



Shawnee Mission East High School:
An International Baccalaureate World School
Admission Policy

The Shawnee Mission School District and Shawnee Mission East High School has an open enrollment process for admission to the IB Diploma Program. Any student that is in good academic standing has the opportunity to enroll in IB courses or join the full IB Diploma Program. The program focuses on the following attributes for an IB applicant called “the IB Learner Profile”:

- **Inquirers:** seeking intellectual challenges
- **Knowledgeable:** explore knowledge across multiple disciplines
- **Thinkers:** able to use creative and critical thinking and making reasoned and ethical decisions
- **Communicators:** express ourselves confidently and creatively, as well as collaborate effectively
- **Principled:** act with integrity and honesty in all we do
- **Open-minded:** appreciation of our own cultures and histories as well as other and seek for diversity of thought
- **Caring:** display empathy, compassion, and respect for others
- **Risk:** Takers-address new challenges and thoughts with enthusiasm and resourcefulness
- **Balanced:** Able to balance our intellectual, physical, and emotional selves
- **Reflective:** thoughtfully consider the world and consistently evaluate ourselves

There are a few suggestions that are given to potential students to ensure their success in the IB program. Those suggestions are as follows and are not limited to:

- The decision to join the program should be made by the student in conjunction with their guardian(s) and with the advice of the faculty and counseling.
- Students should have experienced some honors courses during 9th and 10th grade. All honors courses help prepare students for the rigor of the IB program.
- Students should fulfill the graduation requirements that the school has in fine arts, health/physical education, communication, and financial literacy prior to starting the IB full diploma program – if possible.
- Enrollment in foreign language prior to starting the IB diploma program is preferred, but ab initio language testing is available.

- To enroll in the IB Math Applications and Interpretations SL course, students must have completed Algebra 2 in their 11th grade year.
- To enroll in the IB Math Analysis and Approaches SL course sequence, students must have completed Honors Algebra 2 or Honors Pre-Calculus during their 10th grade year.
- To enroll in the IB Math Analysis and Approaches HL course sequence, students must have completed Honors Pre-Calculus during the 10th grade year.
- Students in the IB Diploma program will enroll in Theory of Knowledge during their seminar period. This will allow students to complete the necessary components of the IB Diploma Program.
- The IB Diploma program is a full two year commitment and students must be willing to commit both their senior and junior years-this applies to both Certificate and Diploma.

Additionally there are general requirements for graduation from SMSD with IB Diploma. Those requirements are stated below, but are not limited to:

- History of the Americas (HOTA) fulfills both the American History and Government requirements and must be completed and passed within two years.
- As with any course taken for graduation requirements these courses must be passed or the student must take make-up credit in a non-IB course.

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