



*Granby High School cordially invites all interested
parents and students of rising 9th graders
to attend our annual*

**INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA
PROGRAM**

INFORMATION MEETING

NOVEMBER 15, 2017, 6:00-7:30 pm

at the

GRANBY HIGH SCHOOL

AUDITORIUM

7101 GRANBY STREET

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA 23505

*Please join us to learn more about the IB Mission and
expectations, eligibility requirements, the 9th-12th grade
course sequence, the application process, and the benefits
of joining our IBDP.*

*See your School Counselor or contact the IBDP Coordinator, Rebecca
Gardner at rgardner@nps.k12.va.us for more details.*



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For
Rising 9th Grade Students and their Parents

6:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2017
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Granby High School is a member of the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) and has been authorized to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program since 1998. This program is a two-year "academically challenging and balanced program" intended for juniors and seniors who desire in-depth scholastic preparation for college or university. Our program aims "to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. It has been designed to address the intellectual, social, emotional, and physical well-being of students" (IBO).

To prepare students for the rigor of the IB Diploma Program, Granby High School has specially designed preparation courses, which begin in the ninth grade. Application to the NPS Pre-IB Program is open to all rising ninth grade students who reside in Norfolk and meet the academic criteria: **honor roll, good attendance and discipline record, 1 credit in Algebra, and 1 credit in a foreign language (French/Latin/Spanish) by the end of the 8th grade year.** The application process is competitive as the freshmen class for this program is limited to sixty students. Transportation will be provided for out-of-district students who are accepted into the program.

If your child meets the academic requirements listed above, please join us at Granby High School on Wednesday, November 15th, at 6:00 P.M. in the auditorium to learn more about the IB Diploma Program, the NPS Pre-IB Program, and the application process. Parking is available in school lots accessible from Harvard Street on the north side of the building and from Oxford on the south. Please do not use the Masonic Temple parking lot. Enter the building through doors facing Granby Street. If you require additional information before the meeting, please contact the IB Coordinator, Rebecca Gardner, rgardner@nps.k12.va.us or speak with your child's counselor.

Frequently Asked Questions About the IBDP at Granby High School

1. What are the requirements to apply for the NPS Pre-IB Program?
1 credit in Algebra, 1 credit in French, Latin, or Spanish, a 3.0 gpa and no discipline record (Students with no Foreign Language due to schedule conflicts may apply)
2. Can a student apply as a 10th grader? Only if space is available and the student meets pre-requisite course requirements, but it is rare and not recommended.
3. Will transportation be provided for out of district students? Yes
4. When are the applications due? All applications must be received from the school counselors on or before February 16, 2018. Students must turn in their parts to counselors by January 31, 2018
5. When will students be notified? All applicants will complete required testing on March 3, 2018; then they will be notified of acceptance by the week of April 9th
6. How many students are accepted? 60
7. Is there a waiting list? Yes. If we use the waiting list, students are notified in June.
8. Can a student change the language they have been studying? No, students must continue with the same language they have studied in middle school, but they may study an additional language as an elective choice. International students with specific language needs will be handled individually
9. Does Exploratory Language count as a 1 year credit? No, students must have at least one full year in French, Latin, or Spanish (Unless scheduling prevented the student from taking a language; then other arrangements may be made)
10. Can students play sports and be in IB? Yes – most students do play sports or get involved in Granby's clubs and organizations.
11. Are the IB students separated from the rest of the school? There is not a specific section of the building just for IB students.
12. Do students have room for an elective? Yes, students will get to choose from a wide variety of electives from the arts, technology, or business courses.

IB Candidate Selection Process

Phase 1 – Initial Application Review

- January 31, 2018- Students should turn in their parts of the application to their counselor.
- February 16, 2018—Counselors/Schools turn in applications to Granby
- Applications will be evaluated based on the following components:
 - Application completion
 - Student Questionnaire
 - Academic/Discipline/Testing Record
 - Teacher Recommendations
 - Counselor Recommendation
- All applicants will complete a writing sample and test on March 3, 2018 from 8:00-11:00 am. (Applicants with conflicts should contact Ms. Gardner)

Phase 2 - Applicant Test & Writing Sample—March 3, 2018

- **The writing sample and test will be conducted from 8:00 am-11:00 am.**
- The essay is based on a prompt. Students will have 20 minutes to show their best writing. Essays are scored on content/details, organization, mechanics/grammar, and voice/readability.
- The test will consist of reading comprehension as well as basic science and math problems with approx..40 questions; students will have 90 minutes.
- Students with documented testing accommodations may request learning support for this process through Ms. Gardner.

Phase 3 – Final Selection

- The application, test, and essay scores will determine which students will be invited to join the NPS Pre-IB Program at Granby High School.
- Notifications of acceptance, wait-list, or decline will be mailed the week of April 9, 2018.
- The top 60 students will be invited to join the program for the 2018-2019 school year.

Application Information:

- All NPS Specialty programs are using a Common Application. Students may and should apply to more than one program.
- A pdf copy of the High School Specialty Program Common Application may be found on our IB web page after November 15, 2017.
- All applicants will be evaluated using the same instrument. No school has preferential slots provided to its applicants. Determination for acceptance is based on the criteria described above.

