits

**GRADUATES:** Issaquah High graduates from the class of 2009 indicated the following post high school plans.

Four year college	67%
Two year college	25%
Employment/Military/Other	08%

## AVERAGE SAT and ACT SCORES - 2009

	IHS	State	Nat'l
<b>SAT Reading</b>	<b>555</b>	524	501
<b>SAT Math</b>	<b>580</b>	531	515
<b>SAT Writing</b>	<b>545</b>	507	493
<b>ACT Composite</b>	<b>26</b>	22.8	21

**CLASS RANK** Grade Point Average is computed by using semester grades for all letter graded classes. Grades for AP and accelerated classes are not weighted. NC (Noncredit), S (Satisfactory), U (Unsatisfactory) and P (Pass) marks are excluded from the calculation of GPA and class rank. The following courses are excluded in determining class rank and GPA:

- Teaching or Office Assistant
- Outside PE & Music
- School Sports

Marking System	Point Value	Class of 2009		
		GPA	Total	% of class
A	4.0			
A-	3.7			
B+	3.3	<b>3.5-4.0</b>	149	34
B	3.0	<b>3.0-3.49</b>	129	29
B-	2.7	<b>2.5-2.99</b>	86	20
C+	2.3	<b>2.0-2.49</b>	57	13
C	2.0			
C-	1.7	<b>Less than 2.0</b>	20	4
D	1.0			
F	0.0			
		<b>Total</b>	441	100%