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Access & Admissions Policy - 2022 **Forsyth County Schools – South Forsyth High School**

South Forsyth High School is committed to open access to its programs including the IB Diploma and IB Career Programs. Information is provided to all stakeholders on how to access information about the IB Programs as well as advice and guidance on joining the programs all the way through to completion of the Programs.

The school and the system believe in open access to all appropriate programs for students. As a result of Forsyth County School Board policy, students who are districted outside of South Forsyth's school attendance zone may apply to attend South High as early as their 9th grade year for purposes of participating in the IB programs provided at South High. This Out-of-District application is reviewed by the county administration, the principal of South Forsyth High School, with consultation with the IB Coordinators at SFHS as well as counselors and registrars.

For all students wishing to enter the IB Diploma and IB Career Programs, their grades and coursework are examined to determine if they meet minimum achievement levels to reach the level of rigor necessary to successfully complete the IB programs. Counseling and appointments with the IB Coordinators are provided to assist in their planning and decision making.

Minimum requirements to enter the IB Programs at SFHS include:

Completion of all state/local graduation requirements necessary for high school diploma to include:

- a. 9th grade and 10th grade Literature
- b. Algebra 1 & 2/Geometry
- c. Physical Science and Biology or Chemistry
- d. World History (typically in 10th grade)
- e. Physical Education & Health

For students wishing to enter the IB Diploma Program, they must have....

- Completed 3 consecutive years of a World Language to prepare for entry as an 11th grader into an IB Language B at SL or HL in French, German, or Spanish; OR, completion of 2 years of Latin to prepare for entry into an IB Classical Languages at SL or HL

Additionally, for students wishing to enter the IB Career Program, they must...

1. have completed as a 9th or 10th grader at least one course of the three sequential courses required to complete a state recognized CTAE Pathway in Business, Marketing, Engineering, Computer Science, Teaching, Hospitality, Turf Management, or Culinary.

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2. Culinary and Teaching Pathways are exceptions to #1 above, and can be completed in the 11th and 12th grade years if the student has room in schedule.
3. Students must have room in schedule to complete any World Language course during 11th or 12th grade year while in the CP Program.

All students interested in potentially pursuing either IB Program upon entering 11th grade are encouraged to challenge themselves in their coursework during their 9th and 10th grade years.

Suggested coursework includes:

- continuation of a World Language Pathway
- two or more Accelerated/Honors/or AP courses to prepare for the rigor of the IB Program
- take at least one introductory Career Pathway course

Access & Public Information on the IB Programs at South Forsyth High School

Parents and students are informed about access to and requirements of the two IB Programs (DP & CP) at various points in their high school experience. This information is provided at several points in their high school lives.

Each year, the school provides information on admissions through a variety of sources:

1. IB Information on Programs on the school's website
2. Counseling Services provided at the school level
3. Public Information Meetings through the year
4. Appointments with the IB Coordinators

To note, at South Forsyth High School, both the IB DP and IB CP programs are open access to all students who attend the school pending a review and consultation for advice with parents and students. Below is a general series of steps in the admissions and registration process divided across the academic school year.

Out of District Attendance

Additionally, as South Forsyth High School is the only school in the Forsyth County School District with the IB programs in place, the system has allowed for Out-of-District access to the school for purposes of completing the IB Programs there. Families from out of South High's school attendance zone may complete an application to the Forsyth County Schools website to request attendance at South High for purposes of participating in the school's IB Programs. Applying families are required to provide their own transportation to South High. Students entering grades 9th, 10th and 11th may apply. The window opens through a published date in early December to mid-January (January 15th this year). Applications and the student's relevant transcripts are reviewed by the Associate Superintendent and the Principal at South Forsyth High School to determine if it is indeed a good fit for the applying student. When necessary, the IB Coordinators are consulted to determine if the applicant is a good fit for either program. All incoming applicants are encouraged to take a minimum of two honors or higher rigor courses in 9th and 10th grades, to continue to pursue a World Language, and to continue relevant math coursework that meets their needs as they move toward their 11th grade year.

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