

St. Petersburg High School International Baccalaureate

School Profile 2019-2020



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ST. PETERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

St. Petersburg High School was founded in 1898. The current building, noted for its historic Spanish architecture, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. SPHS is a 1900-student urban, diverse school located in Pinellas County, the 23rd largest school district in the US. St. Pete High has twice been named one of Newsweek's Top 100 High Schools.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

The St. Petersburg High School IB Program was the first IB program in Florida and is a magnet program, drawing students from southern part of the county. **All students are IB Diploma candidates**, with approximately 90% of the senior class earning this rigorous diploma each year. Our 450+ students are dynamic, highly motivated, and come from many countries & cultures. The International Baccalaureate Program at St. Petersburg High School is a four-year program consisting of two years of Pre-Diploma Program classes and two years of the IB Diploma classes. Typically, 98% of our graduates attend four-year colleges and have attended more than 200 different colleges over the last 20 years, including the most selective in the country.

IB PROGRAM OF STUDY & REQUIREMENTS

Due to the rigor of the diploma program, Florida IB graduation requirements are different from non-IB. The IB Program of Study is outlined in the table on pg. 2. Each student selects 3 subjects to be studied at the Higher (HL) Level and 3 subjects to be studied at the Standard (SL) Level, each for a two-year period

IB PROGRAM continued

that culminates in IB exams. In their freshman and sophomore year, all students take Pre-DP courses; junior and senior years are devoted to IB courses. Many students also take additional AP & Honors courses.

In order to qualify for the IB Diploma, students must study Theory of Knowledge, a course unique to IB, write a 4000-word Extended Essay, and successfully complete the CAS component (Creativity, Activity, and Service) as well as receive passing scores on their IB exams. Students who do not successfully complete any of these requirements do not earn their IB diplomas.

GRADING

The grade point average (GPA) is cumulative and includes high school courses taken in seventh and/or eighth grade, as well as all courses taken in ninth through twelfth grade. All courses are included in the computation of the GPA. Student rank and un-weighted/weighted GPA's cover a period from August 2017 to May 2021. Students take seven courses each semester. The highest GPA for the class of 2020 is 4.66.

Weighted courses: 0.5 weight is given to all Honors and Pre-DP courses; 1.0 weight is given to all IB, & AP courses and is designated by a "Q" on the transcript. SPHS offers 106 courses with quality points, of which 40 are IB, 17 are Pre DP and 20 are AP.

For weighted courses, A = 5 points, B = 4, C = 3, with no weight for a D. In non-weighted courses, A=4 points, B=3, C=2 and D=1.

GRADING SCALE

A = 100-90
 B = 89-80
 C = 79-70
 D = 69-60
 F = below 60

Year # in class #diplomas

2015	110	105
2016	104	99
2017	111	110
2018	102	100
2019	102	94
2020	113	104

IB WEIGHTED GPA COMPARED TO DISTRICT WEIGHTED GPA

4.5 +	top 1%
4.0 - 4.49	top 2%
3.65 - 3.99	top 5%
3.30 - 3.64	top 10%
below 3.30	top 20%

IB Assessment and the IB Diploma

Students take written examinations in May of their senior year which are marked by external IB examiners. IB students also complete assessments tasks at school which are initially marked by teachers and then moderated by external moderators or sent directly to external examiners. The IB Diploma is awarded based on performance on these assessments and the satisfactory completion of CAS (Creativity, Activity, and Service) requirement. IB Diplomas are awarded to students in July after the student's high school graduation.

GPA DISTRIBUTION CLASS OF 2020

4.5+	38 students
4.0-4.49	60 students
3.65-3.99	13 students
3.3-3.64	02 students
Below 3.3	0 students

IB DIPLOMAS**IB PROGRAM OF STUDY**

	9th GRADE	10th GRADE	11th GRADE	12th GRADE
Group One Language A Studies in Language & Literature	Pre-IB English 2	AP English Language	AP English Literature HL/SL	IB English Literature 4 HL/SL
Group Two Language B Language Acquisition	Pre-IB Spanish 1 or 2 Pre-IB French 1 or 2	Pre-IB Spanish 2 or 3 Pre-IB French 2 or 3	IB Spanish 4 HL/SL <i>or</i> IB French 4 HL/SL	IB Spanish 5 SL/ IB Spanish 6 HL <i>or</i> IB French 5 SL/ IB French 6 HL
Group Three Individuals & Societies	U.S. History Honors	Pre-IB World History	IB History of the Americas HL/SL	IB Contemporary History 1 SL IB Contemporary History 2 HL
Group Four Experimental Sciences	Pre-IB Biology 1	Pre- IB Chemistry 1	IB Biology 1 HL/SL <i>and/or</i> IB Chemistry 1, SL <i>and/or</i> IB Physics 1 HL/SL (has prerequisite)	IB Biology 2 SL/ IB Biology 3 HL <i>and/or</i> IB Chemistry 2 SL/ <i>and/or</i> IB Physics 2 SL/ IB Physics 3 HL
Group Five Mathematics	IB MYP Algebra 2	IB MYP Geometry & Trigonometry Honors <i>or</i> Analysis of Function Honors <i>and</i> /Trigonometry <i>or</i> Pre-Calculus Honors	IB Application & Interpretation 1 AP Calculus AB <i>or</i> AP Calculus BC HL	IB Application & Interpretation 2 <i>or</i> IB Analysis 2 SL <i>or</i> IB Analysis 3 HL
Group Six Arts & Electives	IB Inquiry Skills	Government/ IB Philosophy Pre-IB American	IB ITGS 1 HL/SL IB Science SL <i>or</i> IB Theatre <i>or</i> IB Psychology 1HL/SL	IB ITGS 2SL/IB ITGS 3HL IB Science SL <i>or</i> IB Theatre IB Psychology 2SL / Psychology 3HL
Group Seven	Elective (1 yearlong <i>or</i> 2 semester classes).	Elective (1 yearlong <i>or</i> 2 semester classes).	1 st Semester – TOK 2 nd Semester – TOK	1 st Semester – TOK 2 nd Semester – TOK

Group Seven Continue		AP Physics is required for IB Physics HL or SL		
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The following point values are applicable only for those students who enter 9th grade during the 2014-15 school year and subsequent school years.

A weighted grade point average is achieved by assigning one (1) extra honors quality point to A, B, and C grades earned in selected, advanced placement, dual credit, and IB courses. Honors courses will be awarded a (0.5) extra honors quality half-point to A, B, and C grades. The District's High School Uniform Course Descriptions and the individual high school curriculum guides will use a (Q) to indicate the Board approved honors quality point courses.

ITGS=Information Technology in a Global Society *Students take a full year of Geometry & a full year of Trigonometry in two semesters
The St. Petersburg High School IB program is a member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling and complies with the NACAC Statement of Principles of Good Practice.