

# HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE **2019 – 2020**

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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):** 799 students with 83 first nationalities.

**CLASS OF 2019: 156 students** including 155 High School Diplomas. 141 of these students were full IB candidates and 135 were awarded the IB Diploma (54 of which were Bilingual IB Diplomas). 4 other students completed at least one IB course.

**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/Performing arts/Dance 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.

**POLICY REGARDING REPORTING OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION:** Any disciplinary actions including suspensions are only reported to US Colleges and Universities if the probationary period is active at the time of application. We believe that error leads to learning, and so we strongly encourage students to report serious disciplinary infractions on their application forms.

## > 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 PROGRAMME:** 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. Year 12: Environmental Sciences. Years 12-13: At least 1 subject must be taken at IB Higher or Standard level in Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Sports science.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE:** Year 11.

**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 AND DESIGN/PERFORMING ARTS (ARTS, DANCE, MUSIC, THEATER):** 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 programme (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 - 2018/2019							Year 12 - 2018/2019							IB Results - 2019										
		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			17	39	30	16	7	1	0	H	6	18	9	1	0	0	0	H	7	15	5	2	1	0	0	
										S	4	8	6	6	6	0	0	S	4	12	14	12	2	0	0	
Chemistry			17	20	13	15	11	1	0	H	6	15	10	4	1	0	0	H	4	10	9	2	3	0	0	
										S	1	4	5	4	2	0	0	S	0	5	4	2	4	2	0	
Economics			15	36	27	23	6	0	0	H	2	11	14	7	3	1	0	H	16	17	13	3	4	0	0	
										S	0	6	5	7	1	0	0	S	2	1	4	1	1	1	0	
English	A		4	27	51	25	1	0	0	A lit H	0	6	8	2	0	0	0	A lit H	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	
										A lit S	0	6	12	2	0	0	0	A lit S	1	6	5	1	0	0	0	
	Transit.		0	15	21	4	0	0	0	A LL H	0	5	16	4	0	0	0	A LL H	2	20	6	5	0	0	0	
										A LL S	3	13	18	15	1	0	0	A LL S	5	27	14	2	0	0	0	
	B		0	2	6	4	0	0	0	BH	0	15	14	6	0	0	0	BH	9	20	5	0	0	0	0	
										BS	2	3	2	3	0	0	0	BS	1	5	1	0	0	0	0	
French	A		4	29	33	10	2	0	0	A lit H	0	12	5	0	0	0	0	A lit H	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	
										A lit S	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	A lit S	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	
										A LL H	0	5	7	0	0	0	0	A LL H	0	4	5	3	0	0	0	
										A LL S	0	2	7	0	0	0	0	A LL S	0	9	6	4	0	0	0	
	B adv.		0	10	12	2	0	0	0	BH	3	15	6	2	0	0	0	BH	7	11	1	0	0	0	0	
B interm.		3	18	25	5	1	0	0	0	BS	0	23	16	5	0	0	0	BS	17	11	5	1	0	0	0	
B begin.		4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	Ab. In. S	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	Ab. In. S	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	
Geography			20	41	13	4	5	0	0	H	13	23	12	8	0	0	0	H	16	17	20	5	0	0	0	
										S	10	3	3	1	3	0	0	S	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	
German	B		9	14	8	0	0	0	0									A LL H	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
																			A LL S	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
											BH	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	BH	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
											BS	1	5	2	0	0	0	0	BS	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
History			9	34	25	7	1	0	0	H	2	21	17	5	0	0	0	H	6	13	7	7	4	0	0	
										S	0	7	12	3	0	0	0	S	1	4	2	3	0	0	0	
Italian										A LL H	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	A LL H	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
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	B		6	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	BH	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	BH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
																			BS	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
																			Ab. In. S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mathematics										Further maths	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	Further maths	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Advanced		4	15	18	13	4	0	0	0	H	2	5	15	6	2	0	0	H	6	8	3	0	0	0	0
			3	18	32	13	9	0	0	0	S	4	22	17	10	3	0	0	S	6	18	24	9	0	0	0
	Core		2	2	8	9	8	0	0	0	Studies	1	16	24	18	11	0	0	Studies	5	15	20	17	8	2	0
Music			5	6	6	1	0	0	0	H	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	H	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
										S	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Philosophy			6	13	8	3	0	0	0	H	0	5	8	0	1	0	0	H	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	
										S	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	S	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	
Physics			20	28	13	9	3	1	0	H	8	9	7	4	1	0	0	H	6	8	6	3	0	0	0	
										S	1	2	6	4	5	1	0	S	1	1	3	7	2	1	0	
Sports Science			0	11	11	7	4	0	0	H	1	3	4	1	0	0	0	H	2	5	6	0	0	0	0	
										S	0	7	6	8	3	0	0	S	3	1	3	3	3	1	0	
Spanish	Mother T.		4	14	4	0	0	0	0	A lit H								A lit H	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	
											A LL H	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	A LL H	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
										A LL S	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	A LL S	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
	B		0	22	16	4	0	0	0	0	BH	0	5	2	1	0	0	0	BH	4	11	3	0	0	0	0
											BS	0	4	1	4	0	0	0	BS	10	8	1	0	0	0	0
										Ab. In. S	1	2	5	0	0	0	0	Ab. In. S	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Theatre Arts	Drama		5	8	9	2	0	0	0	H	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	H	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	
Visual arts			4	21	16	0	0	0	0	H	0	9	10	0	0	0	0	H	0	9	8	0	0	0	0	
										S	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	S	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
World languages			1	2	1	0	0	0	0	H & S	5	9	5	1	0	0	0	H & S	8	7	1	2	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  
Transit. = transitional  
B begin. = B beginner  
LIPS = language of instruction programme of support  
Ab. In. S : ab initio S

