



# International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme at Warwick High School

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## What is the IB Diploma Programme?

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme is a comprehensive, college preparatory program with a challenging liberal arts curriculum that aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and globally-minded young people who are motivated to succeed. The programme encourages students to ask challenging questions, develop their own sense of identity, and develop the ability to communicate with people from other countries and cultures. IB is a two-year program offered in the 11th and 12th grades. Students prepare in 9th and 10th grade through participation in the Pre-Diploma programme.



## IB Diploma Programme Distinctive Features

- Develops students who flourish physically, intellectually, emotionally and ethically;
- Encourages students to think critically and challenge assumptions;
- Encourages students to consider both local and global contexts;
- Develops strong written, oral and research skills for students to form knowledgeable opinions on current events and become creative problem solvers; and
- Develops multilingual students.

## How do I apply for the IB Diploma Programme?

All students who wish to attend magnet programs must submit a Magnet School Application by the December deadline. Magnet applications must be submitted electronically. Links to magnet applications are available on the Newport News Public Schools website at [www.nnschools.org/magnet](http://www.nnschools.org/magnet). For additional assistance, please contact the NNPS Magnet Office at 757-283-7850 ext. #10314.

## IB Diploma Programme Candidates

It is recommended that rising 9th-grade students successfully complete at least Algebra I and the first year of a world language in middle school; however, all students are encouraged to apply.

Transportation is provided to all magnet program students who reside in Newport News.



## IB Learner Profile

The IB Learner Profile describes a broad range of human capacities and responsibilities that go beyond academic success. The IB Diploma Programme is committed to the development of students according to the NNPS Profile of a Learner and our commitment to encourage all members of the school community to respect themselves, others and the world around them.



## Pre-Diploma Programme Curriculum

The pre-diploma curriculum provides a foundation of knowledge and skills through specific coursework during 9th and 10th grades. All pre-diploma courses are weighted at the honors level for English, Math, Science and World Language. Additionally, students take AP Modern World History and AP Government.

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All IB Diploma courses are weighted at the advanced level. In addition to the required courses, three core elements must be completed to earn an IB Diploma. These elements aim to broaden students' educational experience and challenge them to apply their knowledge and skills. A description of each element is listed below:

- Theory of Knowledge (TOK) Course: Students reflect on the nature of knowledge and how one knows what one claims to know
- Extended Essay: Students conduct independent, self-directed research and compose a 4000 word paper on a topic of their choice
- Creativity, Activity, & Service (CAS): Students complete a project totaling at least 150 hours related to these three concepts

### IB Electives:

- Film
- Music
- Psychology
- Social & Cultural Anthropology
- Theatre
- Visual Arts

Students must complete at least one course from each of the subject groups below. Subjects are offered as standard level or higher level courses.

### Subject Groups:

1. Language and Literature
2. Language Acquisition
3. Individuals and Societies
4. Sciences
5. Mathematics
6. Arts

## How can I find additional information?



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