International Baccalaureate Program

Henrico High School

**Grade 9 Student/Parent Agreement Form**

The International Baccalaureate Program (IB) offers an advanced and accelerated learning program that develops personal character, intellectual skills and high academic achievement through global contexts, action and service learning, and the learner profile. When committing to this program, students and parents should be aware of the following:

1. Academic expectations and grading standards are high; homework is required; and both individual and group projects will be assigned throughout the year. Students may be quizzed frequently, but we monitor tests/major due dates to two per day.
2. Students in the IB Program must be self-disciplined and self-motivated. Students will be expected to develop excellent time management and organizational skills. The highest standard of academic integrity is also maintained. Students are required to sign Honesty and Good Standing Contracts yearly.
3. Students are allowed to enroll in one specialty center only. Classes connected with the comprehensive program or other campus specialty programs may be taken as electives if the student’s schedule will allow, but with the IB curriculum this translates to one or two courses in grade 12. Students who take summer PE may have some flexibility in grades 9/10.
4. World language proficiency is an important part of the IB. Students must be ready to enroll in Level II or Level III in French or Spanish by the 9th grade.
5. The state requires Personal Finance and Economics. At this time, our only alternatives are taking it as an independent 8th period course online (free) or summer school (cost).
6. Students in Grade 9 IB must be enrolled in appropriate math classes—either Geometry or Algebra II, or AP Statistics.
7. Students in grades 9-10 are expected to complete all core requirements, fulfill community and service and complete a Personal Project. This is a TOTAL program.
8. Students who exit the program are asked to complete an exit interview with parent signature indicating that they are relinquishing their places in the program. The IB counselor will assist students/parents in the exit interview completion. Readmission is by application only during the regular application window.

**PLEASE READ, SIGN, AND RETURN ENTIRE FORM:**

***Parent/Student Commitment:*** *I have read the above information and understand that enrollment of my child in this program constitutes my commitment to these principles. I understand that students may accept and be enrolled in one high school program only. I further understand that once students have accepted a center they may not remain on any program wait list after March 30, 2018****.***

Student Name: Zone High School:

Address:

Phone #:

I will will not attend the IB Program for the 2018-19 school year.

Parent Signature Date

Student Signature Date

Return this form by **March 23, 2018** to Priscilla Biddle, Henrico High School, 302 Azalea Avenue,

Richmond, VA. 23227; or scan/email to plbiddle@henrico.k12.va.us