

# IMMANUEL CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

2023-2024 PROFILE

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## MISSION STATEMENT

*We partner with families to inspire students for purposeful lives of learning, godliness, and service.*

## ACCREDITATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Association of Christian Schools International (ASCI)

Virginia Council for Private Education (VCPE)

Cognia (formerly AdvancED)

Evangelical Council on Financial Accountability (ECFA)

Virginia Christian Athletic Conference (VCAC)

## IMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

(ICS) is a private K-12 Christian school located in Fairfax County, Virginia, a residential suburb of Washington, DC. The school was established in 1976 with grades K-8. In 2019 the school expanded to include grades 9-12.

With a curriculum that is both academically challenging and biblically rich, the ICHS experience is intentionally designed to strengthen academic and cognitive curiosity, innovation, and achievement, to nurture individual gifts and talents, and to cultivate citizenship and strength of character. Students graduate from ICHS equipped and ready to navigate the world around them.

ICHS students consistently achieve in the top 20% of students nationwide, with AP testing scores averaging over 20% higher than national and global averages across all available subjects.

## CULTURAL DISTINCTIVES

- **Community:** Building relationships between students and faculty, establishing a foundation of trust and collaboration.
- **Customized Academics:** Advanced and accelerated courses, individualized support, college and career preparedness.
- **Advisory Program (Discipleship):** Academic advising and spiritual mentoring.
- **Biblical Worldview:** Encouraging a deep knowledge, understanding, and love of God's Word and integrating biblical principles throughout all areas of study.
- **Life as a Classroom:** Exploring and experiencing rich culture through field trips and international travel.
- **Athletics:** Providing student athletes with interscholastic competition to develop character.

## AT A GLANCE

- Independent, interdenominational Christian School
- K-8 school established in 1976
- High school established in 2019
- Enrolling over 600 students, K-12
- 174 high school students, 35 seniors
- 55 faculty members, 61% with advanced degrees
- College-preparatory curriculum, 9 AP courses
- International & stateside travel
- Senior capstone thesis
- External & internal internships
- Daily Bible class, weekly student-led chapel
- Community service hour requirement
- Student-led clubs
- Member, Virginia Christian Athletic Conference, with 20 sports teams

## DEMOGRAPHICS

**FACULTY:** 55 K-12 faculty. Our gifted instructors are spiritually mature, 61% hold advanced degrees, and 69% have over five years experience.

**STUDENTS:** ICS has a diverse student body representing a rich variety of cultural, ethnic, socio-economic, and denominational backgrounds.

# COURSE OFFERINGS

## ENGLISH

Honors English 9, 10, 11, 12  
AP English Language & Composition  
AP English Literature & Composition

## MATHEMATICS

Algebra I  
Honors Geometry  
Honors Algebra II  
Honors Pre-Calculus | AP Calculus AB  
Honors Statistics | AP Statistics

## HISTORY

Honors Ancient World History  
Honors Modern World History  
Honors US History | AP US History  
Honors US Government  
AP Modern World History

## SCIENCE

Honors Biology | AP Biology  
Honors Chemistry | AP Chemistry  
Honors Environmental Science  
Honors Physics  
Honors Anatomy & Physiology

## BIBLE

Honors Bible Seminar 9, 10, 11, 12

## HEALTH/PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Health I & II; PE credits fulfilled independently

## WORLD LANGUAGES

Levels I, II & III available in Spanish, French, Latin, Chinese; Levels I & II German

## ELECTIVES

International Affairs  
Comparative Religions  
AP Psychology  
Fantasy Literature  
Visual Arts I, II, III, IV  
Theater Arts I  
Sports Medicine

## HONORS FINE ARTS MODULE

Students learn about, create, and enjoy: painting, sculpture, architecture, music, theater, dance.

## HONORS STEM MODULE

Allows students to creatively design projects while exploring the professions of science, technology, engineering, & math.

## HONORS BUSINESS ENTREPRENEURSHIP MODULE

Challenges students to learn the basics of operating a business in a personal and practical way through: sales & organizational leadership, marketing, public relations, human resources, personal finance, & economics.

## JUNIOR & SENIOR YEAR INTERNSHIP

Participation in an internship or externship in a selected area of interest.

## TRAVELTERM

European Humanities I: England, Scotland  
European Humanities II: Italy  
Biblical Studies: Israel  
African History: Africa

# CURRICULUM

ICHS offers a unique program unlike any other in the DC area. Our commitment to a living curriculum, character development, and strong academics provides a balanced selection of coursework that is designed to prepare students for life after high school.

Our program is comprehensive, college preparatory, and taught within a Christian framework. Coursework is designed to lay a solid academic, intellectual, and spiritual foundation while challenging students to excel as they prepare for our nation’s best colleges and universities.

# TRAVELTERM

Carefully woven into the curriculum of first and second semester, this immersive education is fast-paced and unparalleled as students see, taste, and experience firsthand what they have been studying. The hallmark of our TravelTerm is an international trip. Students receive 0.5 credit for each TravelTerm.

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

We offer advanced and accelerated course options and tracks of study, as well as a rich and varied curriculum. Students have the opportunity to experience life as a classroom through internships, competitive athletics, and dual enrollment opportunities for a college preparatory program.

**DIPLOMA:** Standard and advanced diplomas offered. ICBS is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI). ICBS diploma requirements are equivalent to Commonwealth of Virginia requirements for the Standard and Advanced Studies diplomas.

**CAPSTONE PROJECTS:** We offer three unique year-long module courses (Fine Arts, STEM, Business Entrepreneurship) on a rotating cycle, allowing students to experience each discipline throughout their time at ICBS. The course content promotes critical thinking, collaborative problem-solving, and real-world application of learning.

- **Fine Arts Module:** Focused instruction and student exploration of theater, music, and visual arts, culminating in a Fine Arts showcase.
- **STEM Module:** Allows students to explore the professions of science, technology, engineering and math through research-based debate, a Science Fair, and a STEM Symposium.
- **Business Entrepreneurship Module:** Entrepreneurship, Marketing, Public Relations, Personal Finance, and Organizational Leadership instruction, culminating in a Business Fair and *Shark Tank*-like presentation.

**SENIOR THESIS:** Students complete a 15-20 page comprehensive worldview thesis and conduct an oral presentation before a panel of faculty and administrators.

ICBS OFFERS TWO DIPLOMAS	STANDARD (credits)	ADVANCED (credits)	
Biblical Studies*	2	2	0.5 for each year at ICBS
Travel Term	2	2	0.5 for each year at ICBS
English	4	4	
Mathematics	3	4	REQUIRED: Algebra, Geometry, Algebra 2 or above
Science	3	4	REQUIRED: Biology, Chemistry
Social Studies	3	4	REQUIRED: US History, Government
Physical Education / Health	2	2	
World Language	0	3	Or 2 credits each in 2 World Languages
Elective Module*	3	3	Fine Arts, STEM, Business/Entrepreneurship
Economics/Personal Finance	0.5	0.5	Included in Business Module
Other Electives	4	2	
Senior Capstone Thesis	Yes	Yes	
* Four-year ICBS attendance. Equivalent credits accepted or credits waived for high school years prior to ICBS entry.			
Community Service: Graduates complete 50 hours of community service over four years.			

Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated on the basis of all high school credit courses for which a grade has been earned, including those previously earned before ICBS entry. Students who take a year-long high school Honors course are granted a 0.5 added to their GPA calculation for each Honors course. Students who take a year-long AP or dual-enrollment course are granted 1.0 added to their GPA calculation for each AP or dual-enrollment course taken.