

**IBDP Admissions Policy/Selection Process Thornton Township High School**  
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Admissions to Thornton Township High School's IB Program will be voluntary for students. All sophomore students will be notified of the program through robocalls, classroom visits, and stations promoting the IB Programme at both Back to School Night and Parent-Teacher Conferences. In addition, all sophomore students who have earned a 3.0 Grade Point Average at the end of the first semester of their sophomore year will be invited to an in-school meeting to learn more about the IB Programme and gauge their interest in either becoming a full DP student or becoming a course candidate. Furthermore, the parents of those students will receive an email introducing the programme and offering them a chance to learn more about it.

Students expressing interest will then complete the teacher recommendation form and receive a parent permission form, which will be signed and kept by the IBDP Coordinator. Students will then be interviewed by the IB Coordinator and the IB Counselor. The coordinator and counselor will determine entry into the program and select the courses the student wishes to be enrolled in.

Additionally, the IBDP Coordinator will meet with the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Coordinator to evaluate whether some AVID students would benefit from enrolling in one or more IB courses.

In the event that a student does not meet the 3.0 Grade Point Average threshold, but wishes to be enrolled in the IB Programme, the student and parent will meet with the IB Coordinator, IB Counselor, and IB Administrator to determine whether the IB Programme is the proper fit for that student.

Once a student is enrolled in the IB Programme, they have one week from the beginning of their Grade 11 year to make any necessary changes to their schedule.

Additionally, at the end of Grade 11, as well as at the end of the first semester of Grade 12, the IB Counselor and IB Coordinator will meet with any struggling students to determine the appropriate course of action, which may include, but is not limited to, removal from the IB Programme or transitioning to a course candidate if the student is a diploma candidate.

Finally, there is a policy in place for students wishing to be removed from the IB Programme. A meeting will be held with the student's parents, the IB Counselor, and the IB Coordinator to discuss appropriate placement.