



## Issaquah High Student Profile

### **Leila Rao**

IHS Class of 2021

### **What classes at school do you love and why?**

In school, I love Peer Tutor and Psychology. In Peer Tutor, I love working with the LRC2 Classroom and getting to know them better. Psychology is very interesting. I am excited to learn more about how the brain and body are connected. I have already learned a lot of interesting facts in that class.

### **What are some of your favorite high school memories?**

I loved this past homecoming and all of its festivities. Going to dinner and the dance with my friends is always really fun. I hope this year we can get a prom as well!



### **Do you play sports and if so, how has sports made an impact on your life? Any highlights you would like to share?**

I run track. Running track has taught me about dedication and hard work. Sometimes, practices can be challenging, but I am learning about having a positive mindset and telling myself that these hard practices will only make me stronger. I have run for the school for the past three years.



### **Is volunteering part of your life? If so, tell us about your volunteering experiences and what you love about them?**

My past two summers, I volunteered at the International Center for Autism and Neurodevelopment or ICAN with my sister. I was an intern at their summer camp where I was with kids with different neurological conditions. It was a rewarding and amazing experience to be with these kids. We did different camp activities such as art and we played on the playground. I left the camp with many new friendships.

**Any plans yet after high school?**

After high school, I hope to go to college and major in neuroscience. Doing ICAN has helped me realize what I want to do in the future. With a degree in neuroscience, I hope to conduct research to further help those with neurological conditions.

**Do you have any cool hobbies?**

I play guitar for a teen rock band in Issaquah. We were able to have a show during the pandemic.

