

### THE IB DIPLOMA

Originally designed in 1968 for international schools, the IB Diploma is now a significant force in over 125 countries. The IB diploma is awarded to students who pass external examinations in six subjects, successfully complete internal assessments, present a quality extended essay, complete a Community Action Service (CAS) project and finish a course of study in the Theory of Knowledge.

### ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

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

- Academic Team
- *The Aftermath* Yearbook
- Creative Writing
- *The Eye* Newspaper
- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
- Hospice Teen Volunteers
- Mu Alpha Theta
- Multicultural Club
- National Honor Society
- Robotics
- Physics Club
- Youth in Government
- Student Government



### POINTS OF PRIDE

- International Diploma recipient percentage is one of the highest in the world
- National Merit commended scholars, semifinalists, and finalists consistently recognized
- Graduates are accepted in outstanding institutions of higher learning world-wide
- Teachers receive numerous awards and accolades such as Teacher of the Year
- IB students donate at least 225 hours of service to the community over four years
- IB students are leaders in the school and participate in sports and hold offices in student government and clubs
- The IB Booster organization supports teachers and students with activities and funding
- Annual traditions include Senior Celebration, Junior Class Pinning, Sophomore Breakfast, and Freshmen Social

### HOW TO APPLY

While most programs are available for students countywide, meaning students may live anywhere in the county to apply, several programs now have designated application areas. To apply to this program, you will need to live in the north application area, comprised of the high school zones for Countryside, Dunedin, East Lake, Palm Harbor University and Tarpon Springs. Once the application is completed on line, please send a copy of the student's 6th and 7th grade standardized reading and mathematics test scores (e.g., FCAT, Stanford, Iowa) and 6th, 7th, and 8th grade report card to the IB Office at the school.

### 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 program 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 organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes 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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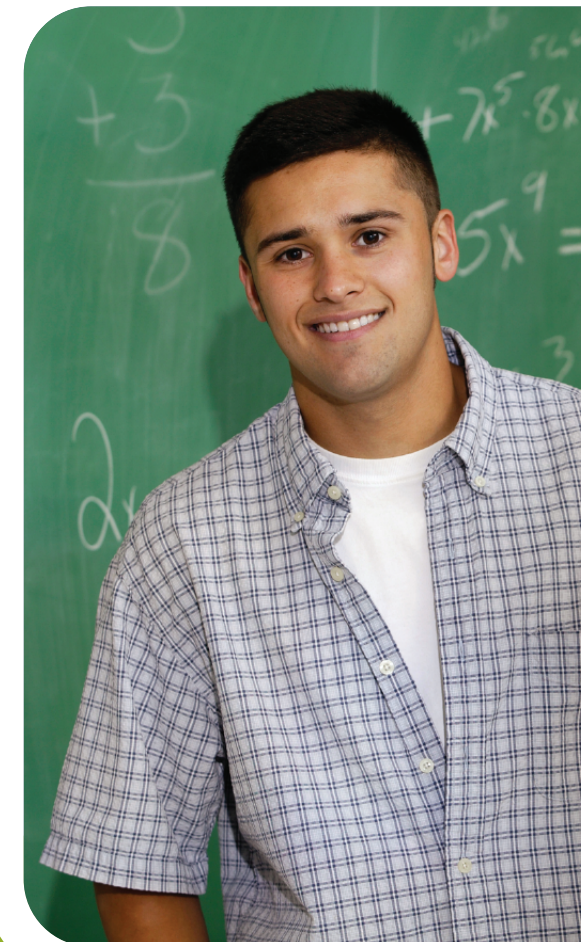
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# International Baccalaureate Program

PALM HARBOR UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL



MAGNET SCHOOLS & PROGRAMS

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## ABOUT US

Palm Harbor University High School aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring graduates through challenging and exciting classes focused on writing, thinking, communicating, and experimenting. With its global perspective, the program has a strong commitment to community and human welfare. Our internationally diverse graduates have consistently been ranked among the highest performing in the world. Our high performing staff of IB teachers includes a number of trainers and examiners for the IB Organization.

