

Q. Can I be successful if I am not a straight “A” student?

A. Common characteristics of successful IB candidates are:

- A broad interest in all countries, cultures, beliefs and customs
- An ability to articulate information, both orally and in writing
- An ability to reason, (i.e., see relationships, draw conclusions, deduce, etc.)
- A willingness to participate in discussion and to work responsibly with others
- A broad range of interests beyond the classroom
- A commitment to service
- Good attendance and work habits.

The IBO states emphatically that the IB Diploma Programme is not necessarily for the most able students, but for the most motivated students. Motivation, commitment, and self-discipline are the common traits of many successful IB candidates.

Q. How is my schedule different from other ninth graders?

A. All ninth graders in the IB Programme follow the same curriculum as other ninth graders with some exceptions. Students are primarily taught by those teachers who have been trained in IB teaching methods. Programme participants are also required to take a world language and a one-term class called “Leadership: Dialogues in Diversity.”

International Baccalaureate Statistics

55,743 students received the IB Diploma in 2010.

77 percent of Diploma Programme students were admitted to their first-choice university.

More than 100 universities worldwide offer scholarships for IB Diploma recipients.

85 percent of Diploma Programme alumni say they would be extremely or very likely to take the Diploma Programme again.

More than 2,500 universities recognize the IB.

Statistics from the IB web site

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Harrison High School is a candidate school* for the Diploma Programme. This school is pursuing authorization as an IB World School. These are schools that share a common philosophy—a commitment to a high quality, challenging international education that Farmington Public Schools believes is important for our students.

What is an International Baccalaureate Programme

The Programme is designed for highly motivated students interested in earning the IB diploma or certificates in addition to their high school diplomas. Students enter in the two-year Diploma Programme as a high school junior. Students begin to take courses designed to prepare them for IB during their freshmen and sophomore years.

The Programme began in 1968 as a non-profit education foundation. It was designed to provide a consistent education for internationally mobile students preparing for college, by providing a common curriculum and common assessments.

IB Programmes promote the education of the whole person, emphasizing intellectual, personal, emotional and social growth through all domains of knowledge. The IB approach is interdisciplinary and requires students to apply learning in one course to learning in another. Students learn to transfer critical and conceptual thinking from one situation to the next. Additionally, the curriculum encourages the study of international perspectives so students are prepared to navigate the increasingly global marketplace.

Today, there are more than 970,000 IB students at 3,292 schools in 141 countries.

IB Learner Profile

The aim of the IB Programme 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. IB learners strive to be:

- *Inquirers*
- *Principled*
- *Risk-takers*
- *Knowledgeable*
- *Open-minded*
- *Balanced*
- *Thinkers*
- *Caring*
- *Reflective*
- *Communicators*

*Only schools authorized by the IB Organization can offer any of its three academic programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), or the Diploma Programme (and in addition the IB Career-related Certificate). Candidate status gives no guarantee that authorization will be granted.

For further information about the IB and its programmes, visit <http://www.ibo.org>.

Questions & Answers

Q. *What are the advantages of enrolling in an IB Programme?*

A. IB offers the opportunity for a baccalaureate diploma in a globally focused programme with widely recognized international standards and assessments. IB is respected and recognized by colleges and universities worldwide for the excellence of its programme. The strongest reason for pursuing the IB Diploma is its reputation for preparing students for successful work in post-secondary study: the confidence to handle challenging work, self-assurance in presenting and defending one's ideas, and appreciation for other cultures and ideas.

Q. *When does an IB Programme begin?*

A. Preparation for an IB Programme begins in the ninth grade. The IB Diploma Programme is a two-year course of study that begins in the 11th grade with six subject groups and a core of three parts. The six subject groups are: 1. Language A1 2. Language B 3. Individuals and Societies 4. Experimental Science 5. Mathematics and Computer Science 6. The Arts. The three parts of the core are: 1. Theory of Knowledge 2. Extended Essay, and 3. Creativity, Action, Service.

Q. *Who can apply for Farmington's IB Programme?*

A. Any current eighth grader residing in the Farmington Public Schools' attendance area.

Q. *Where is the IB Programme held?*

A. The IB Programme is housed at Harrison High School. Harrison is located at 29995 W. 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

Q. *Where do students participate in athletics?*

A. Students participate in athletics at Harrison High School.

Q. *Where do students participate in extracurricular programs?*

A. Students participate in extracurricular programs at Harrison High School.

Q. *How do students get to and from Harrison High School?*

A. This is a school of choice program, so transportation will not be provided for students who live within the Farmington and North Farmington High Schools' attendance areas.

Q. *What if a student decides to withdraw from this programme?*

A. Once school has started, students must remain at Harrison for at least the first trimester. If, after that time, a student wishes to withdraw from the IB Programme, they would return to their home school.