

# HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE **2017 – 2018**

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La Grande Boissière is one of the three campuses of The International School of Geneva, an independent non-profit foundation with a Governing Board, which includes representatives from the Federal, Cantonal, and City authorities. According to its mission, the School educates children of Swiss and international families in the greater Geneva area, providing instruction in both French and English.

Founded in 1924 shortly after the establishment of the League of Nations in Geneva, its mission is to prepare an international student body of over 130 nationalities and 90 mother tongues to enter universities in many countries around the world. The International School of Geneva was the main agent in creating the International Baccalaureate programme.

The school is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the Council of International Schools.

Students are admitted on a non-selective, first-come, first-served basis. 95% of graduates go on to higher education.

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## > LA GRANDE BOISSIERE CAMPUS

**ENROLLMENT (YEARS 9-13):** Approximately **779** students with **69** first nationalities.

**CLASS OF 2017: 155 students** including 154 High School Diplomas. 138 of these students were IB candidates and 131 were awarded the IB Diploma (63 of which were Bilingual IB Diplomas). 3 other students completed at least one IB course and 12 students graduated at the end of year 12 with only the High School Diploma.

**ACADEMIC ORGANISATION:** Students are prepared for university entrance by means of the International Baccalaureate (IB). The majority of our graduating students take the full IB diploma examinations; graduating in year 13, others may sit individual IB exams in order to earn one or more subject certificates or graduate after completion of year 12 with a High School Diploma.

**HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA: Total 24 credits:** Mother Tongue Language 4, 2nd Language 3, Math 3, Lab Sciences 3, Humanities 3, Art/Music/Theatre 1.5, Physical Education 1.5

**HONOR DIPLOMA: (Non IB diploma candidates). Total 28 credits:** 2 credits in a third language; an IB profile with 3 Higher Level courses in year 12 and an overall average grade of 5.5 over 4 years.

## > GRADING

**CLASS RANK:** The School has a highly transient student population. Some students remain for only one or two years, which does not allow for the compilation of a meaningful class rank based on GPA. Therefore we do not rank.

**GRADING SYSTEM:** Students in the IB Diploma Program are graded on a 7.0 scale. All grades are unweighted. GPA calculations are based solely on those grades earned at the International School of Geneva. The GPA calculation does NOT include non-academic courses, such as Physical Education and non-IB Art, Music and Drama. Although students are given a grade for each semester, the transcript reflects an averaged year grade.

## > STUDENT ACTIVITIES

International Award Scheme (Bronze, Silver & Gold levels), Students' League of Nations, School Newspaper, Math and Science Contests, School Teams: Basketball, Cheerleading, Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Netball, Rugby, Ski, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball.

Orchestra, Choirs, Jazz Club, Theater Club, Talent Contest, Fashion Show.

## > SECONDARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM

**THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAM:** Forms the basis of all courses in years 12 and 13 for the majority of students.

**LANGUAGES:** In Years 12 and 13, students will take either: A Literature or A Language/Literature or B at IB Higher or Standard level. This applies to English, French, German, Italian, Spanish and other languages which usually include, but are not limited to: Arabic, Dutch, Farsi, Hungarian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Portuguese, Russian and Swedish. Ab.Initio level is available in French and Spanish.

**ENGLISH:** A range of English mother tongue and second language courses are available in Years 9-11.

**MATHEMATICS:** Years 9-11: Advanced, Intermediate and Core levels in all classes. Years 12-13: IB Higher or Standard (Math Standard or Math Studies) level.

**SCIENCES:** Years 9-10: Biology, Chemistry and Physics (students will receive 1.5 credit for the combined sciences). Year 11: students must choose at least 1 of the science subjects and can also add Sports Science. Years 12-13: At least 1 subject must be taken at IB Higher or Standard level in Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Sports science.

**FRENCH:** Year 9-11: Levels 1-4 available in each year.

**GERMAN:** Year 9: Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced. Years 10-11: Intermediate and Advanced.

**SPANISH:** Years 9-10: Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced. Year 11: Intermediate and Advanced.

**ITALIAN:** Year 10: Beginner. Year 11: Advanced.

**SOCIAL STUDIES COURSES OFFERED:** Years 9-10: World history, Geography and Global Awareness (students will receive 1 credit for the combined Humanities). Year 11: At least 1 subject must be chosen from Economics, Geography, History and Philosophy. Years 12-13: At least 1 subject must be chosen for the two years from Economics, Geography, History and Philosophy at IB Higher or Standard level.

**ART, MUSIC AND DRAMA:** Years 9 and 10: A full credit will be awarded for the Combined Arts. Year 11: A full credit will be awarded if the course is taken as a pre-IB subject.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION:** Years 9, 11 and 12: Two periods per week will be awarded 0.5 credit. Year 10: Three periods per week will be awarded 1 credit.

**SPECIFIC IB REQUIREMENTS:** All IB diploma students must follow the Theory of Knowledge program (TOK) and engage in CAS (Creativity, Activity and Community Service) in years 12-13. In addition, students must complete a 4000-word research paper known as the Extended Essay.

