



# Haines City IB East World School

## International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

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### Admissions Policy

#### *International Baccalaureate at Haines City High School*

We adhere to the vision that every student who graduates from the IB Diploma Program at Haines City High School is prepared for university and career opportunities. We believe our students are empowered to thrive in a global society by experiencing a relevant learning environment which inspires critical thinking, mindfulness, problem solving and innovation. Demands are high and students must be committed to consistently devote time and energy to their studies.

The IB program expects students to excel to their maximum potential academically, socially, and in extra-curricular activities. Due to the rigor of the program, and out-of-school requirements, participation in the IB program is a family commitment. Students are expected to enter the program with their personal goal of success.

#### *Prospective Students Eligibility Profile for IB at Haines City High School*

The admissions policies and procedures of the International Baccalaureate at Haines City High School are developed and implemented by Polk County Schools.

The criteria set by our school district are as follows:

- Middle School Grade Point Average of a 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Successful completion of Algebra 1 and the End-of-Course state assessment.
- Math Concordant Scores for Algebra 1
  - If not currently enrolled in a public school or cannot take the EOC until July 2020, the following assessments are accepted:
    - PSAT/NMSQT Math 430
    - SAT Math 420 or
    - ACT Math 16
- Students are required to have permanent residency in the HCIB East zone (East Side of Polk County)
  - Students zoned for the following high schools are eligible to attend the Haines City High IB Program
    - Haines City High
    - Ridge Community High
    - Lake Region High
    - Winter Haven High
    - Auburndale High
    - Tenoroc High
    - Lake Gibson High
- In order to attend one of the IB high schools in Polk County, a student must apply and qualify for one of the limited seats during the open enrollment period during his/her eighth-grade year. For the upcoming school year, interested students must apply by completing two steps:
  - **Step 1:** Register online at [TestRegistration.polk-fl.net](http://TestRegistration.polk-fl.net) to take a placement test. Students must be signed up prior to testing.

- **Step 2:** Submit an online application.
  - Applications for the 2020-2021 school year for Cambridge AICE, Choice Schools, Career Academies, International Baccalaureate (IB) and Magnet Schools will be accepted November 5 through December 13, 2019. Parents must apply online through Parent Portal.
- After applying on the site, applicants are given information on where to take the assessment.
- Parents and students are invited to call the district's *Office of Acceleration and Innovation* at 863-534-0631 for more information on the application process.

**Procedure After Applying For Admission:**

- Students will take an assessment and be admitted based on their rank score.
- To prevent a biased selection, the names of the student applicants are temporarily removed, assigned a number and placed in rank order.
- Students are selected based on their ranked test score and the available seats in the 9th grade.

**Procedure After Acceptance into the IB at Haines City High School:**

- Selected 8<sup>th</sup> grade applicants receive communication from the Office of Acceleration and Innovation by the end of March. Families notify the school of their decision to attend by the due date on the letter.
- Families who accept the invitation to attend are invited to attend an Incoming Freshman Orientation in April. A plethora of information on the IB Policies, expectations, etc. are given to students and their parents. Students register for their 9<sup>th</sup> grade classes through a personalized process.