

Programme for Identifying Baccalaureate Students Gulf High School (PIBS @ GHS)



2007-2008 Application for Students, Grade 9

Completed applications must be submitted by December 21, 2007:

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The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB) offers high-performing students an opportunity to pursue a rigorous program of studies during their high school years. The IB Diploma is widely accepted at universities and colleges throughout the world. Students pursuing the IB Diploma meet international standards of proficiency in:

Language A – English

Mathematics

Experimental Sciences

Language B - World Language

Social Studies

Arts

Additionally, to receive the IB Diploma, students must satisfactorily complete a 4,000 word extended essay, 150 hours of CAS community service (divided among Creative, Action, and Service activities), a Theory of Knowledge course, and twenty-four credits for high school graduation. Students must also pass the FCAT exam and complete 24 academic credits.

To provide every opportunity for success, the IB Programme calls for students to complete a course of studies in ninth and tenth grade referred to as Programme for Identifying Baccalaureate Students (PIB). Throughout their first two years in high school, students will follow the programme of studies below:

NINTH GRADE (PIB)

Language A - English

Language B - World Language

Geometry or Algebra II

AP World History

Biology

Arts or Traditional Elective

TENTH GRADE (PIB)

Language A - English

Language B - World Language

Algebra II or Precalculus

AP European History

Chemistry

Arts or Traditional Elective

The IB Diploma requires students to be well-rounded in all major academic areas, as well as active in serving the community. It forces students to develop their thinking in every core academic area, in addition to world language and the required elective in the Arts. For students whose strengths are in primarily one or two core academic areas, there are strong Advanced Placement/Dual Enrollment programs already in Pasco County high schools.

STATEMENT OF INTENT

- We have read the PIB literature and commit our full support to participation.
- We understand that meeting the eligibility requirements does not insure admission to the programme and that the decision by the selection committee will be final.
- If selected to the programme, we agree to support our student's participation. Successful completion of the IB Programme currently qualifies IB students for high school graduation. Should we leave the IB Programme, our student must then return to his/her zoned school and meet all graduation requirements specified by Florida Statutes and the Pasco county Pupil Progression Plan.

Student Signature Date Parent/Guardian Signature Date

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How the Application Process Works**

October – November West Pasco Middle Schools host PIB Coordinator during the school day to inform interested 8th grade students. Information Nights for parents are open to the public. **Watch local papers and/or contact middle school guidance counselor for specific dates and time.**

November – December Applications are available for interested eighth grade students.

December 21, 2007 Completed applications are due at Gulf High School.

January 12, 2008 All applicants complete a timed writing sample at Gulf High School.

Students are to report to GHS at 8:30 AM, at which time they will be randomly assigned to groups. The activity for the morning will consist of an open-ended writing sample (45 minutes). The session should conclude by 9:30 AM. Students must bring their own black or blue pen and paper.

Directions to GHS: Take 54 west all the way to Madison St. (passing the Bealls Shopping Center on right). Make a right on Madison. Go one block past second traffic light to School Road and make a left. School is on the left.

February – March Each student's eligibility is reviewed by the school admissions committee, which includes PIB coordinator, guidance counselors, and PIB teachers.

March 3 - 7 Additional information may be requested.

March 31 Students are notified of their acceptance status by mail. Students who do not meet the criteria may be placed on a waiting list for future openings if any occur.

RELEASE:

If my student is accepted into the PIB Programme, I give permission for his/her name and phone number to be published in the student directory. I also give permission for the publication of student work and pictures of classroom activities, when applicable, for PIB purposes.

(Student signature)

(Parent signature)

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