

# SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL

## An International Baccalaureate World School

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### 2009-2010 School Profile

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## SCHOOL

Skyline High School serves approximately 1300 students in grades 10-12 in the Issaquah School District, located 20 miles east of Seattle. Ninth grade students attend Pacific Cascade Freshmen Campus and will return to Skyline in the fall of 2010. The school offers over 45 enriching activities covering athletics, visual and performing arts, science, business and marketing, critical communication skills, and a number of service-oriented organizations.

## COMMUNITY

Skyline serves families on the Sammamish Plateau, while the Issaquah School District (ISD) covers several communities and includes three comprehensive high schools, one 9<sup>th</sup>-grade campus, and one alternative high school. Though families with students in the ISD are not the majority of voters, the community routinely pass bonds and levies in support of the education. Skyline's community includes a large contingency of professionals, high-tech entrepreneurs, Microsoft Corporation executives, visiting educators and researchers at local universities, and service-oriented personnel. Members of Skyline's learning community travel worldwide for personal and professional reasons, have a global perspective on education, and are very active in civic affairs, giving generously of their time and financial resources. The community has strongly endorsed the International Baccalaureate (IB) program because of its global focus and academic rigor.

## SKYLINE QUICK STATISTICS

- Our students as a cohort score among the top in the state on standardized tests, including an average composite ACT score of 25.7 and SAT score of 1682.
- Over two thirds of our juniors and seniors are enrolled in one or more International Baccalaureate (IB) classes.
- In May 2009, 155 students took 414 IB exams and 22 students were awarded IB diplomas.
- More than 65% of the students compete in 19 varsity sports through the 4A KingCo League athletic program.
- Our sports teams earned 9 state team titles in the last 5 years and 10 individual titles.
- Student athletes earned a 3.38 cumulative GPA in 2008-2009.
- DECA business club had 230 students compete in area competitions, 218 qualify to State and 55 qualify to Nationals in 2008-2009. Skyline qualified more students to Nationals than any other school in the nation.
- The theater program competes annually at the Lenaea festival in California and was selected to perform at the prestigious Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland.
- The orchestra, symphony, and choir programs have State Soloist winners each year.
- The Hazel Wolf wetlands are used by PE, science and humanities departments for hands-on learning experiences.

## MISSION STATEMENT AND EDUCATIONAL BELIEFS

In an intentional effort to make honorable, thinking, skillful citizens, Skyline High School has established a strong academic tradition coupled with award-winning activity programs that boast several state titles and national recognition and are well-supported by the community. Our goal is that ALL of our students will be prepared for and eager to accept the academic, occupational, personal, and practical challenges of life in a dynamic global environment. In order to accomplish this we believe ALL students should optimally experience: **ACCESSIBILITY, CONNECTIVITY, CITIZENSHIP, RESILIENCY** and **EXPRESSION** at school.

- Interdisciplinary connections that improve student mastery of subject matter are encouraged and supported school-wide. Emphasis on depth of study in each academic area is stressed over breadth of content.
- Teachers infuse technology throughout the curriculum.
- Students and staff are provided with individual computer accounts, and storage on building servers. The Skyline library subscribes to online databases that are accessible from any of the 500 computers in the building, as well as from home.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Skyline High School operates on a Carnegie Credit/Unit system with two semesters, each lasting 18 weeks, and earning one-half credit for each semester-length course passed or one credit for each full-year subject passed. Students must earn 22.0 Carnegie units.

Language Arts	4.0 credits
World Cultures Studies	1.0 credit
European Studies	1.0 credit
American Studies	1.0 credit
Mathematics	2.0 credits
Science	2.0 credits
Health	0.5 credits
Physical Education	1.5 credits
Fine/Applied Arts	1.0 credit
Occupational Education	2.0 credits
<u>Electives</u>	<u>6.0 credits</u>
Total	22.0 credits

## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

By emphasizing the dynamic combination of knowledge, skills, experience, and critical thinking, the Skyline High School International Baccalaureate program promotes academic achievement along with active and responsible citizenship. All 11th and 12th grade students are eligible and encouraged to enroll in IB classes. Students enrolled in IB courses may be IB Diploma Candidates, certificate candidates, and/or students interested in the subject. The IB curriculum is divided into Higher Level courses (usually 2 years of study) and Standard Level (usually 1 year of study). To receive the full IB Diploma, students must pass examinations in 3 Higher and 3 Standard Level subjects, complete an extended essay, Theory of Knowledge class, and 150 hours in the CAS (creativity, action, service) program.

### Class Rank

Grade Point Average is computed by using semester grades for all classes starting in grade nine.

Grades for International Baccalaureate classes are weighted *only* for determination of class rank but not for grade point average. NC (Noncredit), S (Satisfactory), U (Unsatisfactory) marks are excluded from the calculation of GPA.

Marking System	Point Value
A	4.0
A-	3.7
B+	3.3
B	3.0
B-	2.7
C+	2.3
C	2.0
C-	1.7
D	1.0
F	0.0

Weighted and non-weighted class ranks are available.

Class of 2009		
GPA	# of students	% of class
3.5-4.0	148	38
3.0-3.49	129	33
2.5-2.99	77	20
2.0-2.49	30	8
Less than 2.0	4	1

## GRADUATES

Skyline High graduated its first class in 1999. A survey of the 372 graduates from the class of 2009 indicated the following post high school plans:

Four year college	83%
Community /Technical College	15%
Military/Other	2%

### AVERAGE SAT AND ACT SCORES

SHS Mean Score	State Mean Score
SAT Critical Reading 564	Critical Reading 524
SAT Math 574	Math 531
SAT Writing 544	Writing 507
ACT Composite 25.7	ACT Composite 22.8

### International Baccalaureate Courses

- IB American Studies (English/Social Studies)
- IB English 12 (HL)
- IB Twentieth Century History (HL)
- IB Psychology (SL)
- IB Theory of Knowledge
- IB Math Methods I, II and III (SL & HL)
- IB Biology I and II (HL)
- IB Chemistry I and II (SL & HL)
- IB Environmental Systems (SL)
- IB Physics I and II (SL & HL)
- IB Japanese (SL)
- IB French I and II (SL & HL)
- IB Spanish I and II (SL & HL)
- IB Music (SL) (alternate years)
- IB Visual Arts (SL)
- IB Theatre Arts (SL) (HL)
- IB Business and Management I and II (SL & HL)

### Student Achievement

#### Class of 2010

Five National Merit Semi -Finalists

#### Class of 2009

Two National Merit Semi -Finalists

Twenty Four National Merit Commended Scholars

#### Class of 2008

Two National Merit Scholars

Four National Merit Semi-Finalists

Fifteen National Merit Commended Scholars

#### Class of 2007

Five National Merit Semi-Finalists

Nine National Merit Commended Scholars

### Staff

In 2009-2010 Skyline staff includes 54 certified teachers, three administrators, three counselors, a school psychologist, an athletic director, and one activity coordinator. 40 staff members have earned Master's and two have Doctorate degrees.