Have you considered enrolling your student in the IB Diploma Programme?

• Premier College Prep Program
• Interdisciplinary Curriculum
• Critical and Higher-Order Thinking @ York High School

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International Baccalaureate Programme
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In the York County School Division, students will be admitted, retained, dismissed, assigned and/or transferred and be allowed to participate in all programs and activities in the York County School Division without regard to race, color, creed, sex, national origin, political affiliation, age, disability or belief, except as permitted by state or federal law.
Eligibility

Rising 9th graders are encouraged to apply for acceptance into the Pre-Diploma program. Prior to submitting an application, students must meet the following criteria:

• Minimum GPA of 3.0 for first semester of eighth grade year
• Enrollment in French I or Spanish I or higher with a minimum grade of B
• Enrollment in at least Algebra I with a minimum grade of B
• Enrollment in Advanced English 8 with a minimum grade of B

An application packet, available in middle school guidance offices, must be completed and submitted by the scheduled deadline each year. The application packet requires:

• Five teacher recommendations
• A two-page personal essay of 250 words or less
• A personal interview with the IB Program Coordinator or IB instructors
• An admissions agreement signed by the student and parent/guardian

Transportation

Pre-Diploma program and IB Diploma Programme students are picked up at their zoned school site and transported to and from the IB site at York High School. Bus schedules are available from the IB Coordinator and the school division transportation office.

The Program

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme is a rigorous, two-year, liberal arts curriculum that develops the individual talents of young people and relates their classroom experiences to the world around them. Admission to the Pre-Diploma program for Grades 9 and 10 is by application, and the program prepares accepted students for participation in the IB Diploma Programme in their junior and senior years. All IB courses are taught by instructors trained in IB instruction at workshops conducted by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO). The courses are designed to develop in students strong writing, time-management, and critical/higher-order thinking skills. In addition, through these courses, each student is exposed to the interdisciplinary nature of the IB liberal arts curriculum.

Students who complete the Pre-Diploma program courses in Grades 9 and 10 may enroll in the IB course of study that spans Grades 11 and 12. IB courses marked SL (Standard Level) require a minimum of 150 instructional hours. Courses marked HL (Higher Level) require 240 instructional hours and carry weighted credit. In addition to courses from six areas, the following are requirements of the IB Diploma Programme: Theory of Knowledge (ToK) course, 150 hours of Community Action Service (CAS) and an Extended Essay (4,000 words of original research). Students who complete the full requirements of the IB Diploma Programme (required GPA, ToK, CAS, Extended Essay) in Grades 11 and 12 and who pass six IB examinations (3 at the HL level and 3 at the SL level) are eligible to receive the IB Diploma (issued by the IBO) in addition to the appropriate York County School Division diploma. Students who complete the IB course components and who pass fewer than six IB examinations are eligible to receive with their York County School Division diploma, IB certificates for the IB examinations passed.