
IB Parent Information Meeting Robinson Secondary School

**— Rising Ninth Grade Parents and —
Students
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How are IB DP and AP different?



Advanced Placement Program

- Teachers design course to ensure success on test; emphasis on content
- Emphasis on analytical reading and writing
- Breadth over depth
- End of course test to determine college credit
- One shot assessment – includes multiple choice, short answer and essay
- Focused on discrete subjects
- Goal of program is to provide college credit for high school coursework

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program

- A program with a prescribed curriculum and integrated subject matter
- Emphasis on reading, writing, speaking skills as well as the learner profile
- Depth over breadth
- Multiple assessments
- IB emphasizes taking one's education and applying it
- Opportunity to earn a diploma above and beyond the H.S. diploma, providing college admissions advantages



IB Diploma Requirements

To be completed in grades 11 and 12

- **Coursework** – one exam-level class in English, World Language, Social Studies, Math, Science and an Elective (3 at the Higher Level for both junior and senior year; and 3 at the Standard Level, taken in junior and/or senior year)
- **Extended Essay (EE)**
- **Theory of Knowledge (TOK)**
- **Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)**

ISSUES TO CONSIDER WHEN MAKING COURSE SELECTIONS:

- You should have completed Algebra 1 in grade eight. If you have not, we recommend taking Algebra 1 in grade nine, Geometry over the summer between grades 9 and 10, and then continue in the math sequence.
- The ideal situation is that students take as many years of language as they can, and become as fluent as they can. That could mean 4, 5 or even 6 years of a language.

Individual IB DP Course Options

To be completed in grades 11 and 12



- **Students not wishing to pursue the full IB diploma may take one or more IB class in subjects of interest.**
- **Students will earn certificates for these courses and may also be eligible for college recognition based on these certificates.**
- **Students decide whether or not to pursue the full IB diploma in February of their sophomore year.**
- **Each year, students should consider teacher recommendations as well as their current work and challenge load.**

Typical IB Diploma-Bound Grade 9 Schedule



- English 9 or English 9 HN
- World Language Level 2
- World History 2 or World History 2 HN
- Biology 9 or Biology 9 HN
- Geometry, Geometry HN, or Algebra 2 HN (for students who completed Geometry in grade 8)
- Health/PE
- Elective

Click [here](#) to see four year course sequence options.

Typical IB Diploma-Bound Grade 10 Schedule



- **English 10 Honors or English 10**
- **World Language Level 3**
- **Honors or AP Government**
- **Chemistry or Advanced Chemistry for IB Schools**
- **Honors Algebra II or Algebra II OR IB Math Analysis or IB Math Applications (for students who complete Algebra 2 in grade 9)**
- **PE/Health/Driver's Ed**
- **Elective**

Robinson IB Diploma Program by the Numbers



4.84

**Average score
obtained by
diploma
candidates in May
2020**

81 %

**Percentage of 2020
Diploma
Candidates who
received the IB
diploma**

1285

**Total number of
current students
in at least one IB
or AP course**

282

**Current total number of junior and
senior IB diploma candidates**

715

**Current number of students taking at
least one IB exam this year**

Student Transfer Process



- **Students not in the Robinson district, but in the boundaries for Woodson, Centreville, Fairfax, and Lake Braddock may apply for student transfer.**
- **If you are interested in a student transfer, please email a copy of your student's most recent transcript to htcho@fcps.edu and wmvu@fcps.edu and we will send you instructions about the application process.**
- **The [county online portion](#) of the application for student transfer is open from February 1 to May 1 and is available through SIS.**
- **There is an annual fee of \$100 per student to be paid with the application.**
- **Course requirements for transfer students: your student is required to take at least 3 IB courses in grade 11 and 1 IB course in grade 12.**



Considerations in Planning for High School Courses

Academic Challenge

(what are the most challenging courses you can take...)

Academic Success

(that will allow you to be successful...)

Extra-Curriculars

(and still be involved in school, your community, and spend time with family/friends?)

Link to Full Rising 9th grade presentation:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_WZTvI02PdA&feature=youtu.be

Contact Information and Student Interviews



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We interviewed IB diploma graduates to get their feedback on the following questions. Please click on the link to view.

1. What do you see as the [benefits of doing the IB Diploma](#)?
2. How were you able to [create balance](#) between your work for an IB diploma and your other responsibilities?
3. What [advice](#) do you have for parents/students?