

A.C. Flora High School

International Baccalaureate World School
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POLICY: ADMISSIONS / SELECTION

IB Mission Statement

The International Baccalaureate 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.

The IB Mission statement lays out a foundation upon which A.C. Flora High School hopes to develop our IB students. It is our belief that the goals of the mission statement can best be achieved when a diverse representation of the student body is enrolled in the IB Diploma Programme. We recognize that the IB Diploma Programme is a demanding program from which all students may benefit. We also recognize that students have different strengths and weaknesses and are therefore best served when there are multiple pathways to enter the IB Diploma Programme and multiple pathways to success along the way. To this end the A.C. Flora IB Diploma Programme should be accessible to all students provided that they complete certain prerequisite courses:

- English 2
- Algebra 2
- two History courses
- Biology and Chemistry
- two years of the same World Language

It is important to note that the above courses are necessary not only to ensure preparation for the DP courses, but also to ensure that students are able to complete the courses required by the state of SC to earn a high school diploma.

Once enrolled in the IB Diploma Programme, students accept that they are representatives of IB and agree to adhere to the IB mission statement and model the IB learner profile in all settings. Students also agree to adhere to the IB academic honesty policy and accept any consequences resulting in a violation of that policy. At the conclusion of their junior year, students will undergo a review to ensure that they are on track to successfully meet all the requirements of the IB Diploma Programme by the end of their senior year. In order to remain enrolled as an IB Diploma candidate from the junior year to the senior year, students may not be in danger of failing to meet eligibility requirements for the IB diploma. Therefore, students may not continue in the IB Diploma Programme if any of the following conditions exist at the end of their junior year:

- a. Ongoing CAS work has not been maintained throughout the junior year.
- b. The candidate has earned the grade of F in one or more subject.
- c. All required IB internal or external assessments have not been completed.
- d. The theory of knowledge presentation was not completed.
- e. All required drafts of the Extended Essay have not been submitted.
- f. The candidate was found to be in violation of the honor pledge on an assessment that is to be submitted to the IB (internal or external assessment).

Every effort will be made to help students remain in the IB Diploma Programme. However, we realize that some students may not be able to continue given the above requirements. We will therefore ensure that each student's guidance counselor will be available to help advise them on how best to transition back into the traditional school setting.