



What is IB?

The International Baccalaureate was founded in 1968 and is based in The Hague, Netherlands. Unlike a national curriculum, IB programmes reflect the best practice of a range of different educational frameworks and curricula. The programs' standards were established to meet university expectations and to provide a college preparatory atmosphere founded in student choice. IB assessments are graded internationally and in the 10th-12th grade provide opportunity to earn substantial college credit.

What programs are available?

Within the IB educational framework there are three programs. Denton ISD offers IB in a continuum through the Primary Years Programme – Newton Rayzor Elementary School, Borman Elementary School; Middle Years Programme – Calhoun Middle School, and Diploma Programme – Denton High School. Denton ISD is one of a handful of districts nationwide to offer all three programmes.

Today, the IB programme takes on a special significance with knowledge expanding so dramatically. The world is a growing international community that requires an understanding and appreciation of cultural diversity. It is essential therefore, that academic experiences provide students with the skills and opportunities that will enable them to succeed in a competitive global society. DISD's IB fulfills these cultural and academic demands.

IB Students Succeed; Master Second Language

Life in the 21st century, in an interconnected, globalized world, requires critical-thinking skills and a sense of international-mindedness, something IB students learn to understand. Students enrolled in IB programs also benefit from an education that meets world standards. The mastering of a second language opens doors to the best universities and great job opportunities. Enroll now in Denton ISD's IB programs!

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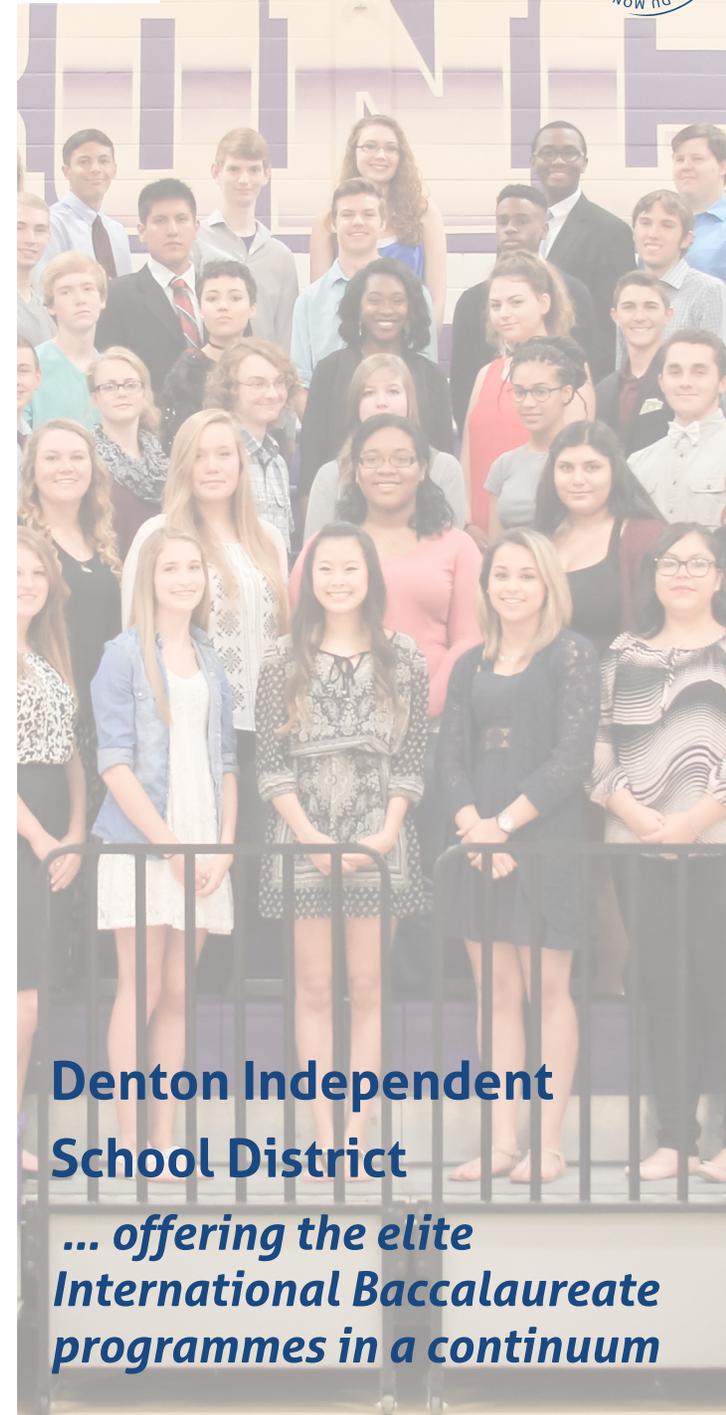
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... offering the elite International Baccalaureate programmes in a continuum



