

International Baccalaureate Program at LBHS

The International Baccalaureate Organization's Diploma Program was created in 1968. It is a demanding pre-university course of study that leads to examinations and it is designed for highly motivated High School juniors and seniors.

Luther Burbank High School began offering the IB Certificate programs for the first time to students in the class of 2006. The first full IB Diplomas were granted in 2007.

The IB has become a signature program for LBHS, promoting the philosophy of the IB learner and the IB mission statement so students remain inquisitive, knowledgeable, and caring learners who help to create a better, more peaceful world.

The program has earned a reputation for rigorous assessment, giving IB diploma holders access to the world's leading universities.

For their last two years of high school, students at LBHS can choose a program that best serves their needs. Some students will want to try some two-year IB Certificate courses. Others may choose, based on their needs and abilities, to try the full IB Diploma program. The IB Diploma program is offered in two of Luther Burbank's small learning communities: International and Environmental Studies (IES) and Information Technology (IT)

How do I enroll in the IB Diploma Program?

When enrolling, select either the *Information Technology (IT)* Small Learning Community or the *International and Environmental Studies (IES)* Small Learning Community and indicate you are interested in the IB Diploma Program. Lead teachers will provide an appropriate schedule for each pre-ib student.

Students should consider these guidelines when requesting placement in the IB diploma program:

- Maintain a 3.0 or higher gpa.
- Demonstrate maturity and motivation
- Enroll in advanced/GATE/ or honors classes
- Test as proficient or advanced in Math and English CST
- Self-select

If I live outside Burbank's attendance area, what can I do to enroll?

A few spots are available through SCUSD's Open Enrollment Program. Families living outside of the attendance area may request a principal's permit by contacting the IB Coordinator, Ms. Bell; the vice principal, Ms. Lee; or the principal, Mr. Appel.

For Additional Information

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Why offer the IB Diploma Program at LBHS?

Given the extremely diverse needs of serving one of the most multicultural communities in the United States, it seems fitting to offer an international education. Our students are highly motivated and college-minded, so an international honors program will not only give them the best preparation for post-secondary study, but also it will provide them with an education that is extremely relevant to a global economy. Students leaving our IB diploma program are bilingual or trilingual, knowledgeable in advanced math and science, understand research methodology, develop and maintain a sense of inquisitiveness, explore a variety of cultures, develop an understanding of environmental issues, and give back to their community.

International Baccalaureate Courses Offered at LBHS

- ◆ IB English HL
- ◆ IB Spanish HL
- ◆ IB History of the Americas HL
- ◆ IB Information Technology in a Global Society SL
- ◆ IB Biology SL
- ◆ IB Environmental Systems and Societies SL
- ◆ IB Physics SL
- ◆ IB Mathematics SL
- ◆ IB Math Studies SL

What are the expectations for IB Diploma students?

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program is an international college education offered in a high school setting. For this reason, students have increased academic expectations which include yet are not limited to independent reading, independent research, developing hypotheses, drafting and revising multiple essays, independent and group study, note-taking, and personal organization. The IB Diploma Program is for highly motivated students requiring additional educational challenges and rewards; it is not for 'gifted' students only.

What is LBHS's Pre-IB?

The 9th and 10th grade years prepare students for the IB diploma program. Pre-IB is not an official IB program. Rather, it is an LBHS honors program specifically designed to develop the skills and knowledge required for the diploma program.

How should a middle school student prepare for LBHS's Pre-IB?

If possible, students should enroll in honors courses or GATE classes at the middle school. By the end of the 8th grade year, students should take Algebra I and pass the end-of-course examination. Also, students should be encouraged to read from a variety of print sources—magazines, newspapers, internet, books, poetry, and lyrics—as well as a variety of cultural sources—art, music, dance, film, religion, and theater.

Which courses are offered in LBHS's Pre-IB Program?

9th Grade honors courses: Adv English 9; Spanish 1; Geography and Contemporary Issues; Geometry; Physical Education; and Biology.

10th Grade honors courses: Adv English 10; Spanish 2/3; World History; Algebra II, Chemistry, Character and Scene. 0/7th physical education class is also required if the course has not been taken in summer school.