

The School District Of Osceola County, Florida

International Baccalaureate Program



Overview of Osceola School District's International Baccalaureate (IB) Program

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Program provides highly-motivated students with an opportunity to pursue a rigorous liberal arts curriculum. The program accommodates students in grades nine through twelve, and is an integral part of Gateway and Celebration High Schools. Students enrolled in the program are encouraged to participate in extracurricular and athletic activities.

The IB diploma is awarded to students who pass external examinations in six academic subject areas, complete a course of study in the theory of knowledge, present an extended essay reflecting independent research and analysis, and who participate in 150 hours of Creative, Action, and Service (CAS) endeavors.

Requirements for the IB Diploma are structured to meet the entrance requirements for the best universities throughout the world while striving to meet the ideal of an international education.



IB Program Features

- Academic Advising
- Student-Centered Learning
- Interdisciplinary Teaching
- Inquiry Skills
- International Recognition

Recruitment Process

The recruitment process starts in January with general meetings open to all parents of prospective applicants. The IB Diploma Program will be discussed, including benefits and courses offered. Applications will be available at these meetings and from middle school guidance counselors. Decisions for acceptance into the program will be made by May.

Selection Process

Any eighth grade student residing in Osceola County may apply to the program. Applications will be assessed according to the criteria listed below. Late applicants will be placed on a waiting list.

Selection Criteria

- A completed application form;
- A signed Honor Code (included in the application);
- High grade point average and standardized test scores in the higher percentile in seventh and eighth grades; and
- Strong recommendations from eighth grade academic teachers.



Gateway
High



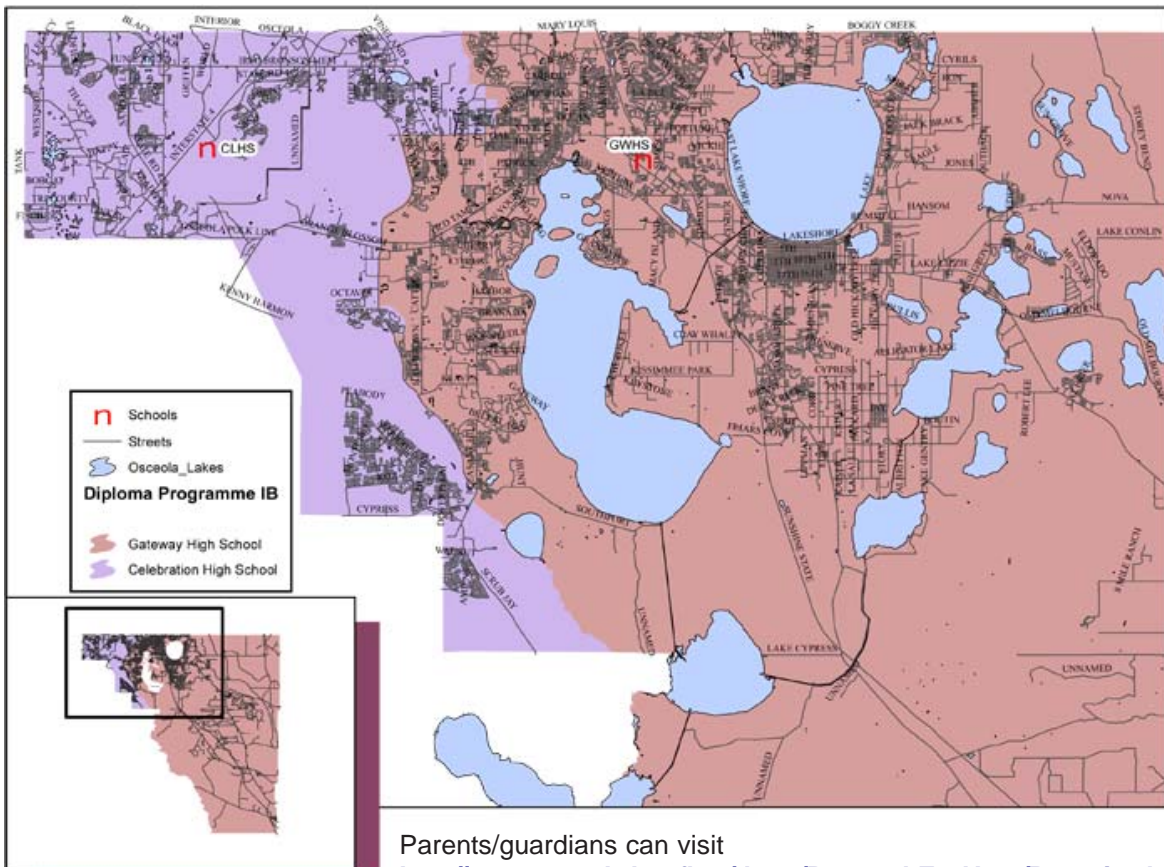
Celebration
High

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High School IB Program Locations In Osceola County

Osceola School District's IB Program is offered at Celebration High School and Gateway High School. The following attendance zones have been adopted by the Osceola County School Board:



Once on the website:

1. Select the CHS Diploma Program street index;
2. Enter your street name into the search engine - click "enter";
3. If your address appears, your child is eligible to attend the Celebration High Diploma Program;
If not, close the street index and select the GHS Diplome Programme street index;
4. Enter your street name into the search engine – click "enter"; and
5. If your address appears, your child is eligible to attend the Gateway High Diploma Program.