Diploma Candidatures 141, Diplomas Awarded 135	TOK	A	B	C	D	E
	EXT. ESSAY	16	53	56	16	0
		33	37	49	21	1

SAT Summary	Middle 50%	Students Tested
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	650 - 720	
Math	30 - 39	
Mathematics	600 – 780	
Reading	32 – 36	
Writing	32 - 36	
Total	1250 - 1490	40

SAT Subject Test Scores	Middle 50%	Students Tested
Biology - Ecology	490 - 490	1
Biology - Molecular	670 - 670	1
Chemistry	670 - 800	3
Chinese with Listening	520 - 520	1
English literature	630 - 740	2
French	770 - 770	7
French with Listening	750 - 800	4
Math Level I	380 - 680	3
Math Level II	740 - 800	11
Physics	690 - 780	7
Spanish with listening	740 - 740	1
U.S. History	800 - 800	1

ACT Summary	Middle 50%	Students Tested
ELA	0 - 30	
English	22 - 33	
Math	23 - 27	
Reading	22 – 34	
Science	23 - 27	
STEM	22 - 26	
Writing	0 – 8	
Composite	22 - 30	5

## > 2019 UNIVERSITIES ENTRIES

**UNITED KINGDOM:** Brighton and Sussex Medical School, British & Irish Modern Music Institute (BIMM), City U London, Conde Nast College of Fashion and Design, Imperial College London, Istituto Marangoni London, King's College London, London College of Fashion, London School of Economics, New College of the Humanities London, Oxford Aviation Academy, Oxford Brookes U, Regents U London, Royal Holloway U of London, SOAS U of London, U of Bath, U of Brighton, U of Bristol, U of Birmingham, U of Cambridge, U of Durham, U of East Anglia (UEA), U of Edinburgh, U of Exeter, U of Leicester, U of Loughborough, University College London, U of Oxford, U of Reading, U of Southampton, U of Stirling, U of Surrey, U of Sussex, U of Warwick, U of Westminster.

**SWITZERLAND:** Business School Geneva, Business School Lausanne, Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne, Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Glion Institute of Higher Education, HEAD Genève, Les Roches, SAE Institute Genève, Université de Genève, Université de Lausanne.

**OTHERS:** Cardenal Herrera University Valencia (Spain), IDC Herzliya Tel Aviv (Israel), IE University Madrid (Spain), Kyoto University (Japan), Leiden University (The Netherlands), Maastricht University (The Netherlands), Strate Ecole de Design Paris (France), Tokyo Institute of Technology (Japan), Università Bocconi di Milano (Italy), Université Catholique de Louvain (Belgium), Universidad Europea de Valencia (Spain), Universitat de Valencia (Spain), Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgique), University of Melbourne (Australia), University of Sydney (Australia), Vienna University of Economics and Business (Austria).

## > 2019 NORTH AMERICAN UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

American U, Babson College, Bard College, Boston U, Clemson U, Colgate U, Colorado State U, Columbia College Chicago, Concordia U Montreal, Cornell U, Davidson College, Duke U, Elon U, Fordham U, Georgia Institute of Technology, High Point U, Lawrence U, Loyola Marymount U, Loyola U Chicago, Lynn U, Marymount Manhattan College, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, McGill U, Miami U, New York U, Northeastern U, Northwestern U, Pace U, Parsons School of Art & Design, Pratt Institute, Princeton U, Queen's U, Quest U Canada, Ryerson U, Saint Michael's College, Santa Clara U, Sarah Lawrence College, Syracuse U, The U of North Carolina, Tulane U, U of Alberta, U of British Columbia, U of Calgary, U of California, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, U of Chicago, U of Cincinnati, U of Colorado Boulder, U of Denver, U of Guelph, U of Miami, U of Michigan, U of Pennsylvania, U of San Diego, U of Southern California, U of Toronto, U of Virginia, Villanova U, Wake Forest U, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Wesleyan U.