



Acronyms/School Jargon

504s - The word "504" refers to Section 504 of a federal law that prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities. Students with a 504 plan may request accommodations from the school such as handouts of lectures.

5K - This is a 5-kilometer run that is a required final for all PE (Physical Education) classes.

ACT - American College Testing. One of the standardized tests for college applications. Typically taken in the winter/spring of the junior year or fall of the senior. Students sometimes take both the SAT and the ACT and submit the better score to colleges. <https://www.act.org/>

ADD - Attention Deficit Disorder

ADHD - Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder.

Angel Program - A PTSA program that supplies weekend food and other items (e.g. shampoo & clothes) to students who request them. Pre-COVID-19, the Angel Closet was open every Friday afternoon during the school year and was staffed by PTSA volunteers.

ANGP - All-Night Graduation Party for seniors organized by the PTSA. Typically held the night of graduation.

AP - Assistant Principal

AP Course - Advanced Placement course. This is a college-level course at IHS that has a national exam in May. A passing score (especially a 4 or 5 out of 5) can earn you college credit. For example, a 4 on the AP Chemistry Exam will let you bypass two quarters of chemistry at UW.

<https://sites.google.com/site/ishscounseling/College/high-school-course-selection/selecting-ap-honors-classes>

ASB - Associated Student Body. School-run student organization that runs homecoming, dances, spirit weeks, clubs, etc.

[https://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/issaquahhs/student-life/activities/associated-student-body-\(asb\)](https://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/issaquahhs/student-life/activities/associated-student-body-(asb))

Here is a flyer explaining the difference between ASB, Boosters, PTSA, and ISF

http://issaquahhighptsa.org/Doc/IHPTSA%20Docs/2019_2020_Issaquah_High_PTSA_v_ASB_v_ISF_v_Bo.pdf

BC - Bellevue College, a local community college that students use for Running Start (<https://www.bellevuecollege.edu>)

BOD - Board of Directors. For the PTSA, this consists of both elected positions (Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and VPs of Events, Programs, Outreach, Hospitality, and Communication) and also appointed (Directors or Membership, Advocacy, and Standards of Excellence).

Boosters - The IHS Booster Club partners with ASB to support IHS students extra-curricular passions outside the classroom, including sports, clubs, and activities. They fundraise through concessions at sport games and logowear. (<http://ihsboosters.org>)

Campus Security - This IHS person is in charge of safety and security on campus and has an office in the main office. He reports to the Director of Safety and Security at ISD. He can search cars and lockers without a warrant.

Canvas - Student portal to classes. (<https://issaquah.wednet.edu/docs/issaquahhs/academics/canvas-support.pdf>)

Clubs - Clubs are after-school, extra-curricular activities. They receive funding from ASB and have a teacher sponsor. There is a club fair every October during school hours. (<http://ihsactivities.weebly.com/student-groups.html>)

CCC - College and Career Center. Parents and/or students may make an appointment with the IHS staff at the CCC. A wealth of information is on their website <https://sites.google.com/site/issaquahhsccc> . The CCC runs the Senior Exit Interviews and the High School and Beyond Plan, both of which are required for graduation. They also invite college reps to talk with juniors and seniors. Their office is on the second floor, above the main office.

Certificated - Teachers, counselors, principal, and assistant principals. Certificated staff have an educator's certificate.

Classified - Non-certificated staff (e.g. secretaries, nurses)

Council PTSA - District-level PTSA (<http://www.issaquahptsa.org>)

Counseling Department - The IHS Counselors are mental health and also academic counselors. They can change your course schedule, give social and emotional support, and submit the "School Counselor Letter" that is required for college applications. They also handle transcripts, new enrollments, and Running Start. Parents and/or students may make

appointments. Their office is on the second floor, directly above the main office.
(<https://sites.google.com/site/ishscounseling>)

Eagle Crew - ASB leaders who organize welcome activities for 9th graders

FACE - Family And Community Engagement, a PTSA committee that focuses on translations and under-represented groups
(<http://issaquahhighptsa.org/Page/Programpages/Family%20and%20Community%20engagement>
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FPT - Family Partnership Team, a district-level group that focuses on inclusivity
(<https://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/family/cultural-and-family-partnerships>)

FT or F/T - Full-time. Refers to teachers and staff. A staff with 0.6FT works three days a week.

GMM- General Membership Meeting. This meeting is open to the public, members and non-members alike. However, only members may vote. For the PTSA, the GMM has PTSA business as well as guest speakers. The schedule and documents can be found at
<http://issaquahhighptsa.org/Page/Pta/Meetings>

Homecoming Week - Week of school spirit activities that culminates in a home football game (Friday) and homecoming dance (Saturday).

Honk & Wave - A style of waving placards on a street corner to bring attention to a vote or fundraiser (e.g. Issaquah School Foundation's Honk and Wave).

HSBP - High School and Beyond Plan. This is a required plan to graduate, done mostly during school hours. <https://sites.google.com/site/issaquahhsccc/hsbp>

IEP - Individual Education Plan. The IEP is an annual plan to make sure that students with disabilities are progressing through the school year. Students with an IEP have yearly parent/teacher/counselor/admin conferences.

IFCB- Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank (<https://issaquahfoodbank.org>)

IHS - Issaquah High School! (<https://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/issaquahhs>)

ISD - Issaquah School District (<https://www.issaquah.wednet.edu>)

ISF - Issaquah Schools Foundation. A district-wide fundraising group that supports an incredible amount outside of the basic education that the state provides. <http://isfdn.org>

iVision - IHS TV. This is a class that produces a TV broadcast for the school once a week.

