INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME
CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO THE PRE-DIPLOMA PROGRAM AND IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

**Standard 1:** Prerequisite Course Work (please check the following from the appropriate column)

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**Standard 2:** Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher for first semester of current school year (for Current 8th or 9th graders)**  
- or -  
Cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher for first semester of current school year (for Current 10th graders)**

**Standard 3:** No semester or final grade lower than C for any course in the period up to and including first semester of the current school year

**Standard 4:** Record of good attendance and discipline/character (supplied by school administration)**

**Standard 5:** Admissions Agreement signed by student and parent/guardian

**Standard 6:** Application Essay with signed Honor Pledge

**Standard 7:** Five Teacher Recommendations

**Standard 8:** Personal Interview scheduled by Program Coordinator, during week of February 10-14, 2014

**Standard 9:** Academic History (supplied by School Counselor)

Completed application and supporting documents must be submitted to the current school’s School Counseling Office no later than Monday, January 12, 2015.

* 8th grade students enrolled in Arabic 1, German 1, or Mandarin Chinese 1 must enroll in Latin beginning with the 9th grade year; other languages may be studied as electives.

** For students admitted to the Pre Diploma program or IB Diploma Programme, this information will be reviewed at the conclusion of the current school year to ensure continued qualification for the programs.
INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME
APPLICATION FORM

Please print in ink or type.

Date __________________________

Name _____________________________________________________________ Current Grade ________

Address __________________________________________________________________________________________________________

City ________________________________ State __________ Zip Code ________________________

Current School  __________________________________________________________________________

Zoned School (if different from current school)  __________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian ___________________________________________________________________________

Preferred Phone (parent/guardian) ________________ Alternate Phone (parent/guardian) ______________

Email Address (parent/guardian) ______________________________________________________________

Date of Birth _________________________ Gender ________

List the names of the teachers who will be completing recommendation forms. You must use your current
teachers:

1. English ______________________________________________________________________________________

2. Math _______________________________________________________________________________________

3. Social Studies ______________________________________________________________________________

4. Science _____________________________________________________________________________________

5. Foreign Language ____________________________________________________________________________

Completed Application Packets must be submitted to the current school’s School Counseling Office by
Monday, January 12, 2015.

Completed Application Packets must include:
☐ Application Form
☐ Admissions Agreement
☐ Admissions Agreement Supplement (Current 9th and 10th graders only)
☐ Application for Transfer (Students not zoned for York High School only)
☐ Application Essay with signed Honor Pledge
☐ 5 Teacher Recommendation Forms (submitted to School Counseling Office by teachers directly)
INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME
ADMISSIONS AGREEMENT

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme is a rigorous program that, if completed successfully, leads to the IB Diploma. The requirements of the program are successful completion of the Theory of Knowledge course; the CAS (Creativity ~ Action ~ Service) requirement; the Extended Essay of approximately 4,000 words; all IB course work during the 11th and 12th grade years in English, Math, Experimental Sciences, World Language, 20th Century World History, and an IB elective; internal assessment and examinations.

Classical Languages – Latin, French, and Spanish are the only World Languages available for study in the York High School Diploma Programme. Consequently, students must have completed (at a minimum) Latin 2, French 3, or Spanish 3 prior to the start of the 11th grade year in order to enroll in the IB Diploma Programme.

Due to the course of study requirements for the IB Diploma Programme, a student in the Diploma Programme may not co-enroll in courses at the Governor’s School for Science and Technology (GSST). Similarly, it is extremely unlikely that students in the Diploma Programme will be permitted to co-enroll in courses at the YCSD School of the Arts (SOA). Such determinations are based on the availability of courses within the student’s schedule.

Continued participation in the IB Diploma Programme is dependent on academic performance. Pre-Diploma students are required to have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 at the end of both 8th and 9th grades, and a 3.25 at the end of 10th grade. Diploma Programme students are required to have a GPA of at least 3.4 at the end of 11th grade. Students who do not maintain the minimum GPA are subject to being withdrawn from the IB Programme. If a student’s semester report card falls below the stated GPA, he/she will be placed on a probationary period of one semester. If, after this probationary period, the GPA does not meet the minimum requirement, the student may be withdrawn from IB classes and reassigned to his/her zoned high school. Students may not earn a final grade lower than C in any course and remain in the Pre-Diploma/IB Diploma Programme.

Students are also expected to maintain academic honesty, as well as good character within the school. If, after discipline record review, the student fails to show a record of good character, the student may be withdrawn from IB classes and reassigned to his/her zoned high school. Removal may occur for offenses such as cheating, causing harm to property or persons, those resulting in suspension, and other offenses deemed to violate the mission of the International Baccalaureate Organization and the York County School Division. Academic and discipline record review will begin in the second semester of the 8th grade year and will continue each semester thereafter.

