

DMHS IB Program Admission Requirements

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program is an internationally recognized curriculum that offers 11th and 12th grade students an opportunity to earn the IB Diploma. The IB Diploma Program is an inclusive program of study. ANY STUDENT MAY ENROLL. To earn the IB Diploma, students must complete and test in six IB subjects; write an extended essay of independent research guided by a faculty mentor; complete 150 hours of creativity, action, and service activities (CAS); and participate in a critical thinking course called Theory of Knowledge (TOK). This advanced, comprehensive program of study offers an integrated approach to learning across the disciplines with an emphasis on meeting the challenges of living and working in a global, technological society.

Students' who wish to enroll, may do so during normal course registration provided they meet the specified prerequisites for each course. Ninth and tenth grade students interested in qualifying for the full IB Diploma Program should attend the IB information meeting. A rough timeline of key dates and requirements are as follows:

- Incoming Freshman attend one of three DMHS Orientation nights, or the last day of the DMHS summer institute or the Informational Luncheon scheduled after Norm Day in late September to learn about IB Program benefits and expectations
- Parent Informational Night – Those who are interested in pursuing the IB Diploma are required to bring their parents to the Parent Information Night to learn about program
- Interested freshman enter IB Advisory to develop their understanding of the IB philosophy, learner profile and to build a personal connection to these outcomes
- Complete district Health course in freshman year (during or after school)
- Complete recommended Pre-IB Course of study (See link “IB Prospectus”)
- At the end of grade 9, conference with IB Coordinator to assess academic strengths and continued interest in IB Program
- Grade 10, must begin language requirement (Spanish or Mandarin)
- Continue recommended course of study (See link “IB Prospectus”)
- At the end of grade 10, students interested in pursuing the full Diploma will complete an application, attend a parent/student meeting and sign a compact to commit to all elements of the program

Proper planning of courses from 9th grade on is beneficial for all IB Diploma students. Students must maintain a high level of academic achievement within the IB program. Progress will be continuously evaluated by the IB Coordinator, teachers, parents and the students. Because all courses offer a high degree of rigor, students should, above all, be highly motivated learners. (See link “The Ideal Candidate”)