

IB Online Discussion

SOUTH FORSYTH HIGH SCHOOL

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Forsyth County Schools

Advanced Studies Programs

located at South Forsyth High School

SFHS Parents/Community:
What you need to know about AP & IB



AP or IB, that is the question...

AP

IB

Classes stand alone

Externally assessed

Grading scale 1-5

3 is a “passing” score

Large selection of classes

Can pick and choose subjects to take by preference

Has a whole student component in Capstone

High rigor

Quality point adjustment to GPA

College level coursework/curriculum

Potential college credit

College recognition of challenge

Interdisciplinary

Internally and externally assessed

Grading scale 1-7

4 is a “passing” score

Specific curriculum requirements across the disciplines

Develops whole student (CAS, EE, TOK)

Two Programs

IB is a Whole Student Program

Diploma (DP)

Approaches to Teaching & Learning
Coursework

Career-related (CP)

CORE

World Community



Coursework Required

Diploma

6 Diploma Subjects

Three+ Higher Level (HL) = 2 year

Three- Standard Level (SL) = 1 year

Required DP Subject Areas

Math

Science

History

English

Foreign Language

6th Subject (Choices)

&

Theory of Knowledge course

Career

2 Diploma Subjects

One+ Higher Level (HL) = 2 year

OR 2 year Standard Level Course*

One- Standard Level (SL) = 1 year

Required DP Subject Areas

ANY two DP

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**Personal & Professional
Skills course**

Plus

**Career Pathway (both years)
Foreign Language (50 hrs)**

Preparing for Advanced Studies

Recommended Coursework

9th Grade: Freshman Year

1. Honors 9th gr. Literature
2. Honors Science (Biology)
3. Foreign Language (continue previous)
4. Appropriate Math Pathway
5. AP Human Geography
6. PE/Health
7. Elective

10th Grade: Sophomore Year

1. Honors 10th gr. Literature
2. Honors Science (Chemistry)
3. Foreign Language (continue previous)
4. Appropriate Math Pathway
5. AP World History
6. Elective
7. Elective

***Either Program – TWO+ "Honors-level or higher" courses each year
It is also recommended that students start a Career Tech Pathway
sometime in either Freshman or Sophomore Year***

Dispelling Myths & Rumors

True or False?

Taking 7+ AP or IB Courses junior & senior year will help ensure getting into Georgia Tech?

FALSE

Colleges, Georgia Tech in particular, are NOT looking at “how many” but rather at the holistic student; taking massive numbers of AP courses, either online or at school does not bump you up the priority list for these colleges

Dispelling Myths & Rumors

True or False?

Taking online math courses to "catch up" will help ensure getting into colleges (and Georgia Tech specifically)?

FALSE

Online math courses are only 6-weeks long; they cannot adequately cover the necessary skills and content to help a student be successful at higher level math courses. Universities are starting to frown at students who take online coursework to "get ahead" when equivalent courses are offered by the local school

Dispelling Myths & Rumors

True or False?

IB Program is more rigorous and IB students do so much more homework than AP students

FALSE

Both programs have college level coursework. The homework load depends more on “how many” such courses you are taking – not which program it is. Many AP students take more AP offerings and thus have a larger homework/study load.

Dispelling Myths & Rumors

True or False?

A student with these courses on their transcript will automatically get into Georgia Tech

FALSE

- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- GT Distance Learning
Calculus/Linear Algebra
- AP US History
- AP Language Composition
- multiple AP Sciences
- AP Other courses

Many of our students attempt this path only to be denied entry. There is no single one guaranteed way to get into a college like Georgia Tech. Every student's application is considered holistically.

Dispelling Myths & Rumors

True or False?

A student with these courses on their transcript will get into Georgia Tech

- Algebra II/Geometry II (online)
- Accel Precalculus (online)
- AP Calculus AB (online)
- AP Calculus BC
- GT Distance Learning Calculus
- GT Distance Learning Linear Algebra
- AP US History
- AP Language Composition
- multiple AP Sciences
- AP Other courses

FALSE

Many of our students attempt online math to catch up, only to get lower grades in the next steps where they lack much of the foundation knowledge needed to succeed. GT has said they know online coursework is not equivalent to a course offered by the local high

Out of District Details

Out of District Requests

OOD requests for rising 9th graders to attend South Forsyth High School are sometimes possible. Students interested in the International Baccalaureate Program are encouraged to make application in the 2020-2021 school year and state as their reason "...for purposes of participating in the IB Program at South Forsyth High School." Any student attending a school out-of-district must provide their own transportation.

*OOD requests must be submitted online by January 17th, 2020. **The district will notify applicants regarding your application via email in February.** Please do not contact SFHS regarding OOD requests. This will be handled through the County Office.*

Students who request OOD for the International Baccalaureate Program at SFHS will only be considered if they meet the prerequisite criteria.

Questions?

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