

IB Promotion Policy & Process

November:

Pathway Information Session to County Middle Schools

Target Audience: Current 8th, 9th, and 10th grade students and parents

Description: Information is provided to parents, students and community on all programs and pathways of study available at South Forsyth High School. For the IB, the presentation night details what the IB programs entail, including:

1. That both programs do not start until 11th grade
2. Recommended coursework to guide rising-9th graders and rising-10th graders on what coursework will help prepare them for admission to the IB program as rising-11th graders
3. Recommendation to continue development of a second Language B as they enter 9th and 10th grades

This night is designed to assist families in choosing their coursework for Registration in their upcoming school year and inform them of all available paths of study for their students as they progress through their high school experience.

January through February:

Several sources of assistance and information to guide admissions occur during this time frame.

1. Applications & Registration Opens mid-January

Target Audience: for IB, primarily current 10th/Rising-11th graders, but information and guidance is open to any who wish to make appointments.

Description: South Forsyth High School opens its Registration process for the upcoming school year in mid-January. Current 10th/Rising-11th grade students are advised in their Instructional Focus classrooms and are advised to seek appointments with their counselors and the IB Coordinators if they have questions about IB.

As part of this advisement process, all pathways (including IB) open their online application process. For IB, this includes two Microsoft Forms that pull in information from student applicants for the IB DP & IB CP Coordinators to follow up on with appointments and discussion with interested individuals.

Note that this has taken various forms and dates between November and February over the last five years review period.

2. Classroom Visits by Coordinators - mid-January

Target Audience: all 10th English Classes (in past have used Honors/AP World History) for IB, primarily current 10th/Rising-11th graders

Description: Coordinators make 10th grade classroom visits to describe and go over options for study within both IB programs and answer general student questions.

3. Appointments to Consult with Coordinators – begin mid-January through February

Target Audience: all current 10th/Rising-11th graders

Description: Students and families are encouraged to make individual appointments with the IB DP/CP Coordinators to ask questions, discuss possible plans for the two-year programs, and plan a schedule for their next school year.

4. Coordinators Review Applications & Plan Master Schedule – March to April

Target Audience: any 10th current 10th/Rising-11th graders who completed an online application to join the IB CP or DP Programs for the coming year.

Description: Coordinators make 10th grade classroom visits to describe and go over options for study within both IB programs and answer general student questions. All student applications are evaluated and depending on student transcripts and relevant limits on graduation requirements, parents/students are consulted and advised on final plan of study. Using the data from those applications, Coordinators plan out the best master schedule to allow completion of the IB Career and the IB Diploma Programs within the school day schedule constraints.