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IB Diploma Admissions Policy

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Admissions policy for Diploma Programme

ThunderRidge openly welcomes and encourages students to participate in the IB programme. As an MYP school, the IB philosophy and traits of the Learner Profile are incorporated into the curriculum and planning pathways for students. Counselors invite students to weigh all options available to complete a comprehensive education program at ThunderRidge. In addition to the general support through classes and the registration process, our IBDP Coordinator meets with prospective students in the middle school and by mailing to all 8th-grade prospective students within the county. These students are invited to an Academic Showcase where IBDP is explained. Within ThunderRidge, the IBDP coordinator meets with all 9th and 10th-grade students in their registration orientation to describe the process for enrolling and planning for the IBDP. Students planning on taking the IBDP path are encouraged to complete a four-year plan that best supports their academic success upon enrollment.

Students are encouraged to declare their intent to complete the full IB Diploma as soon as possible (generally during or before their freshman year) by consulting with the IB Programme Coordinator and submitting the ThunderRidge IB Intent form. Students may express intent to complete the full IB Diploma as late as the summer prior to their junior year. Once the form is completed, students consult each semester, and as needed, with the IB Programme Coordinator to evaluate academic plans and to select courses best suited to prepare them for the full IB Diploma. As students progress through their freshman and sophomore years at ThunderRidge, the IB Diploma Coordinator works with students' counsellors to ensure students are progressing appropriately and coursework continues to meet their academic needs. Throughout their enrollment in the full IB Diploma Programme, IB Diploma Candidates and ThunderRidge continue to receive academic support and guidance from both the IB Diploma Coordinator and their academic counselors.

Both the full IB Diploma Programme, and individual IB Courses are available and open to all ThunderRidge juniors and seniors who meet the prerequisite requirements.

Prerequisites are listed both in the [ThunderRidge DP 4-year sequencing chart](#) and in the [ThunderRidge Academic Planning Guide](#). Students interested in participating in IB Courses or the full IB Diploma Programme should visit the [ThunderRidge IB Prospective Students](#) webpage for more information on the benefits and process of enrolling.