



## Program Description

In the quest for expanding internationalism and raising academic standards to a global level, DeKalb County School District has implemented the *International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme* at Druid Hills High School, **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. High School**, and Tucker High School.

The IB Diploma Programme is an academically challenging and balanced program 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 program has gained recognition and respect from the world's leading universities.

### Approaches to Teaching and Learning

IB programmes are taught by teachers who explicitly help students learn how to develop the attitudes and skills they need for both academic and personal success.

*There are six key pedagogical principles that underpin all IB programmes.*

Teaching in IB programmes is:

- based on inquiry
- focused on conceptual understanding
- developed in local and global contexts
- focused on effective teamwork and collaboration
- differentiated to meet the needs of all learners
- informed by assessment (formative and summative).

*More information about the IB Programme can be found at [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org) or on our school website:*

*<https://www.mlkinghs.dekalb.k12.ga.us/InternationalBaccalaureateProgram.aspx>*



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**Dr. Martin Luther  
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**International  
Baccalaureate  
Diploma  
Programme**

## Application Criteria for 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Minimum core 3.0 average at end 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Completion of advanced/accelerated core curriculum in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Preferred completion of one Carnegie unit of French or Spanish by the end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Two teacher recommendations from core subject teachers.
- Completion of School Choice and IB Prep applications.

### Rising 11<sup>th</sup> grade

- 3.2 GPA
- 1 credit in Spanish or French
- Complete school and IB applications



### How to apply

1<sup>st</sup>: Submit the School Choice online application to <https://www.yourchoicedekalb.org/apply/>.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Video Application submissions- **Link will be available in January.**

3<sup>rd</sup> Submit your teacher recommendations.

**All materials will be available on the School Choice**

## Six Areas of IB Curriculum



### Special Features

- Challenging interdisciplinary classes providing focus on writing, critical thinking, and communication
- Rigorous education based on global standards.
- High standard of teacher training and global accountability.
- Academic mentoring of each Extended Essay (EE) and the Creativity, Action, and Service (CAS)
- Community service projects
- Advanced standing and/or exemptions possible at many universities through combination of IB and AP courses

### Curriculum

The IB prep curriculum is extensive and designed to prepare 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students with the skills and knowledge necessary for the rigors of 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade IB DP coursework.

#### Grades 9 & 10 (IB Prep Curriculum)

- Accelerated English 9 and 10
- Adv. Algebra, Geometry and AP Pre-Calculus
- AP Biology; Acc. Chemistry
- AP World History; Economics
- Adv. Citizenship; AP Human Geography
- Second language: Levels I—IV of French, or Spanish

\* Possible other requirements

#### Grades 11 & 12 (IB Diploma Programme)

- IB English SL & HL
- IB Math Applications SL
- IB Biology SL & HL; IB Physics SL/HL, IB
- IB History of the Americas
- IB 20<sup>th</sup> Century History Topics
- IB SL French or Spanish
- IB Elective: IB Drama SL, psychology
- IB Visual Arts SL, or IB Dance SL
- IB Theory of Knowledge (TOK)
- Creativity, Action, & Service (CAS)
- Extended Essay (EE)

**\*May have additional requirements.**