



West Sound Academy is a private, independent school committed to fostering the unique abilities of each student. Our IB-based curriculum empowers students to think critically, engage globally, and actively pursue their unique passions. For our students, learning is a journey. Faculty work to help students hone their critical thinking and analytical skills as they become resilient, innovative, and courageous individuals with the tenacity and brilliance to change the world for the better. Our goal is to help students leverage their passion for learning and be prepared to excel in college and beyond.

WSA is located in Poulsbo, WA on the Kitsap Peninsula. Poulsbo is a small suburb in Kitsap County, located 21 miles west of Seattle across the Puget Sound, and adjacent to the Port Madison Indian reservation. Students come from both Kitsap and Jefferson Counties.

Admissions and Enrollment

Total enrollment: 61 students

Twelve faculty instruct

students in average class sizes of thirteen.

The application process requires a student to visit, interview, and submit letters of recommendation and a writing sample. We admit students who are internationally minded, demonstrate intellectual curiosity, and are excited about learning. The student population includes economic, ethnic, linguistic, and neuro diversity. Our community is focused on inclusion and creating a welcoming environment for the whole student.

IB Diploma Programme

We are an International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme school. All students in the 11th and 12th grades are enrolled in International Baccalaureate classes. Students choose to submit materials to IB for consideration for the full IB Diploma or for Course Subject Certificates.

Theory of Knowledge is required for all 11th-graders and 12th-grade Diploma Candidates as part of the IB Core.

- In the class of 2027:
 - 100% are submitting materials to IB
 - 83% are submitting for the full IB diploma

Since the first IB class in 2013, 90% of our candidates have earned the IB Diploma. The average score for those awarded the diploma is 31.

Grading

We do not rank students due to the rigorous nature, small class size, and commitment to supporting the whole person.

- Grading is aligned to the International Baccalaureate grading scale. Student performance is reported on a scale of 1-7, with 7 representing the highest level of achievement.
- No GPAs are calculated or reported.
- Transcripts reflect IB courses by title.

Calendar and Schedule

The academic year consists of two semesters and a three-week term in June (June Term). During the semesters, students take seven classes. The schedule operates on a rotating block, with 90-minute class sessions. During June Term, students select one full-day or two half-day (180 minutes each) experiential learning courses.

Community Service Experience

The school requires students to plan, initiate, and execute multiple service projects that fill a wider community need each year. As part of that, in the 11th and 12th grades, the IB Diploma Programme requires candidates to engage in Creative, Active, and Service experiences. These extracurricular opportunities are explored by our students inside and outside of the classroom setting.

Upper School Course Offerings

IB Diploma Programme

- Language & Literature - HL
- Spanish - SL and HL
- History of the Americas HL
- Biology - SL
- Maths: Analysis and Approaches SL and HL
- Theatre SL and HL
- Psychology - SL
- Theory of Knowledge

9th-10th Grade Courses

- Spanish - all levels
- US History 1865-1940
- US History post 1940
- Integrated Maths
- Algebra II
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Health and Wellness*
- Theatre*
- Design*
- Music*
- Visual Art*
- Painting and Drawing*
- Physical Outdoor Ed.
- Yearbook*
- Various June Term options

*one semester course

The Fine and Performing Arts at West Sound Academy

At WSA, we empower students to go beyond academic achievement by offering programs and activities that extend students' curiosity and growth past the classroom.

At West Sound Academy, music, drama, and visual arts programs provide an essential platform for students to develop critical skills for the future, including public speaking, organization, collaboration, resiliency, and social-emotional balance and well-being. Upper school students can participate in elective and grade-level classes in visual art, theatre, and music. Our music program is a multi-year program tailored to utilize individual student interests to build skills. Students perform for the school and broader community many times each year. Our theatre program provides opportunities for students to explore the wide world of theater through practical applications by taking their theoretical learning and bringing it to life by acting or working behind the scenes. Our visual arts program enables students to delve into a variety of creative work in a bright workspace. Students learn creation skills and techniques alongside theory and art analysis.



Accreditation

West Sound Academy is an IB World School accredited by the IBO, Cognia, and is a Northwest Association of Independent Schools Subscriber School.



International Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS Trip)

As an IB School that prioritizes an internationally-minded education for our students, we offer a fully subsidized international trip in the junior year. These trips provide our students with a meaningful way to fulfill Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) requirements while developing real-world leadership skills, and transformative cross-cultural experiences through experiential learning. These immersion programs build confidence, encouraging students to approach new cultures with empathy, curiosity and compassion.