

The IB World School at Plano East Senior High School

The IB World School consists of 9th and 10th graders who are enrolled in International Honors program and 11th and 12th graders who are enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.

9th and 10th grade schedules:

- ❖ IH Humanities (Honors English I & AP Human Geography/Honors English II & AP World History)
- ❖ IH Math
- ❖ IH Science (Biology & Chemistry)
- ❖ IH World Language (Spanish, French, Chinese)
- ❖ Electives

Freshman and sophomores have access to all Plano East sports, clubs, activities.

Freshman and sophomores eat together upstairs in the IB Commons area and are not allowed to leave campus for lunch.

11th and 12th grade diploma candidates are required to do the following:

- ❖ Successfully complete one course from each group (see below)
- ❖ SL courses are one year and HL courses are two years long
- ❖ Write a 4000 word extended essay during grades 11 & 12
- ❖ Participate in Creativity, Activity, Service experiences
- ❖ Enroll in Theory of Knowledge

Diploma Courses offered at IB World School

Group 1: IB English HL (all students take)

Group 2: IB French SL/HL, IB Spanish SL/HL, IB Chinese SL

Group 3: IB Economics SL/HL, History HL

Group 4: IB Biology SL/HL, IB Chemistry SL/HL, IB Physics SL/HL, IB Environmental Systems SL

Group 5: IB Math Applications SL, IB Math Analysis SL/HL

Group 6: IB Visual Art SL/HL, IB Dance SL/HL, IB Theater SL/HL, Computer Science SL/HL,
(any course above can serve as Group 6)

Important dates:

- ❖ November 16 after 5:00 p.m.: Application portal opens at pisd.edu/ib and on the district website.
- ❖ December 14 at 11:59 p.m.: Application portal closes. No late applications will be accepted.
- ❖ January 11, 2019: Students will be notified of placement.
- ❖ January 18, 2019: Students must commit to placement.

Important contact information:

Our website: www.pisd.edu/ib

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Frequently Asked Questions:

How is IB different than AP? IB is a program which focuses on an international mindset, a learner profile, and a diploma core in addition to rigorous courses. IB exam scores are a combination of exams in May and internal assessments which are given during the school year.

What is International Honors? The International Honors Program is a locally developed program for 9th and 10th graders who attend the IB World School. Students are enrolled in honors courses which focus on the IB learner profile and an international mindset in order to prepare them for work as an IB Diploma Programme student.

What is “SL” and “HL”? SL (Standard level) courses are one year courses, and HL (Higher level) courses span two years. In order to earn an IB diploma, students must complete 3 HL and 3 SL courses (and exams) or 4 HL and 2 SL courses (and exams) during their junior and senior years.

How does IB affect my students' GPA? 9th and 10th grade students only have access to courses that other 9th and 10th graders take in the school district, so the GPA at the World School is consistent with offerings across the school district. Most IH courses are 4.5, and most IB courses are 5.0.

Can my child continue in band/orchestra/sports and be in IB? Yes. IB courses are challenging, but the majority of our students are involved in at least one sport or fine arts or extracurricular activity.

Can my child come to IB if we are planning to go to TAMS? If you are planning for your child to attend TAMS, he/she should go to his/her assigned high school. TAMS takes students from every high school in Plano ISD, so there is no advantage in coming to the IB World School, and it takes a spot from another student who is planning to stay for four years.

What happens if my student does not get in to the IB World School? The majority of incoming ninth graders will eventually be chosen because sometimes admitted students change their minds and do not accept placement. If your child is waitlisted, be patient. Also know that students can enter the IB World School as freshman, sophomores, or juniors.

Is IB only for students who want to attend college internationally? No, although the IB diploma is recognized internationally, the majority of our students continue on to schools in the United States.

How much does it cost to be in IB? Currently the cost to register for and take the 6 required IB exams is \$892 and \$352 for students on free/reduced lunch.

Do IB classes earn college credit? Yes, most colleges accept IB tests and award college credit if students score well enough. If you are not sure about the college where your child would like to attend, check the website or call an admissions officer. In Texas, in accordance with Texas Education Code 51.968, Texas (public) universities will award **at least** 24 semester credit hours to those students who have earned an International Baccalaureate Diploma and present IB exam scores of 4 or higher.