LGBTQ+ - Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer and others (e.g. Asexual, Non-binary)

LRC - Learning Resource Center. This is a place where students with special learning needs can visit throughout the day to have one-on-one or small group interaction.

LRC II - Students with moderate to severe disabilities who receive specially designed instruction in all areas. Participation in general education class will occur as designated in the IEP.

Mock Test - This is a PTSA-run practice test for the ACT and SAT run, administered by Huntington. This is different from the school-run PSAT that is a national test. Scholarships are available. <http://issaquahhighptsa.org/Page/SATACT/Practice%20Tests>

NEST - Since the IHS mascot is the Eagle, NEST refers to a nurturing time of growth. During remote learning, NEST is held on Friday afternoons and could include assemblies or counselor classes. When there is nothing scheduled, students may use the time to get extra help from their teachers.

NFA - New Family Ambassadors. This PTSA program is designed to match newcomers to the area with oldtimers. All are welcome at events as long as you are willing to make new friends. <http://issaquahhighptsa.org/Page/Programpages/New%20Family%20Ambassadors>

PT or P/T - Part-time.

Paras - Paraeducators. Adult helpers in the classroom. They are often assigned to students with IEPs or 504s.

ParentWiser - A district PTSA program that brings national speakers to the Issaquah area for parent education. (<https://www.parentwiser.org/events>)

Pass the Hat - Yearly PTSA fundraiser during fall registration. This funds PTSA activities during the school year. <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/IssaquahHighPTSA>

PSAT - Preliminary SAT (Standardized Achievement Test). This national test is given to all 10th and 11th graders at IHS, typically the second week in October. For juniors, this is a qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship. Due to COVID-19, the test is cancelled for 10th graders and most 11th graders will take it in January. The PSAT is not the practice ACT/SAT tests run by the PTSA and Huntington. <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10>

PTA - Parent-Teacher Association <https://www.pta.org/>

PTSA - Parent-Teacher-Student Association (used interchangeably with PTA). The IH PTSA focuses on supporting student health and academic experiences at IHS to allow them to reach their potential inside the classroom.

PTSA programs & events include Healthy Students, School Grants, Senior Scholarships, Community Service Graduation Honor Cords, Teacher Reimbursements, Staff Appreciation, Family and Community Engagement, New Family Ambassadors, College and Career Planning, Parent Education, New to IHS Night, Ask the Academic Counselor Night, and Senior events (All-Night Grad Party, Breakfast, Farewell). The PTSA also supplies volunteers to the school for school events such as Picture Day, Textbook Day, PE 5K, and Senior Exit Interviews to name a few. (<http://issaquahhighptsa.org>)

Reflections - National PTA Art Contest. Due Oct. 30.
(<http://issaquahhighptsa.org/Page/Programpages/Reflections>)

RSVP - Registration Student Verification Process. The middle school and high school online fall registration. This is the same as EVP (Enrollment Verification Process) at the elementary school.

Running Start - Available program for juniors and seniors (application in sophomore spring). Students may sign up to take classes at Bellevue College but must provide their own transportation. They can be part or full-time. Grades may not transfer out-of-state to private schools. In-state schools such as UW will accept Bellevue College courses.
(<https://sites.google.com/site/ishscounseling/RST>)

SAT - Standardized Achievement Test. One of the standardized tests for college applications. Typically taken in the winter/spring of the junior year or fall of the senior. Students sometimes take both the SAT and the ACT and submit the better score to colleges.
<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat>

SAT Subject Tests - An additional test on top of the SAT/ACT tests for college applications. Typically required for private colleges or certain majors. For example, if you want to major in computer science, you need to take the SAT Math II and SAT Chemistry/Physics/Biology exam. Georgetown University requires 3 SAT subject tests.
<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat-subject-tests>

School Resource Officer - This is the official Issaquah police officer that has been assigned to IHS. His office is shared with the Campus Security personnel in the main office. As a police officer, he can issue tickets and make arrests. Unlike campus security, he cannot search cars and lockers without a warrant.

SEL - Social and Emotional Learning. These are non-academic but vital lessons for the students (e.g. how to recognize biases and microaggressions). During remote learning, these are held on Wednesday mornings and are required attendance.

Standing Rules - Rules that govern what the PTSA does.

http://issaquahhighptsa.org/Doc/IHPTSA%20Docs/2019-20%20Standing%20Rules%20APPROVED%204_24_2020.pdf

Skyward - ISD's Family Access portal to student classes and grades.

(<https://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/family/FamilyAccess>)

STEAM - A variation on STEM. Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math

STEM - Things relating to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

Tier I, II, III - 80% of students are considered Tier I. They learn under regular classroom procedures. Tier II students require some intervention (such as small group pull-out lessons). Tier III students require one-on-one help.

TOLO - Spring dance run by ASB where the girl asks the guy out. TOLO comes from a Pacific NW Chinook word.

Touchbase - IHS online payment system (<https://wa-issaquah.intouchrecepting.com/>). If you do not want to pay online, you can see the Bookkeeper at the school.

UW - University of Washington. This is Washington State's flagship school.

<https://www.washington.edu> Other WA public schools are WSU (Washington State University), Central, and Western.

VIS - Volunteers for Issaquah Schools. Supports bonds and levies. (<http://www.visvote.org>)

VP - Vice President

Voice Mentors - After-school tutors, usually adults. Program is run by ISD

(<https://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/academics/programs/voice>)

Winterfest - Week of school spirit activities in December, highlighted by a school assembly where Winterfest wishes come true. Students and teachers may submit wishes which are then displayed in the main office (pre-COVID), a week prior to the assembly. This event is run by ASB.

WSPTA - Washington State PTA (<https://www.wastatepta.org>)