Norfolk Public Schools High School Specialty Programs

Important Dates and Deadlines for Specialty Programs

1/31/18	Deadline to submit application parts to your school counselor
2/16/18	Deadline for middle schools to send completed applications to Specialty Programs.
3/3/18	Test and Essay at Granby for all applicants for the IB Program
3/5/18	Invitations for candidates to interview or test sent to applicants
3/10/18	Testing for select applicants for MHSP applicants @ Maury High, 9:00 am-12:00 pm
3/20-3/22/18	Interview and Writing Prompt at Lake Taylor High, 5:00-9:00 pm
3/24/18	Auditions/Portfolio Preview & Essay at Booker T Washington, 9:00 am-12:00 pm
3/24/18	Testing and Essay for select LCSE applicants at Norview High, 9:00--11:45 am
4/20/18	Final Notifications mailed to all applicants
5/4/18	All acceptance intent letters returned to the specialty programs

Notification dates are subject to change based on winter weather delays.

Specialty Program Application Requirements

- Rising 9th grader and Norfolk resident
- 3.0 gpa or higher
- Good discipline and attendance records
- 1 high school credit for Algebra 1 by the end of 8th grade
- 4 Positive Teacher Recommendations
- School Counselor Recommendation
- Strong Standardized Test Scores
- 1 Additional High School credit — see each specialty program for additional details

Academy of the Arts Booker T. Washington High School Contact: Yvette Wyatt— ywyatt@nps.k12.va.us

- Academy of the Arts students focus on areas of dance, instrumental music, theatre, visual arts, or vocal music.
- Submission of Art Portfolio or an audition is required for acceptance.— appts. will be mailed
- 2.5gpa or higher, pass all 8th grade SOL, and no high school credits required.
- Audition/Portfolio and Essay March 24, 2018, 10:00 am -- by appointment only
- Final Notifications sent to applicants April 20, 2018

Academy of Leadership and Military Science Lake Taylor High School Contact: Captain Gene Garrett— ggarrett@nps.k12.va.us

- Current sports physical required
- Interview & Essay @ Lake Taylor; March 20-22 5:00-9:00 pm
- Minimum 2.0 GPA
- Passing scores on all 8th grade SOL exams
- Required Summer Orientation Camp for accepted students- dates tbd

**Leadership Center for the Sciences and Engineering
Norview High School**

Contact: Karla Stead—kstead@nps.k12.va.us

Additional Requirements:

- Geometry (*Preferred— Algebra I minimum*)
- 1 credit in Biology or Earth Science (*honors preferred*)
- 1 credit in Spanish or French*
- Successful score on the LCSE Entrance Exam
- Well written essay completed March 24th at Norview

Dates and Info:

- Testing and Essay Saturday, March 24, 2018 at Norview by invite only.
- LCSE invites 50 students to attend each year
- Accepted students meet with Ms. Stead to set up schedule in May/June
- Accepted students attend a 4 day Summer orientation Camp in mid-August (no cost)

**International Baccalaureate Diploma Program
Granby High School**

Contact: Rebecca Gardner—rgardner@nps.k12.va.us

Additional Requirements:

- Geometry or Algebra 1
- 1 credit in French, Latin, or Spanish
- Honors Biology or Honors Earth Science preferred
- Positive teacher recommendations
- Well written essay completed
- Successful entrance testing completed

Dates and Info:

- Test and Essay March 3, 2018 at Granby for all applicants
- Essay and Test time will be from 8:00-11:00.
- Essay prompt and materials will be provided
- 60 students are accepted each year

**Students who do not meet the foreign language requirement due to school schedule conflict should contact Ms. Gardner*

**Students who have a conflict with the testing date should contact Ms. Gardner*

**Medical and Health Specialties Program
Maury High School**

Contact: Anne Christie—achristie@nps.k12.va.us

Additional Requirements:

- Algebra 1 and another high school credit
- Preferred: Honors Biology or Honors Earth Science
- Successful testing and well written Essay completed March 10, 2018 (for select students)

Dates and Info:

- On site Testing and Essay March 10, 2018 after initial application review (for select students)
- Essay prompt and materials will be provided
- 50 students are accepted each year
- Half-day orientation program for accepted freshmen to be held in August. Date to be determined.



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Dr. Lynnell Gibson, Principal

October 17, 2017

To Middle School Counselors/ Program Directors:

On Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 6:00 pm, Granby High School will conduct the annual IB Information Meeting in our auditorium to inform prospective students and their parents about the IB Diploma Program. Enclosed you will find an announcement for posting and/or distributing to prospective students/parents, the letter that was mailed home by the district to all 8th graders, a FAQ about IB, and a general information sheet about all specialty programs and their dates/requirements/etc. The district is finalizing the common application for the HSSP. Applications will be available at our information meeting, and the application will be available to download from the NPS website. Please know that any student who was unable to take a foreign language due to scheduling conflicts involving music may apply. They may have another educator fill out the recommendation form. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions. Thank you for your assistance and support.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Rebecca Gardner'.

Rebecca Gardner
IB Coordinator
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