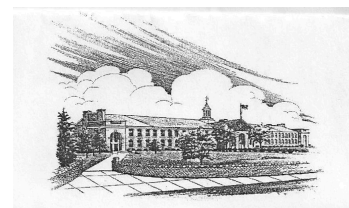




Granby High School IBDP and IBCP Admissions Policy



Admission into our IB Diploma Programme or IB Career-related Programme begins with an application process to enter our preliminary NPS-Pre-IB Program as a rising 9th grader. Admission requirements are reviewed annually by the IBDP and IBCP Coordinators, the Granby High School (GHS) Principal, and the Executive Director for Secondary Schools and Programs. Requirements for admission to any district specialty program are decided by the Executive Director, in collaboration with all high school program leaders. The policy is shared with stakeholders each year through the IB tab on the GHS website, at our annual IB Open House, and at the district-wide NPS Specialty Program Showcase night. Current parents and students have the opportunity to provide feedback on the policy each year by e-mailing suggestions to one of the IB Coordinators or by responding to the annual survey. Our policy is designed to keep student needs, IB Programme Standards and Practices, and flexibility in mind, while adhering to NPS district expectations.

NPS Preliminary IB Admission Requirements

- All students seeking to join the IBDP or IBCP must be Norfolk residents.
- All applicants must complete the NPS High School Specialty Program (HSSP) application and testing process to be eligible for admission. Students with assessment accommodation should alert the IB Coordinator (*See Inclusion Policy and Assessment Policy*)
- In addition to a complete application, students need 3 teacher recommendations and 1 school counselor recommendation.
 - 1 teacher recommendation must be from an 8th grade math teacher.
 - 1 teacher recommendation must be from an 8th grade English teacher.
 - 1 recommendation may be from any teacher of the student's choice.
- Students must meet the following requirements in order to be eligible to apply:
 - At least 1 credit in Alg. 1 by the end of 8th grade.
 - At least 1 credit in a World Language by the end of the 8th grade.
 - Students who do not meet **one** of the requirements above may be considered for admission into the NPS-Pre-IB Program if they have at least 1 High School Science credit and 1 additional High School credit by the end of 8th grade.
 - Students who have not completed 1 credit of a World Language class may be asked to take a summer language prep course. (*See Language Policy*)
 - Students should have no discipline record.
 - Students cannot be considered “chronically absent.” The Virginia Department of Education defines a “chronically absent” student as a student who has been absent 10% or more in the school year.
 - Students should have a “B” average or higher grade point average.

- o Students should be proficient in English, as our IB target language is English (*see Language Policy*); however, students with limited English proficiency may be accommodated upon student/parent/guardian request.

NPS Preliminary IB Candidate Selection Process

Phase 1 – Initial Application Review – Due dates are shared each year through NPS website

- o Applications will be evaluated based on the following components:
 - Application completion
 - Student Questionnaire
 - Academic/Discipline/Testing Record
 - Teacher Recommendations
 - Counselor Recommendation

Phase 2 - Applicant Test & Writing Sample

- o Applicants attend a mandatory entrance testing session on a date tbd each year.
- o The essay is based on a prompt and is timed. Essays are scored on content/details, organization, mechanics/grammar, and voice/readability.
- o The test will consist of general and Algebra 1 math problems.
- o Students with documented testing accommodations may request learning support for this process through the IBDP Coordinator (*See Inclusion Policy*).

Phase 3 – Final Selection

- o The application, test, and essay scores will determine which students will be invited to join the NPS Pre-IB Program at Granby High School.
- o Notifications of acceptance will be emailed by IB Coordinator. Declinations will be sent from the Office of the Executive Director of Secondary Schools per NPS policy.
- o The top 75-150 students will be invited to join the program for the next school year.

Application Information:

- All NPS Specialty programs are using a NPS HSSP Common Application.
- Students may apply to more than one program, and must rank their first, second, & third choices if applicable.
- All applicants will be evaluated using the same instrument. No school has preferential slots provided to its applicants.
- Only transfer students outside of NPS may apply for the NPS Pre-IB Program in the 10th grade as long as the student has met the 9th grade prerequisites and is coming from another IB World School or similar program.

IBDP Admission

- Students who have successfully completed the preliminary NPS Pre-IB program will be invited to enter the IBDP and sign a letter of intent prior to entering the full IB Diploma Programme.
- Failure of a pre-requisite or NPS Pre-IB classes may prevent entry into the IBDP in 11th grade.
- Students who cannot complete the full IB Diploma Programme due to enrollment in a competing program (NORSTAR or Governor's School for the Arts) will be allowed to be

IB Course students. These students will work with their school counselor to choose the appropriate IBDP subjects to take.

- Transfer students from outside of NPS may be admitted to the program if they are enrolling from an IB World School or other school with similar program.

IBCP Admission

- Students who have successfully completed at least 1 of the career-related courses in the 9th and 10th grade and their NPS Preliminary IB subjects will sign a letter of intent agreement to join IBCP prior to entering the 11th grade.
- Failure of pre-requisite or NPS Pre-IB classes may prevent entry into the IBCP in 11th grade.
- Students must choose one of the available pathways prior to entering the 11th grade and commit to completing the career pathway sequence of courses.
- Students will work with the IBCP Coordinator and the school counselor to choose their 2 IBDP subjects that meet the program requirements and that best support their career pathway.
- Transfer students from outside of NPS may be admitted to the program if they are enrolling from an IB World School or other school with similar program.

IB Course Students

- Students will be allowed to be IB Course students (partial program students) only for the following reasons:
 - The student needs an alternate schedule due to conflicts with IB Program needs. For example, a Norstar or GSA student will need to be excused at the end of the day and cannot attend all IB Classes.
 - The student needs an alternate schedule due to a medical issue.

Exiting IBDP/IBCP & Grounds for Removal from the programs

- Students may choose to exit the program at the beginning or end of the school year; however, they may need to repay exam fees we paid on their behalf if registration deadlines have passed. (*See Assessment Policy*)
- Students may be removed from the program by the IBDP/IBCP Coordinator for the following:
 - Failure of one or more required classes
 - Discipline Infractions (*See Student Code of Conduct*)
 - Academic Misconduct (*See Academic Integrity Policy*)
 - Infractions against the IB Learner Profile.
- Students who exit the program or are removed must return to their zoned high school if they are not in Granby's district.