

Specialty Center Information Sessions 2021

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Please ask questions in the chat. Some questions may be answered in the course of the presentation. Chat is accessible, if you need to return to get information, until 8:15.



What is IB?

International Baccalaureate is a global academic program that

- aims to **develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world** through intercultural understanding and respect.
- works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programs of **international education and rigorous assessment**.
- encourages students across the world to become **active, compassionate and lifelong learners** who understand that **other people, with their differences, can also be right**.





Unique



Knowledgeable

Risk-takers

Caring

Reflective

Principled

Communicators

Inquirers

Open-minded

Balanced

Thinkers

No “specialty” in our Center

- Students receive a **“classical, liberal arts” education**
- Focus on **six areas of educational endeavor**: English, world language, history, experimental sciences, mathematics, and the arts
- Balanced curriculum in **breadth and depth**
- Students explore **how to learn** and how their **learning relates to life** through Global Contexts in all classes in MYP, in Theory of Knowledge class and topics in the Diploma Program, in Personal and Professional Skills in the Career-related Program and in the **application of knowledge** in service to the community.



Quality Control

- Internal standardization of MYP assessments in Grade 10
- Moderation of the personal project
- Moderation of internal assessments in grades 11 and 12
- Externally scored IB assessments and exams



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AP



- Authorization process to become designated as an IB World School
- Program must be accredited
- International standard
- Tests are applied learning
- Total curriculum in a global context with character education



- No formal process to teach AP
- No outside accountability required
- National standard
- Tests are largely recall
- Stand alone courses

How can IB pay off?

Scholarships

Special programs

College acceptance

College credit

Industry certifications

Greater confidence

Higher performance in college and beyond



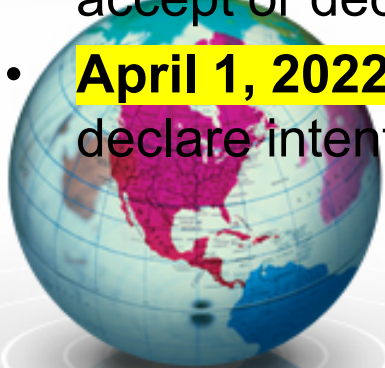
Applications

- 50 seats at Tucker, 100 at Henrico
- All students may apply to both sites with no geographical zoning. Both sites may or may not accept you. You will decide where you go, based on your acceptances.
- Follow the county deadlines
- Pay special attention to the essay—be authentic!



Timeline and Deadlines

- **November 15, 2021**: Application available online on HCPS Specialty Center Website. *Private school students will need to download a copy of the application to fill out and send a separate copy to each center applied to.*
- **November 15, 2021**: Private School testing registration for testing opens
- **January 10, 2022, 11:59 PM**: Application deadline for students
- **March 11, 2022, 4:30 PM**: Students provided online access to check application status. Private school students will be contacted.
- **March 25, 2022, 11:59 PM**: Deadline for students to declare intent to accept or decline offers of selection and/or being waitlisted
- **April 1, 2022, 4:30 PM**: All waitlisted students invited to accept must declare intent by this date.



Where can you find more information?

- **Come to our Open Houses**

- Henrico HS IB on November 1, 7 pm
- JR Tucker HS IB on November 10, 7 pm

- **Email us**

- plbiddle@henrico.k12.va.us
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- **Visit our Blogs**

- “Biddle’s Bytes and Bits” <http://blogs.henrico.k12.va.us/henricoib/>
- “Harper’s Highlights” <http://blogs.henrico.k12.va.us/emharper>

- **Investigate IBO**

- www.ibo.org



Blogs and Special Information

Our blogs hold a great deal of information about our programs, but special pages may be of interest to you as an applicant

- Henrico
 - <https://blogs.henrico.k12.va.us/henricoib/all-about-henrico-high-school-ib-program/>
 - <https://blogs.henrico.k12.va.us/henricoib/applying-to-hhs-ib/>
- Tucker
 - <https://blogs.henrico.k12.va.us/emharper/ib-applicants/>



Thanks for coming tonight!

