

Procedures for
ENTERING 10TH GRADE
PRE-IB STUDENTS

1. In preparation for 10th grade Pre-IB curriculum, **students must complete the following coursework in 9th grade with As and Bs:**

English I Honors	Physical Science Honors OR Bio I Hon
Spanish I	World History Honors (may need a waiver To take this in your zoned school)
Algebra I (or Geometry Honors if Algebra I credit is already earned)	
Elective (1.0)	

2. In June after completing 9th grade year, students must make an appointment with the IB coordinator, Ms. Rockhill (813 794-9429) to take an 1) Algebra I Mastery Test and 2) Spanish I Mastery Test. **85% mastery must be achieved on both of these exams.**

3. The **remaining criteria** to be met is:

- completed application (see #4 and #5 below),
- FCAT scores from 8th and 9th grade,
- report cards from 8th and 9th grades (must be at least a 3.0000 gpa), and
- completion of a January writing sample (see #6 below).

If the student is currently in a Pasco County school, only the application and writing sample need to be completed.

4. **November of 9th grade year:** Selected Pasco area middle schools host IB coordinator Information Night, open to the public. Watch local papers and/or contact Land O'Lakes High School for specific dates and times. IB Applications are found at the school's website (<https://lolhs.pasco.k12.fl.us>) and under the IB link. Applications must be printed off, completed, and then mailed or brought in to LOLHS.

5. **December of 9th grade year:** Completed applications are due to LOLHS prior to winter break and applicants complete a timed writing sample at LOLHS. (Students report to LOLHS at 8:30 am to complete an open-ended writing sample, about 45 minutes.) Students must bring their own black or blue pen and paper. (Date, time, and directions included in the IB application.)

6. **February/April of 9th grade year:** Student's eligibility is reviewed by the school admissions committee (made up of- the IB coordinator, guidance counselors, and IB teachers). Additional information may be requested. Students are notified of their acceptance status by mail. Students who do not meet the criteria may be placed on a waiting list for future openings if any occur.

7. Students who **have not completed Geometry Honors by the end of 9th grade year** must take both Geometry Honors and Algebra II Honors in the 10th grade Pre-IB Program. These students will have no elective 10th grade year.

8. If accepted, students will register for 10th grade Pre-IB courses, including Spanish III (Pre-IB students take Spanish I/ II in 9th grade). Teachers are willing to make suggestions to help students catch up, but students should be aware **this course will be a challenge.**

9. Feel free to contact us with any further questions.

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