



## ThunderRidge High School IB World School General Information

### What is the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)?

- ❖ A junior and senior high school program focused on developing students who will be prepared to succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- ❖ A program aimed at developing inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.
- ❖ A holistic program centered on developing the individual in all academic areas (strengths and weaknesses).
- ❖ An internationally recognized rigorous two-year curriculum, which prepares students to enter college and life with the skills they need to be successful.

### TRHS IB Curriculum and Diploma:

The Diploma Programme requires students to successfully complete six core subjects. Three to four courses will be at the Higher Level (HL). HL is taught over two years. Two to three courses will be at Standard Level (SL). SL is taught over a course of one to two years, depending upon the curriculum.

### TRHS International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme Requirements

- ❖ Six group academic subjects
  - ❖ Core 1: Language Arts: English A1 HL
  - ❖ Core 2: World Language: Spanish ab initio, Spanish SL, French SL, Mandarin SL
  - ❖ Core 3: Individuals and Societies: History of the Americas HL
  - ❖ Core 4: Experimental Science: Biology HL, Chemistry SL, and Physics SL
  - ❖ Core 5: Mathematics: Math Studies SL and Math SL
  - ❖ Core 6: Visual Arts SL and HL, Theatre SL and HL, Information Technology in a Global Society SL (ITGS), a second Core 4 (Science), or Music
- ❖ Additional Core Requirements:  
EE-Extended Essay, CAS-Creativity, Action, Service, TOK-Theory of Knowledge

### How is IB different from AP?

Both IB and AP offer rigorous courses and are excellent preparation for college; however, students learn differently within the courses. AP courses focus on the student's area(s) of strength, while IB is a comprehensive curriculum that requires the student to take courses in all subjects and is centered on a global perspective. AP courses are taught individually, whereas IB is an interdisciplinary, international program of study focused on the student.

### How will ThunderRidge's 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade courses support the IBDP?

- ❖ TRHS has trained many honors teachers in IB subject specific training. Training of honors teachers will continue in order to support curriculum and skills alignment. TRHS core teachers have realigned the curriculum and skills to support the IB Programme. The Honors pathway is the preparatory path for the IB Diploma Programme.
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## Benefits To Students

- ❖ **IB is an Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century** – IB students learn life skills that will be with them long after they leave high school including critical thinking, time management, public speaking and research. IB students learn to show responsibility towards our global community.
- ❖ **International Community** – The diploma programme focuses on developing responsible citizens who will demonstrate leadership skills and create a future focused on ethical principles and global citizenship.
- ❖ **Preparedness** – An IB Diploma demonstrates a student is serious about learning and is prepared for college level work.
- ❖ **University Scholarships** – A number of universities offer scholarships for IB Diploma holders. (A list of universities that offer scholarships appears on the IBA website.)
- ❖ **University Admissions** – An IB Diploma is widely recognized by American and International universities as a strong academic curriculum, giving students an “edge” in the admissions process.
- ❖ **College Credit** – Colorado Legislation (HB1108\_L007) requires Colorado colleges and universities to grant at least 24 credits to students who have earned an IB Diploma. For further details and exceptions, refer to each college or university website.

## Who should enroll in the IBDP?

ThunderRidge supports an open access policy. An open access policy means that all students who are highly motivated and seek a holistic approach to their education should consider enrolling in the IB Diploma Programme.

## ThunderRidge High School encourages all students who fit the following criteria to enroll:

- ❖ Open minded to a global perspective and seek a challenging educational experience.
- ❖ Want to be prepared for the global society of the 21<sup>st</sup> century and demonstrate leadership potential.
- ❖ Have a strong work ethic, time management skills and good study habits.

## Current 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:

Forms and information located at <http://schools.dcsdk12.org/trhsIB>

Students interested in enrolling in TRHS IB Diploma Programme should

- ❖ Attend an IB Information Night at TRHS.
- ❖ Read and discuss the information located on the TRHS-IB website with parents.
- ❖ Complete and submit the Student Interest Form (8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders).
- ❖ Complete and submit the Student Commitment Form (10<sup>th</sup> graders).
- ❖ Complete and submit the DCSD Open Enrollment form for TRHS, if necessary.

## Current 7th Grade Students and Younger:

Information located at <http://schools.dcsdk12.org/trhsIB>

Students interested in enrolling in TRHS IB Diploma Programme should

- ❖ Read and discuss the information located on the TRHS-IB website with parents.
- ❖ It is highly recommended for interested students to successfully complete Algebra 1 in middle school. Additionally, it is recommended that students complete Levels IA and IB in Spanish, French or Mandarin in middle school.

## How do I obtain more information?

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**TRHS IB Website:** <http://schools.dcsdk12.org/trhsib>



## Student Interest Form For IBDP

For interested students currently in 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades

Please PRINT and complete in INK.

### Student Information:

Year of Graduation: TRHS Class of 20\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Last Name, First Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_

Student Cell Phone:\_\_\_\_\_ Student email:\_\_\_\_\_ Gender:\_\_\_\_\_

Current World Language/Level:\_\_\_\_\_ Current Math Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School of Attendance\_\_\_\_\_

(If out of TRHS feeder area or out-of-district, open enrollment process will need to be followed.)

### Parent/Guardian:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name First Name

Address if different from above:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Home Phone:\_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone:\_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone:\_\_\_\_\_

Email:\_\_\_\_\_

Languages spoken in the home other than English: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name First Name

Address if different from above:  
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Home Phone:\_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone:\_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone:\_\_\_\_\_

Email:\_\_\_\_\_

TRHS is authorized to release the contact information listed above, to IBConnect, the parent group for IBDP at TRHS. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes or \_\_\_\_\_ No

**STUDENT/PARENT/GUARDIAN:** I certify that the above information is correct and have read the TRHS IB Programme Information located at <http://schools.dcsdk12.org.trhsib>. I support the submission of the Student Interest Form for the IBDP at TRHS. We understand the rigor and commitment involved in this programme. Final commitment occurs at the end of sophomore year.

**Open Enrollees Only:** If you choose to discontinue the IB Programme or you are not progressing towards the IB Diploma, your continuation at TRHS may be reevaluated due to building capacity.

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 Student signature Date

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 Parent/Guardian signature relationship to applicant Date

### Please submit this form to:

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