



August 7, 2023

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dear Parents, Teachers, and Students,

Cheryl Massaro
Chairman
District 5

I am writing to inform you about an important update regarding the Advanced Placement (AP) Psychology course at Flagler Palm Coast High School.

Dr. Colleen Conklin
Vice Chairman
District 3

Due to recent changes and the evolving educational landscape, Flagler Schools has made the decision to transition from offering AP Psychology to now offering International Baccalaureate (IB) Psychology for the 2023-2024 school year. This decision was made after careful consideration of prior coursework related to the study of Psychology completed by currently enrolled students. While AP Psychology is currently still offered in Florida, we want to ensure that students have the opportunity to take the college-level Psychology course and exam for articulated credit, so Flagler Schools have opted to offer IB Psychology.

Sally Hunt
Board Member
District 1

William Furry
Board Member
District 2

As a result, all students who previously registered for AP Psychology will now be automatically moved and enrolled in the IB Psychology SL (standard level) course. We believe that this transition will provide our students with a comprehensive and internationally recognized educational experience, equipping them with valuable skills and knowledge to succeed in their future academic pursuits.

Christy Chong
Board Member
District 4

The IB Psychology course, like the AP Psychology course, is of college-level rigor, and offers the opportunity to earn college credit to students who meet the requirements and pass the exam at the end of the year. The key difference between the two courses is that in IB Psychology SL, students conduct an internal assessment (IA) in the form of an experimental study. This IA is part of the overall exam score. The IB exam consists of two timed "papers" or written responses. AP Psychology's exam is a mixture of multiple choice and timed written responses.

Roymara Louissaint
Student School Board Member
Flagler-Palm Coast H.S.

Isabella Tietje
Student School Board Member
Matanzas H.S.

We understand that this change may raise questions or concerns among students and parents. Therefore, we want to assure you that there will be an opportunity to discuss options and address any inquiries you may have. If you or your student have specific concerns or are considering other academic paths, please do not hesitate to reach out any of the following:

Marcus Sanfilippo
Principal of the Year
Bunnell Elementary School

- IB Counselor Phil DeAugustino (deaugustinop@flaglerschools.com)
- IB Coordinator Jackie McKeown (mckeownj@flaglerschools.com)
- Assistant Principal Mandy Kraverotis (kraverotisa@flaglerschools.com)

Donelle Evensen
Assistant Principal of the Year
Bunnell Elementary School

If you or your student know that you would like to be removed from the IB Psychology course, please contact your guidance counselor at your earliest convenience. We are committed to ensuring a smooth transition for all students. We appreciate your understanding and support as we strive to provide the best possible educational opportunities for our students. Thank you for your cooperation, and we look forward to a successful and enriching academic year ahead.

Lee Winfree
Teacher of the Year
Matanzas High School

Sincerely,

Renee Berry
Employee of the Year
Custodial Services

LaShakia Moore
Interim Superintendent
Flagler Schools

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Cc: Flagler School Board

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