Any student leaving the Pre-Diploma program /IB Diploma Programme, either voluntarily or involuntarily, will be reassigned to his/her zoned high school.

I have read and understand both the requirements and consequences of failing to meet the minimum grade point average and failing to demonstrate good character once admitted to the Pre-Diploma program and/or IB Diploma Programme at York High School.

Student Name (print) __________________________

Student Signature ___________________________ Date __________

I have read and understand both the requirements and consequences of my child’s failing to meet the minimum requirements once admitted to the Pre-Diploma program or IB Diploma Programme at York High School. I support my child’s participation in the program and will make every effort to attend all parent meetings. I hereby grant my child permission to register for and to attend Pre-Diploma and/or IB Diploma Programme courses at York High School.

Parent/Guardian Signature ___________________________ Date __________
INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

ADMISSIONS AGREEMENT SUPPLEMENT FOR CURRENT 9TH OR 10TH GRADERS

Students who are accepted to enter the York High School Pre-Diploma program and IB Diploma Programme must complete all requirements for earning a York County School Division Advanced Studies Diploma. In order to do so, Pre-Diploma program and IB Diploma Programme students must complete a unique sequence of Social Studies courses, beginning in 9th grade.

Students who enter the Pre-Diploma program and/or IB Diploma Programme as 10th or 11th graders will be required to select a course of study involving additional electives, Summer Academy course work, or Virtual High School/ Virtual Virginia coursework which allows them to earn the required Social Studies credits for award of a York County School Division Advanced Studies Diploma.

At the time students enroll in the Pre-Diploma program or IB Diploma Programme, they must agree to a course of study which will allow them to earn credits in the following Social Studies courses by the end of the 12th grade year:

- AP World History or World History I & World History II
- AP US Government
- IB 20th Century World History HL, Grade 11
- IB 20th Century World History HL, Grade 12.

The York County School Division is not responsible for any costs a student may incur by selecting a course of studies involving Summer Academy or virtual learning courses.

I have read and understand the requirements for students entering the Pre-Diploma program or IB Diploma Programme as 10th or 11th graders. I agree to register for and complete a course of study which permits me to fulfill all requirements of a York County School Division Advanced Studies Diploma.

Student Name (print) ____________________________________________

Student Signature ______________________________________________

Date ______________________

Parent/Guardian Signature ________________________________________

Date ______________________
INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME
APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER

Students aspiring to be Diploma Programme candidates in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme will attend York High School for Pre-Diploma and all IB Diploma Programme courses. Applicants must:

(a) fulfill the requirements of the IB application process,
(b) plan to enroll in the Pre-Diploma and/or Diploma Programme subjects, and follow the prescribed Pre-Diploma and/or Diploma Programme curriculum
(c) be recommended by the IB Coordinator/Faculty.

Parents of children not zoned for York High School must apply for a transfer. Students registered in Pre-Diploma and Diploma Programme courses at York High School are encouraged to participate in co-curricular, extra-curricular and athletic activities at York High School. The application below must accompany the IB Application Form:

Please Print or Type

Parent Name ______________________________________________________________________________
Student Name _____________________________________________________________________________
Address ______________________________ City ________________State _______Zip Code ____________
Home Telephone ____________________________ Business Telephone ___________________________
Current School _________________________________________ Current Grade Level _______________
Zoned High School _________________________________________________________________________

I request permission for my child to attend York High School in order to participate in the Pre-Diploma program and International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.

Parent/Guardian Signature ______________________________________ Date ______________________
INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME
APPLICATION ESSAY & HONOR PLEDGE

Candidate Name______________________________ Current School __________________________

Compose an essay addressing the following prompt:

The Mission Statement of the International Baccalaureate Organization states that IB learners will “help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.” Discuss how this goal relates to an experience you have had in your life or a goal for your future.

The essay must be:
• typed or computer-generated
• 12 pt. Times New Roman or Calibri font, black ink, default margins, double-spaced
• 250 words – 300 words.

You must sign below indicating your agreement to the Honor Pledge below. This signed document must be attached to your essay.

Honor Pledge

I certify that the essay submitted here is entirely my own work. I have not consulted any resources, including (but not limited to) electronic/digital tools, books, or people. I have worked completely independently for the planning, drafting, editing/revising, and publishing stages of writing.

Signature______________________________________________ Date_________________________
TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FOR THE
IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

Teacher Name ____________________________________________
Course __________________________________________________

Applicants: The IB Coordinator/Faculty will be asked to evaluate you based on the following criteria. Please ask teachers to complete the following evaluation. The Coordinator must obtain the recommendation forms for consideration to the IB Diploma Programme. Please sign the waiver at the bottom of this form before giving each to the five (5) required, current-year teachers.

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Signature __________________________ Date __________________

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Student Signature __________________________ Date __________________

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