

YORK COUNTY SCHOOL DIVISION



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE
DIPLOMA PROGRAMME
YORK HIGH SCHOOL
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APPLICATION

Criteria for Admission to the IB Diploma Programme*

- Standard 1: Prerequisite Course Work (please check the following)
- _____ currently enrolled in Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II or higher level math with a grade of B or better
 - _____ currently enrolled in French I, Spanish I, or higher with a grade of B or better
 - _____ currently enrolled in Advanced English 8 with a grade of B or better
- Standard 2: GPA of 3.0 or higher for first semester of eighth grade year**
- Standard 3: Record of good attendance and discipline/character (supplied by school administration)**
- Standard 4: Admissions Agreement signed by student and parent/guardian
- Standard 5: Writing Sample
- Standard 6: Five Teacher Recommendations
- Standard 7: Personal Interview (date and time to be scheduled with Programme Coordinator, week of February 6-10, 2012)
- Standard 8: Academic History (supplied by Guidance)

***Completed application and supporting documents must be submitted to middle school guidance counselor no later than January 11, 2012.**

**For students admitted to the IB Diploma Programme, this information will be reviewed at the conclusion of the 8th grade year to ensure continued qualification for the Programme.

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APPLICATION FORM—IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

Please print in ink or type.

Date _____

Name _____ Grade _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Current School _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Home Phone _____ Business Phone (parent/guardian) _____

Email Address (parent/guardian) _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

List the names of the teachers who will be completing recommendation forms:

1. English _____
2. Algebra I, Geometry or Algebra II _____
3. Social Studies _____
4. Science _____
5. French or Spanish _____

Application due date: January 11, 2012.

Please attach your essay.

If you are not presently enrolled in the York County School Division, please attach a copy of your most recent report card.

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INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME ADMISSIONS AGREEMENT

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme is a rigorous program that, if completed successfully, leads to the IB Diploma. The requirements of the program are successful completion of:

- The Theory of Knowledge course
- CAS (Creativity ~ Action ~ Service) requirement
- An independent essay of 4,000 words
- All IB course work during the 11th and 12th grade years in English, Math, Experimental Sciences, Foreign Language, History of the Americas, and any IB elective
- Internal assessment and examinations

Continued participation in the IB Diploma Programme is dependent on academic performance. Pre-Diploma/IB students are required to have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 at the end of both 8th and 9th grades, a 3.25 at the end of 10th grade, and a 3.4 at the end of 11th grade. Students who do not maintain the minimum GPA are subject to being withdrawn from the IB Programme. If a student's semester report card falls below the stated GPA, he/she will be placed on a probationary period of one semester. If, after this probationary period, the GPA does not meet the minimum requirement, the student may be withdrawn from IB classes and reassigned to his/her zoned high school. Students may not earn a final grade lower than C in any course and remain in the Pre-Diploma/IB Diploma Programme.

Students are also expected to maintain academic honesty, as well as good character within the school. If, after discipline record review, the student fails to show a record of good character, the student may be withdrawn from IB classes and reassigned to his/her zoned high school. Removal may occur for offenses such as cheating, causing harm to property or persons, those resulting in suspension, and other offenses deemed to violate the mission of the International Baccalaureate Organization and the York County School Division. Academic and discipline record review will begin in the second semester of the 8th grade year and will continue each semester thereafter.

Any student leaving the Pre-Diploma/IB Diploma Programme, either voluntarily or involuntarily, will be reassigned to his/her zoned high school.

I have read and understand both the requirements and consequences of failing to meet the minimum grade point average and failing to demonstrate good character once admitted to the Pre-Diploma Programme at York High School.

Student Name (*print*) _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

I have read and understand both the requirements and consequences of my child's failing to meet the minimum requirements once admitted to the Pre-Diploma Programme at York High School. I support my child's participation in the program and will make every effort to attend all parent meetings. I hereby grant my child permission to register and to attend Pre-Diploma and IB courses at York High School.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER

Students aspiring to be Diploma candidates in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme must attend York High School for Pre-Diploma and IB Diploma Programme courses. Applicants must:

- (a) fulfill the requirements of the IB application process,
- (b) plan to enroll in the Pre-Diploma/IB subjects, and follow the prescribed Pre-Diploma curriculum
- (c) be recommended by the IB Coordinator/Faculty.

Parents of children **not zoned** for York High School must apply for a transfer. Students registered in Pre-Diploma and IB courses at York High School are encouraged to participate in co-curricular, extra-curricular and athletic activities at York High School. The application below should accompany the IB Application Form:

Please Print or Type

Parent Name _____
Student Name _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Home Telephone _____ Business Telephone _____
Current School _____ Current Grade Level _____
Zoned High School _____

I request permission for my child to attend York High School in order to participate in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program.

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ADMISSION ESSAY

Candidate Name _____ Current School _____

Compose an essay answering the following: *What will page 114 of your autobiography look like? What will this say about the person you are and the difference you have made in the world?* The essay must be typed or computer-generated (12 pt. font, 1" margins, double-spaced, 250 words or less) and attached to this form. Please sign your name at the bottom of the essay and attach it to your application.

Signature _____

Date _____



TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FOR THE IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME



Teacher Name _____
Course _____

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Teachers: Please return to middle school Guidance Department no later than January 11, 2012.

Category	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
emotional maturity				
academic honesty				
ability to handle multiple tasks/stress				
motivation to learn				
attendance				
sensitivity to deadlines				
classroom participation				
organizational skills				
higher order/critical thinking skills				

Comments: _____

Please include additional comments on the reverse side of this form or on an attached sheet. **All information will remain confidential.**

Teacher Name (please print) _____ School _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Student: I am aware of the admissions procedures and standards for the IB Diploma Programme at York High School, and I waive right of access to this teacher recommendation.

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