

# DeKalb County School District International Baccalaureate Diploma Programmes

## The IB Mission

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. To this end, the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment. These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.



## Diploma Programme Subjects

Students complete six courses during 11th and 12th grade in the following areas:

*Language A (English)*

*Language B (Spanish or French)*

*Individuals and Societies*

*Sciences*

*Mathematics*

*The Arts*

Three of the courses must be taken at the Higher Level (270 hours over 2 years).

## IB Programme Features

*These elements of all IB Programmes help students become lifelong, globally-minded learners.*



**Approaches to Learning-** Deliberate strategies, skills and attitudes that permeate the IB learning environment.



**Learner Profile-** Ten traits that help to define who IB learners are and who they are striving to become.



**International mindedness-** Understanding, respecting, and valuing different cultures. This helps students embrace diversity and understand that despite our differences, we can understand one another.



The IB Diploma Programme is an academically challenging and balanced programme of education, with final examinations, that prepares students aged 16 to 19 for success at university and in life beyond. It has been designed to address the intellectual, social, emotional and physical well-being of students. The programme has gained recognition and respect from the world's leading universities.

## Diploma Programme Core

*DP core experiences expand students' critical thinking and personal agency.*



Extended essay- up to 4000 words on an area of personal research interest.



Creativity, action, and service (CAS)- service projects, artistic endeavors, and community activities.



Theory of Knowledge- a class on theories of knowledge and ways of knowing.

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## DCSD IB Clusters

The International Baccalaureate authorized the first three DeKalb County School District IB Diploma Programmes in 2004 at Druid Hills High School, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. High School, and Tucker High School. Between 2004 and the present, these three clusters now offer 10 IB programs through DCSD School Choice.

### Druid Hills Cluster

- Avondale Elementary School (IB Primary Years Programme)
- Fernbank Elementary School (IB Primary Years Programme)
- Druid Hills Middle School (IB Middle Years Programme)
- Druid Hills High School (IB Diploma Programme)



### Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Cluster

- Salem Middle School (IB Middle Years Programme)
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. High School (IB Diploma Programme)



### Tucker Cluster

- Midvale Elementary School (IB Primary Years Programme)
- Brockett Elementary School (IB Primary Years Candidate School)
- Tucker Middle School (IB Middle Years Programme)
- Tucker High School (IB Career-related and Diploma Programmes)



## Benefits of the IB Diploma Programme

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme is rigorous and comprehensive and trusted world-wide to prepare students very well to both enter and complete university degrees.

- **IB is well-rounded.** Students are exposed to multiple subjects.
- **IB is personalized.** It helps students learn to make academic choices that let them explore their interests.
- **IB is student-focused.** It prioritizes inquiry and student-centered learning.
- **IB is focused on writing.** The program includes writing across the subject areas.
- **IB is holistic.** The program is designed to center the whole student in the learning experience.



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## Admission process

### IB Preparatory Program for Rising 9th and 10th grade

#### Students must have:

- 3.0 GPA
- 1 credit of Spanish or French by the end of 10th grade
- Complete School Choice and IB applications

### IB Diploma Programme for Rising 11th grade

#### Students must have:

- 3.2 GPA
- 1 credit of Spanish or French
- Complete School Choice and IB applications

## For more information

Students interested in participating in IB at a DCSD high school (Druid Hills, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. or Tucker) must apply through DCSD School Choice

<https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/school-choice/>



- Druid Hills HS (DP only):  
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- MLK HS (DP only):  
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- Tucker HS (DP and CP):  
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