



Bloomfield Hills High School

An International Baccalaureate World School



Dear IB Families,

I would like to welcome you back to a new school year and to commend you on your choice to enroll your child in the International Baccalaureate Programme (IBDP) at Bloomfield Hills High School. The IBDP is a rigorous two-year pre-university program that culminates in examinations, awarding successful candidates with an internationally recognized and respected high school diploma. Tailored for highly motivated students, it draws from the best aspects of various national education systems without being rooted in any single one. The IB aims to equip students with values and opportunities that foster sound judgment, wise decision-making, and respect for others within the global community. Over the past fifty years, the IB Diploma has earned a reputation as a symbol of academic integrity and intellectual potential. Students who meet its challenges demonstrate a strong commitment to learning, mastering both subject content and the skills and discipline required for success in a competitive world.

The benefits of participating in the IBDP are numerous. With a global outlook, students are taught through critical thinking strategies, empirical research, and collaborative exploration. They are expected to take all available exams in May to enhance their educational experience. These exams help prepare students for both oral and written college assessments and may aid in university acceptance or placement in advanced courses. Students will use the Total Registration platform to begin the exam registration process. This platform is utilized for seniors as well as juniors taking a one-year SL course. An email will be sent through MiStar to all IB classes.

In addition to the rigors of the academic coursework, IB Diploma students are required to complete the three core components; Theory of Knowledge (TOK), CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service), and Extended Essay (EE). The IB Core class will allow time for students to work on each of these. TOK is also a semester course. Students are enrolled in the second semester of junior year and first semester of senior year. CAS encourages students to develop their personal and interpersonal growth by learning through experience and by providing them opportunities to collaborate with others. CAS is an essential counterbalance to the academic rigor of the IBDP, as it motivates students to show initiative and perseverance. The Extended Essay self-directed 4,000 word research paper. The student will have the support of an IB teacher throughout the process.

The administration and IB teachers are confident that the rigorous and rewarding nature of the IBDP will provide students with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in their future academic and personal endeavors. We appreciate your ongoing commitment to this journey and look forward to supporting you throughout this experience. Should you have any questions or need further guidance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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