Newton Rayzor & Borman: PYP

The Primary Years Programme prepares students to become active, caring, lifelong learners who demonstrate respect for themselves and others and have the capacity to participate in the world around them. It focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both within and beyond the classroom.

PYP students develop skills that allow them to be effective communicators, inquirers, thinkers, balanced, courageous, caring, knowledgeable, open-minded, principled, and reflective.

World Languages and the Primary Years Programme

All students who attend an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme school receive instruction in an additional World Language. Both Newton Rayzor Elementary and Borman Elementary provide instruction in Spanish. Students are then prepared to continue their language instruction in middle school.



The IB Student

One of the biggest benefits students glean from the International Baccalaureate is intercultural awareness. Through the curriculum and school environment they develop positive attitudes, knowledge and skills – not only about their own social and national cultures – but other cultures and nations. The students quickly foster a deeper understanding and respect of others. All DISD IB students learn a second language, with most learning Spanish and French. They also develop a good command of written and oral expression in all subject areas while expanding their social skills and horizons. All of these are deemed by experts as some of the most attractive 21st century skills.



Calhoun: MYP

At Calhoun Middle School, all the students – sixth through eighth – learn through the IB “holistic” approach. The traditional subjects are taught, but students learn to see knowledge as an interrelated “whole” because they learn that there are links between each of the disciplines.

IB MYP students are required to study a minimum of 50 hours during the school year for each of the following courses: Language and Literature (English), Language Acquisition (Spanish or French), Individuals and Societies (social studies), Design, Mathematics, Arts, Sciences and Physical and Health Education.

Calhoun Middle School teachers work closely with Denton High School teachers to vertically plan units to ensure a smooth transition into high school. CMS and DHS MYP also observe the same conceptual learning through a partnership focused on student development and success.

Denton High: MYP

The IB Middle Years Programme continues at Denton High for freshmen and sophomores. ALL students in the 9th and 10th grade are part of the IB MYP Programme. Through the MYP curriculum students receive strong holistic learning that emphasizes disciplined studies of traditional subjects; intercultural awareness that develops student attitudes, and communication that stresses a good command of written and oral expression. In the 10th grade MYP students complete a year-long Personal Project based on a topic of their choice that showcases their research skills as well as their ability to apply their knowledge through action and service. The Personal Project, as well as MYP course work act in tandem to prepare students for success in the 11th and 12th grade Diploma Programme.

Denton High: DP

The IB Diploma Programme is a challenging two-year course of study designed to meet the needs of highly motivated and talented high school juniors and seniors. It provides students with the intellectual, social, and critical perspective necessary for the international world.

Students learn how to analyze, apply critical thinking skills and reach considered conclusions about people and other cultures.

In 2005, Senate Bill III was passed that awards Texas seniors – who earn the IB Diploma scores of 4 or better – a total of 24 semester credit hours at any Texas public institution of higher education. Diploma candidates select 3-4 subjects to be studied and tested at the higher level and 2-3 subjects to be studied and tested at the standard level. (Higher level exams cover subjects in depth; standard level exams explore a range of topics within a subject.) In the past 3 years IB DP scholarships have accounted for over one-third of all DHS scholarships. Equivalent to over 1.8 million dollars. DP students have also been accepted to prestigious programs such as Harvard, Princeton and Cambridge.

