

UNIVERSITIES RECOGNIZE THE IB DIPLOMA

The IB Diploma Program is widely recognized by the world's leading universities. The International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) works closely with universities in all regions of the world to gain recognition for the IB diploma. To aid this process, university admissions officers and government officials have direct online access to all syllabuses and recent IB examinations.

To assist IB diploma students in making appropriate choices, the organization holds a database containing contact details of universities around the world together with up-to-date information about their requirements for admission.

Visit www.ibo.org for more information.

ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

While enrolled in this magnet program students have the opportunity to participate in all sports teams and clubs offered at St. Petersburg High School including but not limited to:

- Academic Team
- Band and Color Guard
- Bead For Life
- Change for the Children
- Civitan Service Club
- Debate Team
- Devil Vision
- Drama Club
- Fellowship of Christian Students
- Indian Student Association
- Interact Service Club
- Key Service Club
- Model United Nations
- O Ambassadors
- *Palmetto and Pine* newspaper
- Pennies for Peace
- S.T.A.N.D. – Student Anti-Genocide Coalition
- Student Government Association
- Thespians
- Yearbook
- Youth in Government

POINTS OF PRIDE

Students learn more than a collection of facts. The IB Diploma Program prepares students for college and encourages them to:

- Ask challenging questions
- Learn how to learn
- Develop a strong sense of their own identity and culture
- Develop the ability to communicate with and understand people from other countries and cultures.

HOW TO APPLY

Students who live north of SR 60 (Gulf-to-Bay) may apply only to the International Baccalaureate Program (IB) at Palm Harbor University High School. Students who live south of Ulmerton Road may apply only to the IB Program at St. Petersburg High School. Students who live north of Ulmerton Road and south of SR 60 may apply to either program but not both. Send or bring copies of the students final report cards for grades 6 and 7, standardized test scores for grades 6 and 7, and current report card for PRIVATE SCHOOLS only. We access Pinellas County School records.

TRANSPORTATION

Arterial bus transportation (buses that operate on main roads with a limited number of stops) is provided to students who live more than two miles from the school. Magnet bus stop locations may require that parents drive their children to and from the stop.



OUR MISSION

The International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

To this end the IBO works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programs of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programs encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

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ABOUT US

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program is a challenging two-year curriculum, which takes place in the 11th and 12th grades. It leads to a qualification that is widely recognized by the world's leading universities.

The St. Petersburg High Pre-IB Program (PIB) prepares 9th- and 10th-grade students for the rigorous IB Diploma Program. Students accepted into the PIB must successfully complete all Pre-IB courses and achieve a 2.75 cumulative, unweighted grade point average at the end of 10th grade to be eligible to enter the IB Diploma Program.

areas of study

PRE-IB CURRICULUM & IB DIPLOMA PROGRAM

PRE-IB CURRICULUM

9th & 10th grades: All PIB classes are at the Honors Level

- Composition and Literature
- French or Spanish
- World History and American History
- Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- Algebra II, Geometry, Trigonometry, Pre-calculus
- Inquiry Skills
- Electives courses

IB DIPLOMA PROGRAM

11th & 12th grade students study six subjects selected from the subject groups:

- Language A: English
- Second Language: French or

- Spanish
- Individuals & Societies: History, Psychology, Information Technology in a Global Society
- Experimental Science: Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- Mathematics: Three levels of math
- The Arts: Theatre, Music
- Electives courses

The Core Requirements of the IB Diploma Program are:

- Extended Essay: 4,000-word research essay
- Theory of Knowledge: a course that explores the nature of knowledge across disciplines

what is a magnet?

Magnet programs focus on a certain theme with specialized curriculum in areas such as arts, communication, science and technology, and gifted studies. Some programs have eligibility requirements. See **How to Apply** section for details.



ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

TARGET GROUP I:

These students must meet the following criteria:

- Final academic grades of B or above in grades 6 and 7.
- FCAT scores of 375 or higher in Reading and Math or stanines of 8 or 9 in total reading and total math on a standardized test.

Successful completion of the following prerequisite courses by the last day of the regular grade eight school year:

- At least one year of a foreign language.
- Algebra I Honors.

TARGET GROUP 2:

If a student does not meet the required standardized test score or academic grades, the admission committee will recommend one of the following:

- The applicant has the potential for the program and should be placed in Target Group 2.
- The applicant appears to lack potential and, therefore, does not qualify for the program. An appeal procedure exists.
- All students must have completed Algebra I Honors and one year of a foreign language in a middle school to be considered for Target Group 2.

All qualified applicants will be assigned a random number and chosen for the program using a lottery system. Ninety percent of the incoming 9th-grade class will be taken from Target Group 1 and 10 percent from Target Group 2.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Academic Coaching: A teacher/mentor who helps the student maximize his or her potential by assisting with academic, personal and career concerns.
- PIB & IB Guidance Counselors: The PIB counselor works with the 9th-grade students, the IB counselor works only with 10th-, 11th- and 12th-grade students and provides individual assistance for college application process.
- Independent Study: "Study Hall" time built into the schedule.
- Inquiry Skills class: A 9th-grade class that prepares students for the skills necessary to succeed in the IB Program.
- Tutoring: Available from teachers and students in honor societies.
- World-Class Faculty: All teachers, PIB and IB, attend IB training.
- IB Boosters: Parent Association for IB parents.
- Parent CONNECTxp: Allows parents to monitor students' progress and attendance.
- Parent Meetings: Designed to inform parents about important IB topics.
- Parent Newsletter: *The IB Advocate*, a quarterly publication for IB families.