## > DISTRIBUTION OF GRADES BY SUBJECT

	Year 11 - 2016/2017							Year 12 - 2016/2017							IB Results - 2017									
	Levels	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Levels	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Levels	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Biology		7	31	29	26	16	2	0	H	3	39	42	12	6	0	0	H	3	9	12	5	3	0	0
									S	0	21	24	33	21	12	0	S	2	8	16	6	3	0	0
Chemistry		5	27	35	9	7	4	0	H	30	57	24	6	0	0	0	H	6	12	9	8	4	0	0
									S	3	12	21	12	9	3	0	S	0	1	2	4	4	2	0
Economics		20	29	25	16	7	1	0	H	15	69	45	27	6	3	3	H	6	8	10	5	1	0	0
									S	24	6	9	6	9	3	0	S	4	8	7	2	0	0	0
English	A	3	36	43	23	0	0	0	A lit H	3	24	18	12	0	0	0	A lit H	0	6	7	2	0	0	0
									A lit S	0	30	30	6	3	0	0	A lit S	0	7	5	0	0	0	0
	Transit.	0	7	26	7	2	0	0	A LL H	3	24	60	6	0	0	0	A LL H	4	15	14	1	0	0	0
									A LL S	3	18	72	27	3	0	0	A LL S	1	16	17	3	0	0	0
	B	1	4	4	6	0	0	0	B H	12	63	30	15	0	0	0	B H	8	17	7	0	0	0	0
	LIPS	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	B S	6	6	3	6	0	0	0	B S	4	4	1	1	0	0	0
French	A	2	22	37	16	5	1	0	A lit H	0	18	15	9	0	0	0	A lit H	2	1	2	1	1	0	0
									A lit S	3	21	12	6	0	0	0	A lit S	3	8	10	0	0	0	0
									A LL H	0	6	12	9	3	0	0	A LL H	4	5	4	3	0	0	0
									A LL S	9	18	24	6	0	0	0	A LL S	1	8	7	0	0	0	0
	B adv.	4	15	1	0	0	0	0	B H	6	54	12	0	0	0	0	B H	8	16	2	0	0	0	0
	B interm.	3	23	19	7	1	0	0	B S	9	51	36	12	3	0	0	B S	4	19	5	0	0	0	0
	B begin.	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	Ab. In. S	3	6	12	0	0	0	0	Ab. In. S	0	3	0	2	0	0	0
Geography		18	32	24	12	10	3	0	H	24	42	51	12	15	0	0	H	5	23	12	2	2	0	0
									S	12	27	18	9	6	3	0	S	1	4	6	1	0	0	0
German	B	7	11	13	0	0	0	0	A LL H	0	0	3	0	0	0	0								
									A LL S	3	3	0	0	0	0	0								
									B H	6	6	6	0	0	0	0	B H	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
									B S	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	B S	3	5	4	1	0	0	0
History		3	34	24	13	1	0	0	H	9	30	36	24	0	0	0	H	6	13	22	12	3	0	0
									S	0	15	18	24	0	0	0	S	2	3	6	5	1	0	0
Italian									A LL H	0	3	12	0	0	0	0	A LL H	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
									A lit S	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	A LL S	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	B	4	1	2	1	0	0	0	B H	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	B H	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
									B S	12	6	3	0	0	0	0	B S	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
									Ab. In. S								Ab. In. S	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mathematics	HL	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	H	15	45	18	9	3	0	0	H	9	5	3	3	1	1	0
	Advanced	1	10	13	4	3	0	0	S	9	54	81	54	21	0	0	S	5	16	32	22	9	4	0
	Intermed.	0	21	39	24	15	0	0	Studies	3	30	45	48	30	15	0	Studies	4	0	14	13	5	0	0
	Core	1	1	11	16	4	0	0																
Music		3	2	7	2	0	0	0	H	0	3	6	0	0	0	0	H	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
									S								S	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Philosophy		5	17	16	3	3	0	0																
Physics		13	21	25	9	6	0	0	H	21	30	33	12	3	0	0	H	7	2	7	13	8	3	0
									S	3	9	18	24	3	0	0	S	2	0	2	6	2	0	0
Sports Science									H	0	15	6	9	0	0	0								
		0	7	7	6	3	0	0	S	3	0	0	12	12	3	0	S	0	7	1	1	2	0	0
Spanish	Mother T.	5	13	2	0	0	0	0	A lit H	0	6	3	0	0	0	0	A lit H	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
									A lit S								A lit S	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
									A LL H	0	6	9	0	0	0	0	A LL H	0	4	2	1	0	0	0
									A LL S	3	3	3	0	0	0	0								
	B	4	23	28	3	0	0	0	B H	0	12	15	0	0	3	0	B H	9	6	0	0	0	0	0
									B S	0	27	6	6	0	3	0	B S	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
									Ab. In. S	3	9	3	0	0	0	0	Ab. In. S	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Theatre Arts	Drama	6	13	13	2	1	0	0	H	0	3	24	3	3	0	0	H	0	4	3	0	0	0	0
									S	0	9	3	3	3	0	0	S	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Visual arts		3	21	8	9	1	0	0	H	6	15	6	12	0	0	0	H	0	5	4	4	0	0	0
									S	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	S	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
World languages		0	2	1	0	0	0	0	H & S	9	15	3	0	0	0	0	H & S	2	2	2	3	0	0	0

