

Admission to the IB Diploma Program

The IB Diploma Program at Rocky Mount High School is open to all students who reside in Nash County. There is no formal application; instead, students complete an enrollment form indicating their interest in the program. The digital enrollment form is shared with all NCPS middle schools and posted on NCPS social media in early January, and students may also request the link directly from Jeff Pageau, IB Diploma Program Coordinator (jpageau@ncpschools.net).

Incoming Freshmen

- In the fall, the IB Coordinator visits Nash County middle schools to meet with 8th graders who may be interested in the program. Students are invited to spend a day at Rocky Mount High School, observe IB classes, and talk with current IB students. Parent meetings are also scheduled so families can learn more about the program, its requirements and expectations, and ask questions.
- While there is no formal application, students must complete the IB enrollment form, which notifies the IB Diploma Program Coordinator and school counselors that the student wishes to follow the IB pathway. In addition, students must:
 - Complete and sign a **Declaration of Intent** and submit it to the RMHS IB Diploma Program Coordinator at registration.
 - Complete the teacher recommendation form, which confirms that teachers believe the student can succeed in the rigor of honors and IB courses.
- It is recommended that 8th graders who wish to register for the IB pathway have at least an 80% average in their core classes (English, social studies, science, and math).
- It is strongly encouraged that by the end of 8th grade students have:
 - Successfully completed Math 1.
 - Students who have not completed Math 1 in 8th grade must take Math 1 during 9th grade and will need to forfeit their elective option.
 - Course grades above 80% and/or demonstrated proficiency on EOG exams.
- Student academic performance is closely monitored in 9th and 10th grade. Students who struggle in honors coursework will receive guidance and counseling before officially beginning the IB Diploma Program in 11th grade.

Transfer Students (Entering 10th Grade or Higher)

- Students who enter or enroll in 10th grade or above and wish to become full diploma candidates must have completed all required courses for previous grades (9, 10, 11 as applicable) with grades of 80% or higher.
- Required 9th-grade courses:
Honors English I; Honors Math II; Honors World History; Honors Earth & Environmental Science; Health and Physical Education; World Language (Spanish or French) I and II; one elective.
- Required 10th-grade courses:
Honors English II; Honors Math III; AP Pre-Calculus; Honors Civics and Economics; Honors Biology I; Honors Chemistry I; World Language (Spanish or French) III and IV.

Students Living Outside the RMHS Attendance Zone

- Students who wish to participate in the IB program but are zoned for another Nash County high school based on their home address must complete the online **Student Transfer Request** form. The form is [available on the NCPS website](#).

Students from Private Schools, Homeschool, or Other Districts

- Students new to Nash County Public Schools will not be formally enrolled at Rocky Mount High School or in the IB Diploma Program until after July 1. Enrollment will occur only after the official NCPS enrollment packet has been completed and transcripts have been reviewed.
- Students entering from neighboring counties on a tuition basis may need a release from their current school system. Students living outside Nash County will be charged tuition; families should contact the Nash County Public Schools Central Office for current out-of-county tuition rates.

Transportation

NCPS does not provide bus transportation for students who live outside the Rocky Mount High School attendance zone.

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