If your address is not located in either street index, please contact Rhonda Dumas in the Research, Evaluation, and Accountability Department at 407-870-4677 for assistance.

If a student is accepted into the IB Program at his/her zoned school, transportation will be provided.

NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE ATTENDANCE ZONE BOUNDARIES WILL BE GRANTED.

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Advantages of the Osceola School District's International Baccalaureate Program at Gateway and Celebration High Schools

- Challenging and exciting classes focusing on writing, thinking, communication, and experimenting
- Rigorous and comprehensive education based on a global perspective
- Focus on commitment to community and human welfare
- High standard of teaching required by the IB program
- Possibility of entering a university with advanced standing (college credit)
- High expectations of students and development of full academic potential in all areas of study
- Participation in a community of scholars
- Opportunity to earn universally-recognized world-class credentials
- IB curriculum recognized by hundreds of universities worldwide
- Weighted value for IB courses enhance grade point averages
- Opportunity to take Advance Placement exams in a variety of subjects to earn college credit



Gateway High



Sequence of IB Courses At Gateway and Celebration High Schools



Ninth Grade: English I - Honors, Geometry - Honors, World History - AP/Honors, Biology I - Honors, Foreign Language I, Elective

Tenth Grade: English II - Honors, Algebra II - Honors, European History - AP, Chemistry I - Honors, Foreign Language II/III, Elective

(All courses in ninth and tenth grades are part of the Osceola School District's Pre-IB Program.)

Eleventh Grade: English III - IB, Pre-Calculus - IB, American History - IB, Biology II - IB or Chemistry II - IB, Foreign Language IV, IB Sixth Subject

Twelfth Grade: English IV - IB, Mathematics Study/Calculus - IB, History of the Americas - IB, Biology III - IB or Chemistry III IB, Foreign Language V, IB Sixth Subject

(All courses in eleventh and twelfth grades are part of the Osceola School District's IB Diploma Program.)

Additional Diploma Requirements:

- 150 CAS Hours (Creative, Action, Service)
- Extended Essay
- Six IB Exams (three Higher Level, three Standard Level, or four Higher Level/two Standard Level)
- Theory of Knowledge (TOK) Essay



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IB Learner Profile

IB Students aspire to be:

Inquirers	They develop their natural curiosity. They acquire the skills necessary to conduct inquiry and research and show independence in learning. They actively enjoy learning and this love of learning will be sustained throughout their lives.
Knowledgeable	They explore concepts, ideas and issues that have local and global significance. In so doing, they acquire in-depth knowledge and develop understanding across a broad and balanced range of disciplines.
Thinkers	They exercise initiative in applying thinking skills critically and creatively to recognize and approach complex problems, and make reasoned, ethical decisions.
Communicators	They understand and express ideas and information confidently and creatively in more than one language and in a variety of modes of communication. They work effectively and willingly in collaboration with others.
Principled	They act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness, justice and respect for the dignity of the individual, groups and communities. They take responsibility for their own actions and the consequences that accompany them.
Open-minded	They understand and appreciate their own cultures and personal histories, and are open to the perspectives, values and traditions of other individuals and communities. They are accustomed to seeking and evaluating a range of points of view, and are willing to grow from the experience.
Caring	They show empathy, compassion and respect towards the needs and feelings of others. They have a personal commitment to service, and act to make a positive difference to the lives of others and to the environment.
Risk-takers	They approach unfamiliar situations and uncertainty with courage and forethought, and have the independence of spirit to explore new roles, ideas and strategies. They are brave and articulate in defending their beliefs.
Balanced	They understand the importance of intellectual, physical and emotional balance to achieve personal well-being for themselves and others.
Reflective	They give thoughtful consideration to their own learning and experience. They are able to assess and understand their strengths and limitations in order to support their learning and personal development.

You don't have to be a genius to gain an IB Diploma but you do need to be organized, able to plan your work schedule, work hard, study smart and effectively, and get involved in a range of activities, including those that offer a break from academic work. Students are encouraged to take the time to relax and enjoy themselves after they have done their academic work.

The IB Program is the right choice if you are or aim to be:
a competent reader;
a proficient speaker/writer;
self motivated;
able to question your own belief system;
an excellent time planner;
involved; and aware of the commitment and persistence needed to succeed.

Osceola School District's International Baccalaureate Honor Pledge

I understand that as a student in the Osceola School District IB Program, ethical conduct is expected of me at all times. I hereby resolve to uphold the Honor Code of the International Baccalaureate Program at Gateway High School or Celebration High School.

I will refrain from all forms of conduct that reflect negatively on the IB Program. I realize that as a member of the IB Program, I have the responsibility to come forth and report any form of violation of the Honor Code.

Breaches of the IB Honor Code may result in my removal from the IB Program.

