

## Eugene International Historical Timeline

1979: President's Commission on Foreign Language and International Studies recommends the establishment of international high schools as a means of giving students knowledge of the interdependency of nations and peoples

1982: Oregon Governor's Commission on Foreign Language and International Studies endorses the concept of the President's Commission on Foreign Language and International Studies

1983: Eugene 4j School District high school reform report comes out. Spanish Immersion elementary school opens in 4J.

**1984: Dwayne Adcock, a 4J administrator with a vision for international education and immersion language study sets the foundation for the establishment of Eugene International High School as an alternative high school and the Eugene 4J School Board unanimously approves Eugene International High School as a new alternative school in the district.** The French Immersion elementary school opens as well.

1985: Eugene International High School starts on the campuses of Sheldon and South with 100 9<sup>th</sup> graders with Jon Doornink as Head Teacher. Also added students in grades 10 and 11.

1987: Eugene International High School affiliates with the International Baccalaureate Organization

1989: First 4-year graduating class (started from Freshmen) from Eugene International High School with 73 seniors and 8 who receive the International Baccalaureate Diploma

1989: Eugene International High School enrollment is 460 students

1990: First Spanish Immersion 9<sup>th</sup> grade class enters Eugene International High School.

1991: First French Immersion 9<sup>th</sup> grade class enters Eugene International High School.

1994: Caron Cooper becomes Eugene International High School's 2<sup>nd</sup> Head Teacher

1994: First Spanish Immersion graduating class from Eugene International High School.

- 1995: First French Immersion graduating class from Eugene International High School.
- 1996: Eugene International High School adds the Churchill High School campus
- 1999: 42 candidates earned the IB Diploma. Fall enrollment up to almost 1500.
- 2000: First graduating class from Eugene International High School Churchill campus. Total graduating class for all 3 campuses reaches 270 seniors.
- 2002: Eugene International High School adds North Eugene High School Campus, thus providing enrollment opportunities to students from all four Eugene School District 4J high schools.
- 2002: Marilyn Curtis and Steve Smith become co-Head Teachers for Eugene International High School
- 2003: Marilyn Curtis becomes solo Head Teacher
- 2004: Eugene International High School is awarded the International Studies Schools Association (ISSA) Award for Excellence in International Education
- 2004: Asia Society selects Eugene International High School as one of nine schools to be profiled in a national report entitled *Schools for a Global Age: Promising Practices in International Education*
- 2004: Eugene International High School participates in the “States Institute on International Education in the Schools” held in Washington, DC.
- 2006: First graduating class from Eugene International High School North Eugene campus
- 2006: Courtney Leonard becomes next Head Teacher for Eugene International High School
- 2007: Eugene International High School is awarded the Goldman Sachs Foundation Prize for Excellence in International Education and \$25,000. This award recognizes Eugene International High School as one of the most outstanding international schools in the country.
- 2007: North Eugene decides to pursue their own small schools IHS model where Eugene International High School on the campuses of South, Sheldon and Churchill will continue to work in collaboration with them

2008: Brian O'Kelley, Eugene International High School alumnus, makes a generous donation which starts the "Alumni Fund for Eugene International High School" which is used for travel scholarships for students who would not otherwise afford the opportunity.

2009: Last group of Eugene International High School graduates from North Eugene campus

2010: Eugene International High School turns 25 years old. The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary was celebrated at Lane Community College's Center for Meeting and Learning with former teachers, alumna, current teachers and students, and community members and reminded us of the importance of a global education, linked to language learning and critical thinking.

2012: Steve Smith becomes 5<sup>th</sup> Head Teacher for Eugene International High School

2014: Eugene International High School still operates under the same guiding principles as it was founded upon: "the underlying philosophy of the international school concept is the emphasis on the blending of the specialization of foreign language study with the broad perspective of the history of cultures of the nations selected for study in order to prepare students for successful living in an international multilingual community" (1984).

2014-2015: Jessica Schabtach becomes 6<sup>th</sup> Head Teacher for Eugene International High School

2018-2019: Brian Kuzma becomes 7<sup>th</sup> Head Teacher for Eugene International High School