Languages levels correspond to CEFR  
(Common European Framework of Reference)

A : studies in language and literature  
B : language acquisition

A LL H = A lang. & literature Higher

A LL S = A lang. & literature Standard

A lit perf S = A literature performance S

Transit. = transitional

B begin. = B beginner

LIPS = language of instruction

programme of support

S perf = S performance

Ab. In. S : ab initio S

Diploma Candidatures 138 , Diplomas Awarded 131

	A	B	C	D	E
TOK	9	52	56	22	0
EXT. ESSAY	18	34	62	22	4

SAT Summary 1600	Middle 50%	Students Tested
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	590 - 700	
Mathematics	590 - 740	
Total	1200 - 1415	32

SAT Subject Test Scores	Middle 50%	Students Tested
Biology - Molecular	550 - 660	2
French	620 - 730	7
French with Listening	710 - 800	3
German with Listening	550 - 550	1
Italian	760 - 760	1
Math Level I	550 - 660	3
Math Level II	690 - 790	7
Spanish	410 - 530	2

ACT Summary	Middle 50%	Students Tested
English	24 - 32	
Math	25 - 30	
Reading	25 - 32	
Science Reasoning	25 - 32	
Composite	25 - 31	22

## > 2017 UNIVERSITIES

**UNITED KINGDOM : entries** Arts U Bournemouth, City U London, Durham U, Imperial College London, Keele U, King's College London, London School of Economics, Oxford Brookes U, Queen Mary U London, Queen's U Belfast, Regents U London, Royal Holloway U of London, SOAS U of London, U of Bath, U of Brighton, U of Bristol, U of Edinburgh, U of Essex, U of Exeter, U of Leicester, U of Manchester, U of Nottingham, U of Oxford, Goldsmiths U London, U of Reading, U of Surrey, U of Sussex, U of the Arts London (London School of Fashion, Central St Martins), U of Warwick, U of Westminster, U of York, University College London.

**SWITZERLAND: entries** Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne, Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Université de Genève, Universität Sankt Gallen.

**OTHERS: entries** American University of Paris (France), BI Norwegian Business School Oslo (Norway), Catolica Lisbon School of Business and Economics, Delft University of Technology (The Netherlands), Eindhoven Institute of Technology (The Netherlands), Erasmus University College Rotterdam (The Netherlands), ESADE Barcelona (Spain), Hanze University of Applied Sciences Groningen (The Netherlands), Hotel School the Hague (The Netherlands), IE University Madrid (Spain), Inholland University of Applied Sciences, Leiden University (the Netherlands), Lund University (Sweden), Reykjavik University (Iceland), Stockholm Business School (Sweden), Universidad de los Andes Bogotá (Colombia), Universidade de Santiago de Compostela (Spain), Università Bocconi di Milano (Italy), Universitat de València (Spain), University of Groningen (The Netherlands), University of Iceland, University of Oslo (Norway), Uppsala University (Sweden).

## > 2017 NORTH AMERICAN UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

American U, The American U of Paris, Babson College, Bentley U, Berklee College of Music, Bishop's U, Boston College, Boston U, Brigham Young U - Idaho, Brigham Young U – Hawaii, U of British Columbia, Brown U, U of California (Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz), Case Western Reserve U, Chapman U, Colgate U, U of Colorado at Boulder, Colorado School of Mines, Colorado State U, Columbia College Chicago, Columbia U, Concordia University – Montreal, Cornell U, U of Denver, Dickinson College, Drexel U, Duke University, Elon U, Emory U, Endicott College, Fairfield U, Fordham U, George Washington U, Georgetown U, Georgia State U, Hamilton College, U of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Indiana U at Bloomington, Kenyon College, Lynn U, Marist College, U of Maryland, College Park, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences, McGill University, Memorial U of Newfoundland, U of Miami, Middlebury College, New York U, U of North Carolina at Charlotte, Northeastern U, Northwestern U, U of Oregon, Pace U, Pennsylvania State U, Pepperdine U, Purchase College State U of New York, Purdue U, Queen's U, U of Rochester, Rollins College, Santa Clara U, Scripps College, Skidmore College, U of Southern California, Southern Methodist U, Suffolk U, Syracuse U, Texas A&M U, The U of Texas, Austin, The New School, Tufts U, U of Utah, Vassar College, U of Vermont, U of Virginia, Washington U in St. Louis, U of Washington, Wesleyan U, U of Wisconsin.