



Willows Preparatory School

2023-2024

School Overview

Mission and Purpose

Willows Preparatory School is a private, mission-driven co-educational day school, currently serving close to 275 students in grades five through twelve. The school provides a superior International Baccalaureate middle and high school education to an intellectually capable and diverse student body in a dynamic learning community. <https://willowsprep.com/>

Mission

Willows Preparatory School, in cooperation with families and the greater community, aims to foster an international perspective, innovation, and integrity in all students. Our dynamic, inquiry-based learning environment inspires and empowers our diverse student body in order for all learners to become compassionate, global citizens.

Purpose

To inspire and empower our students to become compassionate, global citizens.



Who We Are

By The Numbers

Grades 5 – 12: **273**
Maximum Class Size: **16**
Student-to-Teacher Ratio: **10:1**
Faculty & Staff: **30**

Class of 2024 | **13** students
Class of 2025 | **9** students
Class of 2026 | **4** students
Class of 2027 | **7** students

1 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist in the Class of 2024.

Willows Preparatory School celebrates the Class of 2024 as our **second** graduating class in the short history of the school.

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Curriculum & College Statistics

An International Baccalaureate® World School

As an International Baccalaureate® World School, the curriculum at Willows Prep is centered around a global perspective. International themes are interwoven throughout the comprehensive instruction that students receive in literacy, art, mathematics, and science. Students are encouraged to make connections between their schoolwork, world events, and their own lives. Interdisciplinary learning is central to the instruction students receive. Extensive and purposeful teacher collaboration allows for meaningful cross-curricular links. <https://willowsprep.com/academics/core-subjects/>

The following course options are available to all students enrolled at Willows Preparatory School. Once students reach 11th grade, they have the option to pursue the IB Diploma Programme or to pursue course certificates in IB Diploma Programme classes, our Course Program.

In the Diploma Programme, students choose six courses in addition to the IB Core Curriculum of Theory of Knowledge, Extended Essay, and Creativity, Activity and Service, that they will study in-depth during the final two years at Willows Preparatory School. Students are expected to take three to four Diploma Programme courses at the Higher Level (HL), and two to three Diploma Programme courses at the Standard Level (SL).

In the Course Program, students take IB Diploma Programme courses during 11th and 12th grade. Students in the Course Program also complete the IB Core Curriculum of Theory of Knowledge, Extended Essay, and Creativity, Activity and Service. In this program, students may choose to take any combination of HL and SL courses and may choose to take IB exams in any of the courses they complete.

Where We've Been Admitted

University of Washington, Seattle
University of Washington, Bothell
Middlebury College
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of California, Riverside
University of Wisconsin-Madison
University of Puget Sound
Reed College
Washington State University
Penn State University
Arizona State University
Soka University of America
Gettysburg College
Syracuse University
Occidental College
St. Martin's University
University of La Verne
Pace University
University of Leeds
University of Manchester
University of Edinburgh

| | 9 th Grade | 10 th Grade | 11 th Grade | 12 th Grade |
|---------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| English | IB MYP Language & Literature 9 | IB MYP Language & Literature 10 | IB DP Language & Literature 1 | IB DP Language & Literature 2 |
| Social Sciences | IB MYP Individuals & Societies 9 | IB MYP Individuals & Societies 10 | IB DP Business Management 1 IB DP Psychology 1 | IB DP Business Management 2 IB DP Psychology 2 |
| Mathematics | IB MYP Mathematics Year 4 | IB MYP Mathematics Year 5 | IB DP Applications and Interpretations 1 | IB DP Applications and Interpretations 2 |
| Science | IB MYP Integrated Science 9 | IB MYP Integrated Science 10 | IB DP Biology 1 IB DP Chemistry 1 IB DP Physics 1 | IB DP Biology 2 IB DP Chemistry 2 IB DP Physics 2 |
| PE and Health | IB MYP Physical and Health Education 9 | IB MYP Physical and Health Education 10 | | |
| Technology | IB MYP Design Technology 9 | IB MYP Design Technology 10 | IB DP Design Technology 1 | IB DP Design Technology 2 |
| Arts | IB MYP Music IB MYP Visual Arts IB MYP Theatre Arts | IB MYP Music IB MYP Visual Arts IB MYP Theatre Arts | Music Visual Arts Theatre Arts | Music Visual Arts Theatre Arts |
| IB Core Curriculum | | | IB DP Extended Essay 1 IB DP Theory of Knowledge 1 IB DP Creativity, Action, Service 1 | IB DP Extended Essay 2 IB DP Theory of Knowledge 2 IB DP Creativity, Action, Service 2 |

Additionally, students have the option to take courses through an online IB platform, Pamoja. These courses include French Ab Initio, Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches, Psychology, and Digital Society.

| Grading and GPA Scale | 2020-2021 to 2022-2023 | | 2023-2024 and Beyond | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------|
| | IB Achievement Level | WPS Equivalent Grade Point Average | Letter Grade | Percentage Range | GPA Equivalent |
| | | | | A | 93 – 100% |
| | | | A- | 90 – 92% | 3.7 |
| | | | B+ | 87 – 89% | 3.3 |
| | | | B | 83 – 86% | 3.0 |
| | | | B- | 80 – 82% | 2.7 |
| | | | C+ | 77 – 79% | 2.3 |
| | | | C | 73 – 76% | 2.0 |
| | | | C- | 70 – 72% | 1.7 |
| | | | D+ | 67 – 69% | 1.3 |
| | | | D | 60 – 66% | 1.0 |
| | | | NC | Below 59% | 0 |

Beginning in 2023-2024, we adjusted our grading scale to better align with other United States schools providing IB curriculum within the US system. All grading and the GPA scale is based on unweighted grades. We do not rank students at this school.