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INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAM

The following courses may be offered as part of the IB program during a student's high school career:

IB English III	IB Chemistry
IB English IV	IB Environmental Systems and Societies
IB French	IB Physics
IB Latin	IB Mathematical Studies
IB Spanish	IB Mathematics SL/HL
IB History of the Americas	IB Music
IB 20th Century World History	IB Art/Design
IB Philosophy	IB Theatre Arts
IB Psychology	IB Theory of Knowledge
IB Biology	

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Smith High School
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Page High School
201 Alma Pinnix Drive | Greensboro, NC 27405 | (336) 370-8200



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Since 1996, Guilford County Schools (GCS) has proudly offered the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme for highly motivated high school students.

The rigorous standards of academic excellence associated with IB make it a compelling option for many students.

Guilford County is one of only a small number of North Carolina school systems authorized by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) to offer the prestigious diploma program. GCS offers four established programs at Grimsley High, High Point Central High, Ben L. Smith High and Page High. Students earn the IB diploma by successfully completing IB exams at the end of their senior year, although some IB students will take one or two exams in their junior year.



PREPARING FOR IB CANDIDACY

All high school students enrolled in GCS may apply to participate in the IB program. Students are eligible to participate in the IB program at the IB high school that their attendance zone high school feeds. Interested students are strongly advised to enroll in preparatory courses during their freshman and sophomore years, especially in the areas of mathematics and foreign language. In addition, superior reading and writing skills enhance students' ability to meet IB expectations. Preparation during the middle school years would include completing the first level of a second language and a mathematics course equivalent to Algebra I. During the registration process, underclassmen should consult with their school counselor to ensure they are on track to earn an IB diploma.

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Although specific IB courses vary with each participating school, all IB students study six subject areas. Diploma candidates must select three of these subjects to be studied at the higher level, which requires greater depth, and three to be studied at the standard level, which offers a broader survey. The subject area called Language A presents both national and world literature in the student's best language.

Language B is defined as a second language. In "Individuals and Societies," students study history, philosophy or psychology. Both experimental sciences and mathematics offer choices among several courses designed to meet student interest and aptitude. The sixth subject also includes a variety of courses, including the arts.

In addition to the six subjects selected, IB diploma candidates critically reflect on the nature of knowledge and experience in a course called "Theory of Knowledge." With the "Extended Essay," students undertake an original and independent piece of research and writing. "Creativity, Action and Service" requires the student to log 150 hours of extracurricular activities related to the local community.

EXTRA INCENTIVES!

IB diploma recipients will be recognized at a special celebration. IB diploma recipients are also eligible to participate in the Cool to Be Smart celebration if they passed five Advanced Placement and/or IB exams. The students are recognized with an Advanced Placement/IB Distinguished Scholars Diploma and a chance to win prizes and new car.

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