



# Welcome to IB

WHAT IS THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE ABOUT?

*“One of the advantages of the IB Curriculum is its structure and quality. It's a coordinated program well established, well known and well respected. We know the quality of IB courses and we think the IB curriculum is terrific.”* Christoph Guttentag, Director of Undergraduate Admission, Duke University

*“The IB is a first-rate program, one we are familiar with, and it prepares students well for a university like ours.”* Fred Hargadon, Director of Undergraduate Admissions, Princeton University

# Advantages

- ▶ College preparatory, international course of study
- ▶ Designed for the motivated student seeking college preparation and advancement
- ▶ IB diploma is recognized for university admission worldwide
- ▶ Advanced standing for university/college acceptance
- ▶ Faculty trained by IB North American and/or FLIBS (Florida League of IB Schools)
- ▶ A sense of accomplishment in meeting the challenge

# IB Speak

- ▶ Requirements of the IB Diploma conducted during 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade year:
  - ▶ TOK: Theory of Knowledge (How do we know what we know)
  - ▶ CAS: Creativity, Activity, Service (Experiences that help students connect classroom learning to the real-world)
  - ▶ EE: Extended Essay (Independent research paper)
- ▶ Levels of Study:
  - ▶ SL: Standard Level
  - ▶ HL: Higher Level
  - ▶ Students are required to take 3 HL and 3 SL courses (some chose to take 4HL and 2 SL courses)
- ▶ Pre-DP: Pre-Diploma Program refers to 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> graders
- ▶ DP: Diploma Program refers to 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> graders

# Components

- ▶ **Group 1: Language A**

- ▶ Must take English HL

- ▶ **Group 2: Language B**

- ▶ French SL
- ▶ Spanish SL

- ▶ **Group 3: Individuals & Society**

- ▶ Must take History HL

- ▶ **Group 4: Experimental Sciences**

- ▶ May choose from Biology HL/SL, Chemistry HL/SL or Physics SL

# Components

- ▶ **Group 5: Mathematics**

- ▶ May choose from Analysis & Approaches HL/SL or Applications & Interpretation HL/SL

- ▶ **Group 6: Electives**

- ▶ May choose from Music HL/SL, Visual Arts SL, Theatre SL, Psychology HL/SL, Economics HL/SL, or an additional science

- ▶ **TOK**

- ▶ **EE**

- ▶ **CAS**

# IB Diploma Requirements

- ▶ To earn a High School IB Diploma from SCPS:
  - ▶ Complete all CAS requirements
  - ▶ Write a passing EE
  - ▶ Take TOK and write a passing paper
  - ▶ Take 3 HL and 3SL or 4HL and 2 SL courses
  - ▶ Take **all** the IB exams
- ▶ To earn an IB Diploma from IB
  - ▶ Complete all of the above
  - ▶ Earn 12 or more HL points and earn 12 or more SL points (the maximum points that can be earned is 45)
  - ▶ Students learn if they have earned the IB Diploma from IB in July. They are mailed to students in the fall with a copy of their IB transcript.

# Bright Futures

- ▶ The Florida law recognizes both the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program Diploma and the IB curriculum as methods of qualifying for a Bright Futures Florida Academic or Medallion Scholars award.
  - ▶ The Florida Legislature is authorized each year to change eligibility and funding requirements.
  - ▶ Filing a Florida Financial Aid Application and FAFSA is required.
- ▶ Students who qualify for free and reduced lunch are encouraged to apply to Questbridge for scholarships. [www.Questbridge.org](http://www.Questbridge.org)

# Student Preparation

- ▶ Keep a calendar of due dates.
- ▶ Complete all homework.
- ▶ Control the desire to procrastinate.
- ▶ Maintain a 3.0 cumulative weighted grade point average in the Pre-DP and DP Program.
- ▶ **Motivation, Organization** and **Time Management** are the three most important factors for academic success.

# Student Assignment & Program Access (formerly CHOICES)

- ▶ Deadline for Admission:
  - ▶ Oct 1: High School Magnet application period opens.
  - ▶ Dec 1: On time High School Magnet application period closes.
  - ▶ Jan 7-18: Notification emails for On time High School Magnets (make sure you respond as directed to hold your seat)
  - ▶ Except for Controlled Open Enrollment, applications may continue to be submitted after the on time application timelines. Depending upon the type of request and the available capacity at the requested school, a late applicant may be placed into a program/school, wait listed, approved, or denied
- ▶ You must turn in an online application even if you are in an SCPS Pre-IB Preparatory program at the middle school level.

# IB Contacts

- ▶ Assistant Principal & IB Director: Barry Coleman
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## Additional Information

- ▶ You received two handouts tonight.
  - ▶ Four-Year Plan: An explanation and information regarding the four-year plan will be shared in one of the rotations.
  - ▶ IB Portal: At SHS, one of the ways teachers share information with students electronically is eCampus. The 2018-2019 SHS IB Portal is on eCampus and is open to the public. You will find both Seminole High specific material as well as IB specific material.  
(<http://tiny.cc/SeminoleIB>)
  - ▶ School Profile for Seminole High School's International Baccalaureate Program contains data on our success rate as an IB program.

# Rotations

- ▶ We have three rotations (about 15 minutes each), each lead by an IB teacher or parent with IB students to share their experiences. Each group (dots) will be lead by an IB student to guide you from one room to the next.
  - ▶ • (one dot) “The Four Year Plan” by Kimberly Jackson in the **Auditorium**
  - ▶ •• (two dots) “The IB Life” by Shari Daniels in the **Orchestra Room**
  - ▶ ••• (three dots) “What Makes IB Different: TOK, CAS and EE” by Leah Gentry, Will Lyons and Kelly Meahl in the **Band Room**