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Washburn High School/An IB World School



Washburn IB Diploma Programme Admissions Policy

Overview

Washburn High School is an inclusive institution that prides itself on preparing its students for a number of rigorous courses of study both during high school and in their post-secondary endeavors. We encourage all our students to be academic risk-takers and to follow a challenging program of study that addresses their interests while at the same time requires them to be well-rounded. All students at Washburn will be invited to apply for admissions into the Diploma Programme at the end of their 10th grade year and will be prepared for admission to this program because of the way their 9th and 10th grade classes are developed, constructed, and instructed. The inquiry-based, experiential, rigorous, and collaborative environment of all these classes reflects the IB philosophy and therefore will require very little (if any) acclimation on the part of the students. No student is denied access to an IB course, we believe that all students should challenge themselves on some level and work hard to promote themselves.

IB Diploma Programme Outreach

To promote the availability of the Diploma Programme, the IB Coordinator and Washburn counselors will attend our middle school 8th grade open house night (which takes place in November each year) and will be available to discuss the Diploma Programme with parents, and students who are interested in attending Washburn. As part of Washburn's 8th grade open house in the fall of each school year, the IB Coordinator and counselor will host a presentation and question/answer session regarding the IB Diploma Program and will distribute the IB Diploma Programme brochures and informational materials. To promote the availability of the Diploma Programme to 10th graders who must choose their course of studies, there will be a IB Diploma Programme informational meeting during our registration window in January. Students and their parents will have the opportunity to ask administration, faculty, counselors and current 11th and 12th graders about the IB Diploma Programme and learn about the requirements and benefits of participating in it. Upon advisement, students may choose to participate as a full IB DP Candidate, may elect to take IB DP academic courses or IB core options for Certificates. Our IB Coordinator will begin connecting with 9th grade language acquisition classes, to make sure students know the pathways needed to have the ability to go for the IB Diploma.

Application Process

Applications to the Diploma Programme will be due by April of the Candidate's 10th grade (sophomore) year. Students may self-select to apply to the program or students may be recommended by faculty and/or counselors to consider the program and encouraged to apply because of their academic potential.

- 10th grade students will fill out an IB Diploma Candidate Interest Form, which will connect them to the DP Coordinator

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Students who are admitted into the IB Diploma Programme will be scheduled for 11th grade IB courses and registered as IB Diploma Programme candidates. This admissions policy will be subject to annual review and revision by a committee composed of administration, the IB DP Coordinator, and the counseling faculty. This policy may additionally be subject to district approval.

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