

The International School

The International School (Portland, Oregon)

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Portland, OR 97201 USA
www.intlschool.org

Title: Head of School

Start Date: July 1, 2021

Application deadline: October 30, 2020

School Details:

Ages: 3-year-olds to Grade 5

Coed, day school with IB PYP and language immersion

350 students (est. for FY21)

About the School:

The International School (TIS) is an independent, coeducational, 3-year-old - Grade 5 IB day school with 350 students (estimated for FY21). It is located just south of downtown Portland, Oregon on the edge of the Waterfront District, making this close-knit campus with outdoor playground areas attractive to families on both sides of the river.

The centrally located campus provides an urban environment where students benefit from easy access to the Oregon Ballet, the Portland Japanese Garden, the Lan Su Chinese Garden, the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry and the Portland Museum and so much more!

For 30 years TIS has provided a warm, multicultural environment where children are fully immersed in Spanish, Japanese or Mandarin from preschool through Grade 5. Small classes and an inquiry-based, [International Baccalaureate](#) (IB) curriculum enable the students to acquire language and cultural competence as they learn to pursue knowledge beyond the classroom and throughout life. The engaging and robust academic program is taught primarily by native speakers from around the world.

The diverse community of educators represents over 17 countries with 53% of the student body identifying as minority or mixed race, which creates a dynamic learning environment. The [IB Learner Profile](#) helps establish a common vocabulary across the three language programs and set expectations for how community members interact with each other. The overarching goal is to help students embrace the tenets of the IB Learner Profile throughout their lives.

The International School is a member of NAIS and a candidate member of the Northwest Association of Independent Schools. Since 2006 TIS has been an International Spanish Academy (ISA), part of an international cooperative educational project between American schools and the Ministry of Education and Science of Spain.

At the time of its designation, TIS was the only private school to have reached the status of ISA. In March 2010 TIS was the first IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) school in the Northwest. In 2011 TIS became a member of “Confucius Classroom,” designated by the Chinese government-affiliated Hanban Chinese Language Council.

Please read more about The International School on its website: www.intlschool.org

Mission:

The International School inspires children to become global citizens through an inquiry-based learning environment of total immersion in multiple languages and cultures.

Core Values and Guiding Principles:

Global Citizenship

- We belong to a world community and embrace its diversity.
- We are honest and respectful and take responsible action.

Language and Cultural Fluency

- We believe language immersion promotes cultural intelligence and curiosity.

Academic Excellence through Inquiry

- We think critically, challenge our own perspectives, and encourage collaboration.
- We confidently express our ideas and seek to understand those of others.

About Portland, Oregon:

Portland, Oregon’s largest city, sits on the Columbia and Willamette rivers. It is one of the most beautiful and friendly cities in the Northwest with plenty of parks, rivers and green spaces, pretty residential streets, a laid-back small town feeling, charming neighborhoods and a hip downtown. The city has very good public transportation and is very attractive to walkers and bicyclists. It is known for its many breweries, coffee shops and little cafes, trendy restaurants, food trucks, indie boutiques, street performers, museums, theaters, farmers’ markets and the most amazing book store called *Powell’s City of Books* and the famous donut shop, *Voodoo Donuts*. In addition to all this Portland has a reputation for being one of the safest cities in the US.

Most residents don’t use umbrellas because it really doesn’t rain; it “drizzles.” Don’t believe the rumor of the Northwest being a wet place to live; the city isn’t even in the top 15 major cities for annual rainfall.

Portland is a fantastic place to live and work with all of its natural beauty and moderate climate. The extensive forest lands with some of the largest trees in the world, the spectacular coastline which is free and open to the public, the magnificent mountains with amazing waterfalls and hiking trails, and the beautiful rivers are all within reach

from Portland for you to enjoy. You don't have to go far to escape the hustle and bustle of the city.

About the Position:

The TIS Board of Trustees has launched a comprehensive search for the next Head of School, to begin July 2021. The Board seeks a compassionate, empathetic educator and an inspiring, optimistic leader with intellectual curiosity, a growth mindset, passion and experience who embraces the school's mission to inspire children to become global citizens; who appreciates its core values of global citizenship, language and cultural fluency, and academic excellence through inquiry; and who can help build and realize a vision for the school's future.

This is an exciting leadership opportunity for a current head or a school leader with administrative experience aspiring to headship. The school expects its next head to have traveled or lived abroad, speak a second language (not necessarily Mandarin, Japanese or Spanish) and have an advanced degree.

Information for Candidates report can be found here.

Application Materials Requested:

Candidates interested in this position are asked to submit the following materials in a Single Merged Document:

- EC Candidate Summary Sheet (contact Joan Beauregard or Sally Mixsell for the document)
- Letter of Interest addressed to the Search Committee
- Current résumé
- Statement of Educational Leadership
- A list of five or more references with contact information (name, relationship to candidate and contact information including phone numbers and email addresses)
- Educators Collaborative Disclosure Form (contact Joan Beauregard or Sally Mixsell for the document)
- Up to three letters of reference (optional)

Please Address Inquiries to:

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