International Baccalaureate Program at FRHSD



The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program (DP) is a two-year course of study in the junior and senior years. The DP "offers a holistic approach to teaching and learning with a keen focus on developing intercultural awareness. Students learn to explore and understand the world around them through inquiry, critical thinking and open-mindedness." – International Baccalaureate Organization



Incoming 8th graders districted for Howell High School and current 9th and 10th graders are invited to attend **Howell High School's IB Information Session** Tuesday, October 26th @ 7:00 PM in the Howell High School Auditorium

What is the profile of an IB student?

The IB learner profile describes a broad range of human capacities and responsibilities that go beyond academic success. They imply a commitment to help all members of the school community learn to respect themselves, others and the world around them. IB aims to develop learners who are:

> Inquirers Knowledgeable Thinkers Communicators

Principled Open-minded Caring Risk-takers Balanced Reflective

What is unique about the IB program?

IB students complete courses from six subject groups in their junior and senior years:

| English | Experimental Sciences |
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| Individuals and Societies | Mathematics and Computer Science |
| Second Language | The Arts |

These courses ensure a depth and breadth of knowledge and understanding. By engaging with a range of subjects, students experience a comprehensive education that encourages them to link their learning across disciplines.

In addition to their six subject courses, IB students broaden their educational experience and challenge themselves to apply their knowledge and skills with three core elements:

- **Theory of Knowledge**, a course in which students reflect on the nature of knowledge and how we know what we claim to know;
- **Extended Essay**, an independent, self-directed piece of research, finishing with a 4,000-word paper;
- Creativity, Action, and Service (CAS), in which students complete a project related to these three concepts.

Who is eligible for the IB Diploma Program?

All current 9th and 10th graders at Howell High School are eligible for this program with the exception of students in a Magnet Program. Current 8th graders districted for Howell High School are also eligible for the IB Diploma Program at Howell High School.

Why choose the IB Diploma Program?

Parents and students choose the IB DP because it offers:

- a challenging academic curriculum that serves as outstanding preparation for university and higher education;
- a student-centered approach to teaching, focused on developing students intellectually, emotionally, physically and socially;
- a focus on international-mindedness, compassion, and understanding intercultural differences;
- respected, reliable and world-renowned academic preparation;
- excellent preparation for college, as many IB students often begin their studies with advanced standing.

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The Class of 2021 was the inaugural class at Howell High School. Howell joins Freehold Township as 1 of 17 schools in the State of New Jersey to offer the IB Diploma Program. Students from our first graduating class received millions in scholarship offers, attending schools such as Brown, Bentley, Bucknell, University of Florida, and University of Miami, to name a few.

Our information session will address the following questions:

- What is the IB Diploma Program (DP)?
- What is the DP core?
- How is IB different from Advanced Placement courses?
- How can my student earn college credits in the IB Diploma Program?
- How do colleges view the IB Diploma Program?
- What are the prerequisites for eligibility to the IB Diploma Program?
- How will IB impact my student's schedule?

Questions?

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