



IB DIPLOMA

PROGRAM APPLICATION

We are excited you have expressed interest in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (DP) at Magnolia West High School.

Our ultimate goal is to empower our students with the knowledge and skills to be well-rounded, global minded, responsible citizens and life-long learners.

- Completed applications must be received before the date of **Course Selection**
- Completed applications must be given to Mrs. Courtney Vaccaro (**Room 1141**) or placed in the IB coordinator's file box outside of room 1401

Application Process

1. Applicants shall have successfully completed all prerequisites before enrolling in the DP
2. Applicants must provide a completed application to Mrs. Vaccaro BEFORE Course Selection including the following
 - a. two teacher recommendations (at least one must be from a core academic teacher)
 - b. completed Writing Prompts (attached)
3. Having met the previous conditions for enrollment, students will sit for interviews with DP faculty and staff

Students will be notified in February if they have been chosen for the IB Diploma Programme





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PLEASE PRINT

Student Candidate Information

Name:

Last _____ First _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Student Cell Phone: _____

Student Email: _____

Student MWHS ID #: _____

Parent/Guardian Name:

Last _____ First _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____





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Prerequisites

Obtaining credit for Algebra II prior to acceptance in the MWHS IB Diploma Programme is mandatory. Place an X next to the phrase that applies

1. I am currently taking Algebra II with an expectation to receive credit ____
2. I have already taken Algebra II and received credit ____
3. I have not taken Algebra II ____

If #3 was marked, you must take Algebra II in the summer to be considered.

Language placement

Place an X next to the phrase that applies

1. I am currently taking Advanced Spanish 3 with an expectation to receive credit ____
2. I have already taken Advanced Spanish 3 and received credit ____
3. I am planning to take Spanish 3 CBE ____
4. None of the above ____





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MAGNOLIA WEST HIGH SCHOOL

IB Diploma Writing Prompts

INSTRUCTIONS: Please type a response to ALL of the following writing prompts on a separate page and include in your responses with your application packet. Responses can be as short as a paragraph or longer if necessary. Your signature is required at the bottom of this page to verify that you are the author of the written responses.

1. Why do you want to become an IB diploma student? What aspects of the program appeal to you? How do you feel the IB programme may help you reach your future goals?
2. The IB program is a program for students who are highly motivated academically. Please provide an example of something you do, or have done, which demonstrates that you are academically highly motivated student. Include a brief explanation.
3. The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme's vision is to help students gain a global perspective of their world while developing inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring people who create a more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. How can you, as a student contribute to achieving this vision?

I certify that the included writings are my own original composition and reflect my opinions and ideas.

Student Signature





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TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS (Need 2 Signatures)

Diploma candidates must successfully complete the IB testing and coursework in 6 subject areas during their junior and senior years. Diploma candidates must also complete Theory of Knowledge, Extended Essay and CAS requirements. As this is a tremendous academic undertaking, diploma candidates must have recommendations from their current teachers in English, Foreign Language, Social Studies, Science and Mathematics.

Teachers should consider the following 5 areas when recommending a candidate for admission into the International Baccalaureate Programme:

- Classroom Performance
- Ability to communicate - verbally and written
- Study and time management skills
- Ability or potential to succeed in a rigorous academic program
- Attitude that might affect performance

Current Course in the Subject Area

Signature of Recommending Teacher

English:_____

Foreign Language:_____

Social Studies:_____

Science:_____

Mathematics:_____

Elective:_____

**If a teacher feels further explanation beyond a signature is necessary, please compose an explanation and email to the IB Coordinator*





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ADMISSIONS AGREEMENT

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME MAGNOLIA WEST HIGH SCHOOL

As a full diploma candidate of the International Baccalaureate Programme of Magnolia West High School, I understand the following program components listed below and agree to adhere to them:

- I must have completed and earned credit in Algebra 2 prior to the start of my junior year. If not, I cannot be allowed to keep my enrollment in the programme
- I understand that the IB program is a rigorous pre-university two-year course of study that leads to examinations and that is designed to meet the needs of highly motivated high school students.
- I understand the aim of IB is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world. I will strive to be: an inquirer, knowledgeable, a thinker, a communicator, principled, open-minded, caring, a risk-taker, balanced, and reflective. I will strive for international-mindedness, or the attitude of openness to, and curiosity about, the world and different cultures
- I agree to follow the guidelines and complete expected requirements of six subjects (3 HL & 3 SL or 4HL & 2 SL) including CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service), the Extended Essay (EE) and Theory of Knowledge (TOK)
- I understand that I must stay in good academic standing
- I understand that I must have at least a 90% attendance rate in each IB course.
- I agree to participate fully in all required IB activities, both inside and outside the classroom.
- I accept that a significant amount of work will be independent of my classes at MWHS
- I will strive to manage time efficiently and I will strive to work to full potential
- I understand what academic honesty is and understand that I may be removed from the program if I commit an act of academic dishonesty
- I understand that I will need to pay candidate assessment fees
- Meet the expectations of each class by participating in daily activities including completing homework, listening attentively, offering relevant comments and posing insightful questions.
 - If a student earns a failing (below 70) Fall Semester Average, the student may be removed from the programme and placed in an on level course at semester to provide an opportunity to gain credit towards graduation. The student will be ineligible to sit for IB examination in that subject area but, may continue to take other IB courses for which they have earned a grade over 70.
- Remain in the programme unless released by the recommendations of the IB Coordinator and the school administration.
 - Students who wish to exit the DP should inform the DP coordinator to set up an exit interview with the DP coordinator, student and parent(s).
 - Be advised that IB Math can only be dropped at the end or beginning of the semester. Should you choose to drop the programme mid semester you would need to remain in the IB Maths until the end of the semester.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

