



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE AT EASTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

THE IB PROGRAM

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program is a prestigious, globally recognized curriculum designed to prepare students for the rigors of higher education. Established in the 1960s to provide a common university entrance credential for international schools, the IB has become a hallmark of academic excellence. As of Fall 2024, over 8,000 IB programs are offered across 5,900 schools in 160 countries. The IB Diploma continues to be recognized worldwide as a symbol of the highest academic achievement standards. The IB curriculum offers students a well-rounded and intellectually engaging education across six core subject areas while allowing flexibility to pursue individual interests in math, science, or the arts. Beginning in junior year, IB students undertake the Theory of Knowledge (TOK) course, complete an in-depth Extended Essay (EE) research project, and participate in Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) initiatives, which encourage personal growth beyond the classroom. This blend of academic depth, critical thinking, and global perspectives equips students to succeed in university and their future careers. Our greatest hope is that IB students learn to become responsible global citizens.

Applications for all magnet programs will be available in November on the SBAC website. **Join our Ramily!**

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EASTSIDE IS THE BEST SIDE

At Eastside, every student is more than just a face in the crowd. Steeped in a strong tradition of school spirit and camaraderie, Eastside is a place where students are seen, cared for, and challenged to grow. Our Rams develop a strong sense of belonging and connectedness as they build meaningful relationships with faculty and peers.

Our IB program brings together students from diverse backgrounds and cultures. Celebrating individuality and global perspectives is a foundational element of our program. During their four years in the program, students participate in field trips, activity days, festivals, and interdisciplinary projects alongside a cohort of talented peers.

Over 75% of our IB students participate in Ram sports, excelling in a competitive but supportive environment. Beyond athletics, we offer more than 35 clubs, service groups, academic societies, and leadership organizations, ensuring that every student has opportunities to pursue their passions while contributing to our school and local community.

GET IN TOUCH

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IB CANDIDATE SELECTION

The IB program is open to rising ninth grade students who reside in Alachua County who meet the following criteria:

- Unweighted grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher for grades 6 and 7
- Completion of Algebra 1 or higher math
- Regular school attendance
- No discipline issues
- Complete application

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

- Pre-IB English 1
- Pre-IB Spanish 2
- Pre-IB Geometry
- Pre-IB Biology 1
- AP Capstone Seminar
- Pre-IB Theatre 3

THE VALUE OF AN IB DIPLOMA

Colleges and universities around the world regard IB graduates as highly desirable applicants. IB alumni consistently excel in higher education, often receiving advanced standing or college credits for their IB coursework. Many students earning an IB Diploma receive over a year's worth of university credits! In addition, students who earn the IB Diploma automatically qualify for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship. The IB program doesn't just prepare students academically—it shapes well-rounded individuals with strong critical thinking skills and ethical foundations. The IB experience at The BEST Side equips students with the skills and mindset needed to succeed in college and beyond.

JOIN OUR TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

Eastside's IB program, one of the first three established in Florida, has been a cornerstone of academic excellence since 1985. Since graduating its first IB class in 1987, Eastside has consistently led the district in educational achievements, producing many National Merit Scholars and students who achieve top ACT and SAT scores. Our graduates have attended some of the most selective universities in the world.

FIND YOUR FIT



APPLY TODAY AND BECOME PART OF OUR PROUD LEGACY!

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