

# Consider enrolling your student in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme!

## Students will ...

- be encouraged to think independently and drive their own learning,
- take part in programmes of education that can lead them to some of the highest ranking universities around the world,
- become more culturally aware through the development of a second language, and
- be able to engage with people in an increasingly globalized, rapidly changing world.



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# INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMME

IB WORLD SCHOOL AT  **York**  
HIGH SCHOOL



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# The IB Programme

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. Courses are designed to develop strong writing, time-management, and critical/higher-order thinking skills in students. In addition, through these courses, each student is exposed to the interdisciplinary nature of the IB liberal arts curriculum. All courses are taught by IB-trained instructors.

## The Pre-Diploma Program

The Pre-Diploma Program prepares freshmen and sophomores for participation in the IB Diploma Programme in their junior and senior years.

### Eligibility

Rising ninth grade students 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. Students may also be enrolled in the first year or higher of any additional World Language, but they will be required to begin Latin in grade 9.
- Enrollment in at least Algebra I with a grade-B minimum
- Enrollment in Advanced English 8 with a grade-B minimum

An application packet, available in middle school counseling 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

## The IB Diploma Programme

The International Baccalaureate Programme aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

### Eligibility

Students who complete the Pre-Diploma Program courses in grades 9 and 10 may enroll in the IB Diploma Programme in grades 11 and 12.

- IB courses marked SL (Standard Level) require a minimum of 150 instructional hours and carry weighted credit.
- Courses marked HL (Higher Level) require 240 instructional hours.

In addition to courses from six areas, the following are requirements of the IB Diploma Programme:

- Theory of Knowledge (ToK)
- A Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) component
- An Extended Essay (4,000 words of original research).

To receive the IB Diploma (issued by the IBO), in addition to the appropriate York County School Division diploma, students must

- Complete the full requirements of the IB Diploma Programme (required GPA, ToK, CAS, Extended Essay)
- Pass six IB examinations (3 at the HL level and 3 at the SL level)

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 their passing IB examinations.

## Application Process

Applications are available in each middle and high school, on [yorkcountyschools.org](http://yorkcountyschools.org) and at the School Board Office. A separate application must be submitted for each child wishing to attend the programme. Students currently enrolled do not need to reapply each year.

## 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. Bus schedules are available from the IB coordinator and the division transportation office.

