

SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL

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2020-2021 School Profile

An International Baccalaureate World School

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SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Skyline High School, which graduated its first class in 1999, serves approximately 2250 students in grades 9-12 in the Issaquah School District, located 20 miles east of Seattle. The school offers over 100 enriching activities covering athletics, visual and performing arts, science, business and marketing, critical communication skills, and a number of service-oriented organizations.

Skyline serves families on the Sammamish Plateau, while the Issaquah School District (ISD) covers several communities and includes three comprehensive high schools. Members of Skyline's learning community come from a diverse background, have a global perspective on education, and are active in civic affairs.

MISSION STATEMENT AND EDUCATIONAL BELIEFS

In an intentional effort to develop honorable, thinking, skillful citizens who possess integrity, act with pride, and pursue scholarship and excellence in the service of humanity, Skyline High School has established a strong academic tradition coupled with award-winning activity and athletic 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.

STAFF

In 2020-2021 Skyline staff includes 115 certificated teachers, five administrators, one dean of students, six counselors, two IB coordinators, an athletic director, an activities coordinator, and two school psychologists. Eighty-one percent of staff members have earned a Master's degree, three have earned a Doctorate degree and eighteen teachers are National Board Certified. Skyline staff also includes a Mental Health Counselor from Swedish Medical, a Graduation Specialist, and two College and Career Center specialists.

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 26.7.
- In May 2020, 411 students took IB exams, 42 students were awarded the IBCP certificate, and 101 students were awarded IB Diplomas. In 2020, 1,313 IB Exams were taken in 32 subjects. Over 60% of juniors and seniors are enrolled in one or more International Baccalaureate (IB) classes.
- Skyline High School offers 17 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Dual Credit courses. These courses allow SHS students to earn high school and college credit at the same time by successfully completing articulated Skyline CTE courses with a grade of 'B' or better.
- The class of 2021 had 11 National Merit Semifinalists and 44 Commended Scholars.
- Our sports teams have earned 39 team state titles, 59 individual titles and 7 academic titles in the last 22 years.
- Skyline Cheerleading took home the program's 14th WIAA State Championship and finished top 10 at the National Level in the Game Day category.
- Varsity student athletes earned a 3.52 cumulative GPA in 2019-2020 with all teams earning above a 3.0.
- In 2019-2020, DECA qualified 200+ students to state with 9 State Champion titles. Skyline is the largest State Chapter and set a new record qualifying 99 students to nationals.
- The Skyline Vocal Jazz was able to participate in the Frank DeMiero Jazz Festival in Edmonds, on the very day the coronavirus started to shut everything down. We were so grateful for that experience, as it was a highpoint that day, and one we now treasure. Two of our male Vocal Jazz singers were selected to represent our league in the tenor vocal competition at State Solo competition. The Skyline choirs worked together in a unique way in the spring, creating many virtual choir videos, which were then showcased in an end of school year virtual concert!
- The Skyline String and Chamber Orchestras held their annual fall, winter, & spring concerts. Several orchestra students competed in the Eastshore Solo & Ensemble competition and received superior ratings.
- Skyline High School has over 80 clubs with about 1750 total members.
- Robotics Club won the Houston World Championships in 2018, and was a division finalist at Worlds in 2019. In the 2020 season, the club was a finalist at the Glacier Peak regional competition before the season was cut short. The club is inclusive and friendly, trains all members in Design, Engineering, Software, and/or Business areas.

GRADUATES

A survey of 265 graduates from the class of 2020 indicated the following post high school plans:

Four year college	90.5 %
Community /Technical College	0.7 %
Military	0.5 %
Other	2.0 %

SAT AND ACT SCORES

SHS Mean Score 2020	State Mean Score 2020
SAT Reading/Writing 634	SAT Reading/Writing 539
SAT Math 659	SAT Math 534

2019 ACT Composite 26.7 2019 ACT Composite 22.1 (State)

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 24.0 Carnegie credits.

Language Arts	4.0 credits
World Studies	3.0 credits
World Language*	2.0 credits
Mathematics	3.0 credits
Science	3.0 credits
Health	0.5 credits
Fine/Applied Arts**	2.0 credit
Physical Education	1.5 credits
Career & Tech Education	1.0 credit
<u>Electives</u>	<u>4.0 credits</u>
Total	24.0 credits

*2.0 credits can be earned via Personal Pathway.

** 1.0 credits can be earned via Personal Pathway.

<u>Class of 2020</u>		
Total students = 525, Average GPA 3.44		
GPA	# of students	% of class
3.5-4.0	292	55.6
3.0-3.49	138	26.3
2.5-2.99	65	12.4
2.0-2.49	23	4.4
Less than 2.0	7	1.3

NATIONAL MERIT ACHIEVEMENTS

Class of 2021

Eleven National Merit Semifinalists

Forty-four Commended Scholars

Class of 2020

Twenty National Merit Finalists

Twenty-one National Merit Semifinalists

Thirty-four Commended Scholars

Class of 2019

Fourteen National Merit Finalists

Fifteen National Merit Semifinalists

Forty-six Commended Scholars

Class of 2018

Eighteen National Merit Semifinalists

Seventeen National Merit Finalists

Thirty-six Commended Scholars

Important Note about the 2020 COVID

Closure and Grading

During the closure of public schools mandated by our Governor in March of 2020 and given the grading parameters set forth at that time by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Chris Reykdal, the Issaquah School District made the decision to offer students letter grades—A, B, C and D—or an incomplete. (OSPI did not allow Fs or NC grades.) All students enrolled in high school level courses in the ISD at that time received the letter grade they earned at the time of the closure *or higher* based on their continued participation in their courses or they earned an incomplete and were given the opportunity to replace that incomplete with a letter grade. The opportunities included retaking the class, summer school, credit recovery courses and more. Class of 2020 students on track to graduate at the time of the closure may have been eligible to have a core graduation requirement waived with a V code and the ISD followed the State Board of Education's rules when applying those V codes to eligible seniors' transcripts. A V grade on the transcript indicates that the graduation requirement was waived in accordance with the State Board of Education emergency rules which expired on July 31, 2020.

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 Career Candidates, IB Diploma Candidates, IB course students, 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 complete the CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service) program.

IB Course Offerings

- IB Biology I and II HL
- IB Business and Management SL & HL
- IB Chemistry SL
- IB Computer Science SL & HL
- IB Environmental Systems SL
- IB Film SL
- IB French SL & HL
- IB History HL
- IB Japanese SL
- IB Language and Literature I and II HL
- IB Math SL I and II
- IB Math HL I and II
- IB Music SL & HL
- IB Mandarin SL & HL
- IB Psychology SL
- IB Physics I and II HL
- IB Spanish SL & HL
- IB Sports and Exercise Science SL
- IB Theatre Arts SL & HL
- IB Theory of Knowledge I & II
- IB Visual Arts SL & HL
- IB World Religions SL

Academic Honors

Skyline High School finds that equity amongst all students is a practice that we would like to emphasize more. We no longer rank students within the Issaquah School District in hopes we can demonstrate to students and families that we support the holistic view of students and encourage them to fulfill a variety of personal and academic areas for growth.