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West Covina Unified Introduces International World Schools of West Covina

WEST COVINA, CA – West Covina Unified will offer California's only TK-12 International Baccalaureate (IB) Continuum – providing a globally focused education in a free, public school setting – when school begins Aug. 15 through its recently named International World Schools of West Covina.

International World Schools of West Covina consist of Orangewood Elementary and Edgewood middle and high schools, which house the IB-authorized Primary Years Programme, Middle Years Programme and Diploma Programme. All three programs use a service-learning approach, encouraging students to make local and global connections to their education.

"The International World Schools of West Covina provide an all-in-one educational experience that allows students to explore a variety of disciplines through rigorous and engaging curriculum," Edgewood Schools Principal Dr. Roni Maddox said. "We are excited to begin our first full year as a TK-12 IB Continuum and look forward to what our students will accomplish."

During the 2019-20 year, students will have the opportunity to develop bilingualism and biliteracy through Dual Language Immersion in Mandarin, which begins in kindergarten, or in Spanish, which is offered from transitional kindergarten to fourth grade.

Sixth- to 12th-grade students also have the opportunity to study world languages at Edgewood Schools, including Mandarin and Spanish.

The International World Schools of West Covina will also provide a variety of learning opportunities in science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics.

Students can begin arts instruction – such as dance, choral and instrumental music, visual and theater arts – as early as transitional kindergarten.

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Elementary school students can also develop fundamental coding, robotics and computer programming skills, which they can explore further through Edgewood's forensic science, 3D game art, game design and video production courses.

Students who receive the IB Diploma through the Diploma Programme – which culminates the continuum – can receive advanced college standing, course credit, scholarships and other admissions benefits at many of the world's most prestigious colleges and universities. All of Edgewood's IB Diploma candidates have been accepted to four-year colleges and universities.

"The International World Schools of West Covina are central to the comprehensive, rigorous educational offerings available at West Covina Unified," WCUSD Superintendent Dr. Charles D. Hinman said. "We are proud to provide the only TK-12 IB Continuum in the state and inspire greater levels of excellence in our students."

Students from across the San Gabriel Valley may enroll in the International World Schools of West Covina. To begin the enrollment process, [visit the District enrollment page.](#)

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WCUSD_WORLD_SCHOOLS1: West Covina Unified's TK-12 International Baccalaureate Continuum, offered through the International World Schools of West Covina, provides students with a globally focused education featuring comprehensive language acquisition and science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics instruction.

WCUSD_WORLD_SCHOOLS2: West Covina Unified students can gain a comprehensive arts education – including dance, choral and instrumental music, visual and theater arts – through the TK-12 International Baccalaureate Continuum, offered at the International World Schools of West Covina.

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