St. Petersburg High School International Baccalaureate
School Profile 2026 - 2027

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INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

The St. Petersburg High School IB Program was the first IB program in Florida and is a magnet program, drawing students from southern part of the county. **All students are IB Diploma candidates,** with approximately 95% of the senior class earning this rigorous diploma each year**.** Our 400+ students are dynamic, highly motivated, and come from many countries and cultures. The International Baccalaureate Program at St. Petersburg High School is a four-year program consisting of two years of Pre- Diploma Program classes and two years of the IB Diploma classes. Typically, 98% of our graduates attend four-year colleges and have attended more than 200 different colleges over the last 20 years, including the most selective in the country.

IB PROGRAM OF STUDY & REQUIREMENTS

Due to the rigor of the diploma program, Florida IB graduation requirements are different from non-IB. The IB Program of Study is outlined in the table on pg. 2. Each student selects 3 subjects to be studied at the Higher (HL) Level and 3 subjects to be studied at the Standard (SL) Level, each for a two-year period that culminates in IB exams. In their freshman and sophomore year, all students take pre-DP courses; junior and senior years are devoted to IB courses. Many students also take additional AP & Honors courses. To qualify for the IB Diploma, students must study Theory of Knowledge, a course unique to IB, write a 4000-word Extended Essay, and successfully complete the CAS component (Creativity, Activity, and Service) as well as receive passing scores on their IB exams. Students who do not successfully complete any of these requirements do not earn their IB diploma.

IB Assessment and the IB Diploma

Students take written examinations in May of their senior year which are marked by external IB examiners. IB students also complete assessment tasks at school which are initially marked by teachers and then moderated by external moderators or sent directly to external examiners. The IB Diploma is awarded based on performance on these assessments and the satisfactory completion of CAS (Creativity, Activity, and Service) requirements. IB Diplomas are awarded to students in July after the student's high school graduation.

SL = Standard Level
HL = Higher Level
TOK = Theory of Knowledge (IB Core)
CAS = Creative, Activity, Service (IB Core)
EE = Extended Essay (IB Core)

WEIGHTED GRADES

For students who entered 9th grade during the 2014-2015 school year or later, Florida Pre-IB, MYP, and Honors courses receive an additional 0.5 quality point (half-weight) in the GPA calculation. Courses that culminate in an external examination and may qualify students for college credit receive an additional 1.0 quality point (full-weight). These courses include International Baccalaureate (IB), Advanced Placement (AP), Dual Enrollment (DE), and Cambridge AICE classes.

9th GRADE

Students entering the Florida Pre-IB Program will be placed in a world language course based on their middle school language background. Students who completed more than one year of Spanish in middle school and/or took Spanish in 8th grade will be placed in **Spanish**. All other students will be placed in **French**.

Please note that St. Petersburg High School does not offer Chinese. Therefore, students who studied Chinese in middle school will be placed in French unless they meet the criteria for Spanish placement above.

IB PROGRAM 4 YEAR ACADEMIC PLAN

Effective for IB classes 2025 school year and later

Subject Group	9TH Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
GROUP ONE **Language A**	FL Pre-IB English 2	AP English Literature	AP English Literature HL/SL	IB English Literature 4 HL/SL
GROUP TWO **Language B**	FL Pre-IB: French 1 or 2 or Spanish 1 or 2	FL Pre-IB: French 2 or 3 or Spanish 2 or 3	IB Spanish 4 HL/SL or IB French 4 HL/SL	IB Spanish 5 SL IB Spanish 6 HL or IB French 5 SL IB French 6 HL
GROUP THREE **Individuals & Societies**	AP World History	AP US History	IB Psychology 1 HL/SL **and/or** IB History of the Americas HL/SL **and/or** IB Global Politics HL/SL	IB Psychology 2 SL IB Psychology 3 HL **and/or** IB Contemporary History 1 SL IB Contemporary History 2 HL **and/or** Global Politics 2 SL Global Politics 3 HL
GROUP FOUR **Experimental Sciences**	FL Pre-IB Biology I	FL Pre-IB Chemistry I	IB Biology 1 HL/SL **-and/or-** IB Environmental Systems 1 SL IB Chemistry 1 SL **-and/or-** IB Physics 1 HL/SL (has pre-requisite)	IB Biology 2 SL Biology 3 HL **-and/or-** IB Environmental Systems 2 SL IB Chemistry 2 SL **-and/or-** IB Physics 2 SL IB Physics 3 HL
Group FIVE	Geometry Honors **-or-** IB MYP Algebra 2	IB MYP Algebra 2 **-or-** AP Precalculus	IB Applications and interpretations SL **-or-** AP Calculus AB SL **-or-** AP Calculus BC HL	IB Applications and Interpretations 2 SL **-or-** IB Analysis and Approaches 2 SL **-or-** IB Analysis and Approaches 3 HL
GROUP SIX	Approaches to Learning 1	Approaches to Learning 2	IB Theatre 1 HL/SL IB Visual Art 1 SL IB Digital Societies1 HL/SL IB Social Science HL/SL IB Science HL/SL	IB Theatre 2 SL **-or-** 3 SL IB Visual Art 2 SL IB Digital Societies 2 SL **–or-** 3 HL IB Social Science, **or** IB Science HL **–or-** SL

Seventh Subject	Elective (1 yearlong or 2 semester classes). ***To enroll in IB Visual Art, students must have one year of an art class earning high school credit****	Elective (1 yearlong or 2 semester classes). ***Pre-IB Physics I is required to take Physics HL or SL****	**Theory of Knowledge 1**	**Theory of Knowledge 2**

International Baccalaureate (IB) Program Diploma

According to School Board Policy, The IB Program is the curriculum whereby students are enrolled in a program of studies offered through the IB Program and administered by the IB Office. A student who has successfully completed the following IB course and program requirements will receive a standard high school diploma.

A. (4) credits of language A (student's native language)
B. (4) credits of language B (world language)
C. (4) credits of Study of Individuals in Societies
D. (4) credits of experimental sciences
E. (4) credits of mathematics
F. (2) credits of IB sixth subject
G. (1) credit (100 hours) Theory of Knowledge
H. (1) credit Inquiry Skills or equivalent

Requirements equal to twenty-four (24) total credits plus an extended essay, eight Creativity/Activity/Service (CAS) outcomes and all internal and external IB assessments required by the IB Organization for diploma candidates.

The State Board of Education has established rules that specify the cutoff scores and IB Examination that will be used to grant postsecondary credit at community colleges and universities. Students shall be exempt from payment of any fees for administration of the examinations regardless of whether the student achieves a passing score on the examination.