

International Baccalaureate Expansion Proposal



International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

Mission Statement: *The International Baccalaureate® aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.*

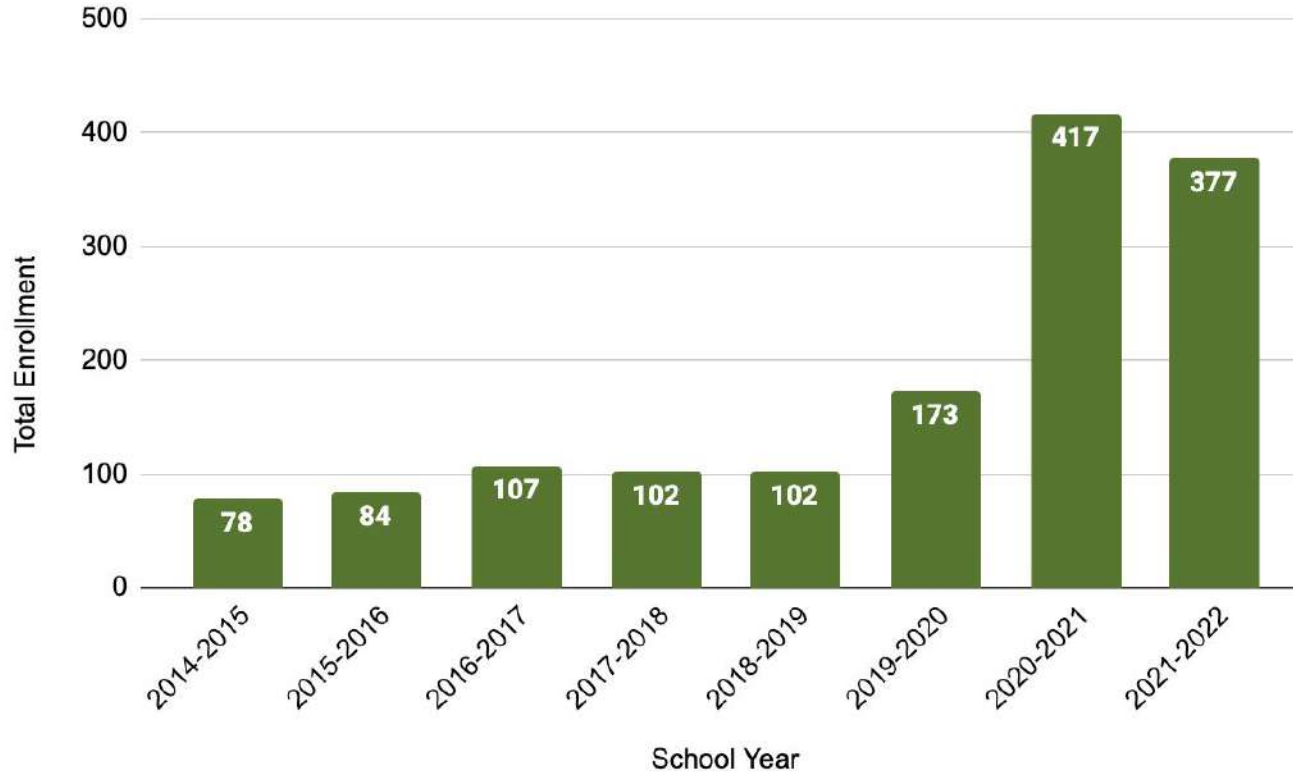
Benefits according to IBO research:

- Development of critical thinking skills
- Preparation for college coursework, particularly in the areas of writing, critical thinking, study skills and time management
- Students attend college at higher rates and return for a second year at higher rates than non-IB students

Current UCPS Model

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
IB Pathway Program <i>Students take honors-level courses to meet the prerequisites of the IB Diploma Programme.</i>		IB Diploma Programme <i>Students take courses that span 2 years in the areas of English, World Language, Social Studies, Science, and Math.</i> <i>Other requirements include the IB Core:</i> <i>IB Theory of Knowledge</i> <i>IB Extended Essay</i> <i>IB Creativity, Activity, Service</i>	

Total Enrollment Over Time



Programming Limitation

Demand for the International Baccalaureate program at Marvin Ridge HS has increased over time.

There have been limited numbers of students from outside the Marvin Ridge attendance zone who have enrolled in and completed the IB Diploma Programme since the program's inception.

Proposal

Place a second International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme at CATA, which is centrally located with transportation already established. Annual enrollment not to exceed 50 students.

Timeline

2021-2022

Board approval

Principal attends training

Apply for candidacy

Run lottery for current 8th grade students (Class of 2026)

2022-2023

Class of 2026 enter IB Pathway Program (50 9th graders)

Begin working with IB consultant

Consultant visit

Teachers attend professional development

2023-2024

All professional development complete

Submit application for authorization

Verification visit

Summer 2024: School officially authorized to offer IB Diploma Programme

2024-2025

Class of 2026 enter IB Diploma Programme (11th graders)

Funding Considerations

- **2021-2022** - No local impact
- **2022-2023** - Approximately \$20,000 (i.e., training, IB fees, course materials)

Frequently Asked Questions

How will the IB program fit into CATA's model?

- The IB Pathway and Diploma Programme will become the IB Academy at CATA and will function just like current academies at CATA.

What type of certification or training is required for the principal, teachers, and counselors?

- The IB Organization offers multiple training opportunities each year. There is no official certification but teachers are expected to be trained prior to teaching in the IB Diploma Programme. There are also training sessions for the principal and counselors.

Frequently Asked Questions

How challenging is it to find teachers to teach in the IB Diploma Programme?

- Any teacher currently certified to teach core content areas (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, World Language) can be trained to be an IB teacher.

What will be the academic requirements for students to get into the IB Academy at CATA?

- This is currently being finalized but last year students were required to have a 70 average across all content areas in 7th grade and at the end of 8th grade, and students must be passing all classes.

Frequently Asked Questions

How will we market the new IB Academy at CATA?

- As CATA markets their existing programs, they will include information about the IB Academy. In addition, social media channels and PeachJar flyers will be used to advertise. Each year, representatives from each of the Special Program Schools visit middle schools and give informational presentations about their schools. A representative from CATA will also be present at the High School Programs Expo to share information.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can students currently enrolled in the IB Program at Marvin Ridge HS transfer to CATA?

- No. This program will add one grade level at a time and will start with rising 9th grade students only in the 2022-2023 school year.

How many students per year will be accepted into the IB Academy at CATA?

- 50 students per year

Frequently Asked Questions

How did UCPS decide to allow 50 students per grade level?

- This is consistent with the number of students that were accepted in the IB Pathway Program at Marvin Ridge High School.

If Marvin Ridge HS students are interested in the IB program, will they have access to the IB Academy at CATA?

- This will be addressed in the future in the Student Assignment policy, 4-13.

Frequently Asked Questions

If a student doesn't like the IB Academy at CATA, can they switch to another academy?

- Students must stay in the academy they initially choose.

Will CATA's building need an addition to support this program?

- Currently, each teacher at CATA has his/her own classroom, and these classrooms are used only 3 out of 4 class periods per day. The additional teachers can "float" into other teachers' classrooms during planning periods.