International Baccalaureate (IB)

Parent/Student Information Nights
Introductions

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Agenda

I. Overview of International Baccalaureate (IB)
II. IB Diploma Programme
III. Courses & Scheduling Options
IV. Benefits of IB Diploma Programme
V. Admissions Process
VI. Q&A
VII. Open Campus
What is the International Baccalaureate?

“The International Baccalaureate is a not for profit organization, motivated by its mission to create a better world through education…”
IB Mission Statement & Purpose

IB’s mission is to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

- Encourage students to become active, compassionate, lifelong learners
Why IB in Frisco ISD?

- **Goals**
  - Strategic Plan

- **Community Interest**
  - Meets needs of diverse community

- **Alignment of Philosophy**
  - IB Learner Profile & international mindedness

- **High Quality Training**
  - Rigorous teacher training with strong support network

- **Strong Research Base**
  - High college acceptance to top universities; high level of college-readiness
IB Diploma Programme Location

Centrally Located
FHS is centrally located within Frisco ISD.

Efficient Use of Building Space
FHS has building capacity to accept additional student population for the IB Programme

Strong Academic Programming
FHS high enrollment in advanced language courses.

Frisco High School

Centrally Located
Efficient Use of Building Space
Strong Academic Programming
IB Diploma Programme Implementation

- **Fall 2018**
  - Application for IB Candidacy Status
  - Student Admission and Acceptance Process

- **2019-2020**
  - First cohort of 9th grade IB Students begin

- **2020-2021**
  - Complete IB Authorization and Train Teachers

- **2021-2023**
  - First cohort completes IB coursework in 11th & 12th grades
IB Diploma Programme at FHS

- Initial cohort: 9th grade in 2019 (Class of 2023)
- 9th and 10th grades: advanced coursework to prepare for IB Diploma Programme
- 11th and 12th grades: IB coursework and additional DP requirements
Diploma Programme (DP)

Subject Areas
Students learn and are assessed in language & literature, math, science, individuals & societies, world languages, & the arts.

Theory of Knowledge
Students learn and are assessed on the philosophy of knowledge throughout time.

Creativity, Activity, & Service (CAS)
Students contribute to society through service and develop themselves through extra-curricular activities & a final project.

Extended Essay
Students complete an independent, self-directed research paper with faculty mentor.

Grades 11 & 12
Benefits of IB

- Recognized as rigorous, college level coursework throughout the world
- Earn at least 24 hours of college credit for IB Diploma in all TX schools; recognized at most universities worldwide
- Holistic, well-rounded program of coursework for college and career readiness
- IB Learner Profile - global mindedness, emphasis on academics with balance and compassion
- Additional IB research: https://www.ibo.org/benefits/

Video link - IB Diploma Programme: A Broad and Balanced Education
TOK, CAS, & Extended Essay

Theory of Knowledge - course that provides an opportunity for students to reflect on the nature of knowledge and on how we know what we claim to know

Creativity, Activity, and Service - participation in a range of experiences and at least one project throughout 11th and 12th grades:
- real, purposeful activities with significant outcomes
- personal challenge
- thoughtful consideration, such as planning, reviewing progress, reporting
- reflection on outcomes and personal learning

Extended Essay - independent, self-directed piece of research based on student-created research question with faculty mentorship; spans over 11th and 12th grades
Six Subject Areas

Group 1: English Language and Literature HL

Group 2: Spanish HL / Spanish SL / French SL

Group 3: History of the Americas SL/HL

Group 4: Biology HL / Physics HL / Physics SL / Environmental Science SL

Group 5: Math Analysis SL / Math Analysis HL / Math Application SL

Group 6: Music SL / Art HL / Art SL or substitution of Psychology or another science course

Students will select 3 HL and 3 SL courses to take during their 11th and 12th grade years. The majority of IB courses are taught over both years.

IB students may choose to take AP classes (ex. AP Computer Science, AP Chemistry) as non-IB electives.
Preparing for IB Coursework

9th & 10th Grades

- IB Coordinator will meet individually to personalize schedule to ensure all graduation requirements will be met
- Rigorous coursework (Pre-AP level) to prepare students for IB coursework
- Participation in Fine Arts, Athletics, and/or extra-curricular activities is encouraged
Fine Arts & Athletics

- Students are STRONGLY encouraged to participate in school-related extracurricular activities.

- Students will be FHS Raccoons and eligible to try out for athletic teams and fine arts organizations (band, choir, orchestra, and theatre).

- Students MAY double-block Athletics/Band depending on space in student’s schedule. Additional fine arts classes (visual arts, choir, and orchestra) are not typically double-blocked.

- Summer school or online courses for graduation requirements will allow more flexibility if needed.
Comparison of Options

**IB Diploma Programme**
- “Combo meal”; set framework of required courses
- Well-rounded, holistic set of courses/requirements
- Global mindedness
- Varied assessments throughout 11th/12th grades
- Can earn college credit

**AP Coursework**
- “A la carte”; self-select coursework from 30 one-year or semester course offerings
- Coursework based on personal interests
- End-of-year exams only (except for AP Capstone courses)
- Can earn college credit
Additional Considerations

Transportation - provided by parents, consider traffic and ability to provide transportation on a daily basis to FHS; school day is 9 am - 4:15 pm with building open at 7:30 am daily

Financial Commitment (current costs - determined by IB)
- Annual IB candidate fee: $172
- Subject fees for exams: $119 per course
- Additional core fees (EE, CAS, TOK): $147
- Support available for free/reduced lunch students
Admissions Process
Admissions Criteria

- Open Enrollment for any interested student
- Parents provide their own transportation for student
- Lottery system utilized if there is more interest than seats available - setup to ensure representation across the district
- Typical FISD Transfer process does not apply - must complete IB specific admissions forms
Admission Timeline

Admissions Forms Open
Link from FISD website
November 9th

November 30th
Admissions Forms Close
Admission Timeline

Admission Status Email
Email will go out to all parents with acceptance or denial.

Parents will then have 72 hours to accept or deny* the offer to enroll in the IB Diploma Programme at FHS.

*Failure to accept within the time frame will be taken as a denial. Lottery will continue based on available seats.

December 7th
5:00 PM

Final Admissions Email
Email will go out for final spots with acceptance or denial.

Parents will then have 72 hours to accept or deny* the offer to enroll in the IB Diploma Programme at FHS.

*Failure to accept within the time frame will be taken as denial. This will be the final group of students offered admittance during this round of admission.

December 17th
5:00 PM
Admission Timeline

**Final Deadline for Acceptance into the Diploma Programme**: December 19th

**IB Coordinator Visits Middle School Campuses**: January-March

IB Coordinator will visit all students admitted to the Diploma Programme in order to update 4-year plans.
Q&A and Additional Resources

International Baccalaureate Website:  www.ibo.org

Diploma Programme Information:  
https://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/

FISD Program of Choice Information:  
http://www.friscoisd.org/departments/schools-of-choice/international-baccalaureate
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