

# Largo High Largo Honors Option

## Leading to the International Baccalaureate Programme

This program allows students to challenge themselves to learn and problem solve, research and hone writing skills, think critically and work cooperatively in order to take on the world! The curriculum focuses on global issues and themes, exposing students to the world around them.

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Our program accepts ninth grade students who meet the following criteria:

#### Target Group 1:

- 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
- Final academic grades of B or above in grades 6 & 7
- All students must have completed Algebra I Honors and one year of a foreign language in middle school

#### 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 is placed in the Target 2 Group.
  - The applicant appears to lack potential and 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 the Target Group 2.

Courses are grouped in six areas

- Language A (Native language)
- Language B
- Individuals and Societies- i.e. History, Geography, Economics, Psychology
- Experimental Sciences - Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- Mathematics and Computer Science
- Arts

Over the course of the two year programme, students will

- study six subjects chosen from the six subject groups noted to the left
- complete an extended essay
- follow a theory of knowledge course
- participate in creativity, action and service

Largo High School is a candidate school\* for the Diploma Programme. This school is pursuing authorization as an IB World School. These are schools that share a common philosophy—a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education that Largo High School believes is important for our students.

\*Only schools authorized by the IB Organization can offer any of its three academic programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), or the Diploma Programme (and in addition the IB Career-related Certificate). Candidate status gives no guarantee that authorization will be granted.

For further information about the IB and its programmes, visit <http://www.ibo.org>

Entering ninth grade students will take **English 1 Honors; American History Honors; Biology 1 Honors; Algebra 2 Honors; Spanish, French or German; Inquiry Skills;** and **one Elective option**

### Sample Four Year Schedule

	9 <sup>th</sup> grade	10 <sup>th</sup> grade	11 <sup>th</sup> grade	12 <sup>th</sup> grade
<b>Language A</b>	Honors Option English 1	Honors Option English 2	IB English HL/SL	IB English HL/SL
<b>Language B</b>	Spanish/French 2 or German	Spanish/French 3 or German	Spanish/French 4 or German HL/SL	Spanish/French 5 or German HL/SL
<b>Individuals and Societies</b>	Honors Option American History	Honors Option World History	IB European History HL/SL and/or IB Psychology HL/SL*	IB History of the Americas HL IB Contemporary History SL Psychology HL/SL*
<b>Experimental Sciences</b>	Honors Option Biology	Honors Option Chemistry	IB Biology HL/SL IB Chemistry HL/SL IB Physics HL/SL	IB Biology HL/SL IB Chemistry HL/SL IB Physics HL/SL
<b>Math</b>	Honors Option Algebra 2	Honors Option Geometry/Trig or Honors Option Pre Calculus	IB Math Analysis SL or IB Calculus SL or IB/AP Calculus AB HL	IB Math Studies SL or IB Analytical Geometry or IB Math HL
<b>Arts/Elective</b>			6 <sup>th</sup> subject HL/SL or Additional Science or Social Science or World Language,	6 <sup>th</sup> subject HL/SL or Additional Science or Social Science or World Language,
<b>Inquiry/ Theory of Knowledge</b>	Inquiry Skills - designed to teach students the research, study, and thinking skills necessary for the advanced study they would undertake in the International Baccalaureate Program of the 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> grades – focuses on self-inquiry and study skills development	Research - develop fundamental knowledge in the steps in the research process – includes purpose of research, research questions and hypotheses, review of literature and other resources, research methods and procedures, report formats, styles, content, directed investigations, and critical analysis of research OR Physics Honors 1	Theory of Knowledge	Research

**Key:**

HL = Higher Level  
SL = Standard Level

**IB Diploma Curriculum Requirements**

3 HL exams      Extended Essay (4,000 words)  
3 SL exams      Theory of Knowledge  
Creative, Action, Service (CAS) 150 hours

**Recommended Elective Options (course descriptions can be found in the appropriate section of this guide)**

- Art: Creating 2-Dimensional/3-Dimensional Art (Introduction to Art) or Creative Photography I
- Business and Technology: Geographical Information System (GIS)
- Business: Introduction to Information Technologies
- Drama: Drama 1
- Family & Consumer Science: Nutrition & Wellness (Foods 1) & Principles of Food Preparation (Foods 2)
- Language Arts: Journalism
- Music: Band or Orchestra – *may require after-school rehearsals and performances*
- Music: Chorus 1 - *may require after-school rehearsals and performances*
- Social Studies: Advanced Placement Human Geography