## areas of study

### LEADERSHIP, CAREER DEVELOPMENT, INTERNSHIPS AND INTERDISCIPLINARY CLASS PROJECTS

The international curriculum of college preparatory coursework is rigorous and challenging and ideal for highly motivated students. Pre-Diploma freshmen and sophomores take all classes at the honors level. Juniors and seniors can take Advanced Placement (AP) as well as

IB courses; these students have the opportunity to earn a number of college credits for this level coursework. IB juniors can take as many as five AP courses. All PHUHS Pre-IB and IB students study six subjects in which they will examine in May of their senior year. Sixth subject offerings

## 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.

include a second science, language, IB Music, IB Theatre, IB Visual Arts or IB Psychology.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- A rigorous and comprehensive education based on a global perspective
- Inquiry Skills for study skills, time management, critical thinking, and research
- Theory of Knowledge for high level thinking skills to question world issues
- Academic Coaching for additional help from teachers, do research or re-sit a class
- The extended essay (grades 11 and 12) for independent research and analysis is assessed by examiners from around the world
- Community, Activity, Service (CAS) (grades 11-12) where students undertake a curriculum of service in the community for a minimum of 150 hours
- Bright Futures Scholarship (grades 9 and 10) support to meet the 75-hour requirement
- Pre Diploma (grades 9 and 10) study Composition,
- Diploma Program (grades 11 and 12) may study Language A (English), Language B (Spanish or French), History, Psychology, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Art, Music, Theatre
- Teachers who serve as trainers and examiners for the International Baccalaureate Organization

## ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

### Target Group 1:

- Pre-requisite courses: Algebra 1 Honors and one year foreign language
- Test scores:

Private School students must have 6th or 7th grade standardized test stanine scores of 8 or 9 in both reading and math.

**READING:** 6th grade FCAT 2.0 score of 244 or higher OR 7th grade FCAT 2.0 score of 250 or higher

**AND**

**MATH:** 6th grade FCAT 2.0 score of 246 or higher OR 7th grade FCAT 2.0 score of 254 or higher

- 6th & 7th grade Final Academic Grades (math, science, social studies, English, world language of A's & B's.
- 8th grade Semester Academic Grades (subjects listed above) A's & B's

**STUDENT MUST PASS THE ALGEBRA 1 EOC TO BE ADMITTED INTO THE PROGRAM**

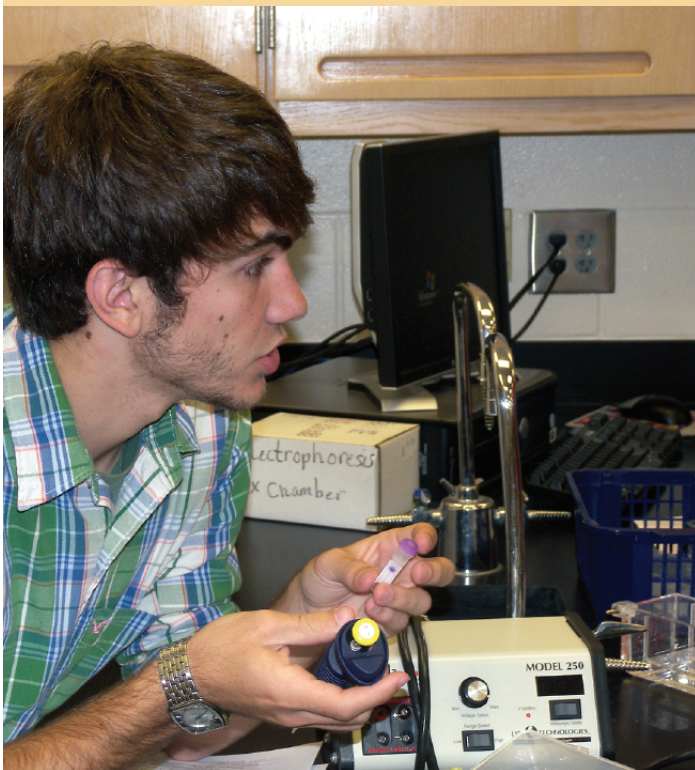
### Target Group 2:

- Students who successfully complete the prerequisite courses but do not meet the above testing or academic grades criteria may be placed in this group. At least 10% of the incoming 9th grade class will be selected from Target Group 2.

### Admission criteria for grade 10:

Students making application for grade 10 must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Meet all grade 8 eligibility criteria (See Target Group I)
- Algebra II Honors
- Foreign Language year II or above
- Science, preferably Biology, at the honors level (Successful completion of the prerequisite courses must be by the last day of the regular ninth grade school year.)
- Academic grades of B or above.
- Seventh and eighth grade stanines for Math and Reading of 8 or 9



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