



International Baccalaureate at Franklin High School:

The IB Diploma Program is an academically challenging and balanced program of education designed for highly motivated, college-bound students in order to help them develop into well-rounded, open-minded future citizens so that they can respond to global, national and local challenges thoughtfully and optimistically. With the Fourth Industrial Revolution upon us, and increasingly demanding a workforce of agile learners, an IB education is more meaningful than ever.

How to Get More Information:

Franklin High School will soon be accepting 8th Grade applications for International Baccalaureate Diploma Program study. In order to avoid large gatherings this year, rather than holding in-person meetings in Williamson County middle schools, we are providing a series of IB informational videos. To gain information about the program and the processes involved, you are invited to view the videos through this link: [FHS IB Videos](#). In the videos, you will find information about:

- ✓ IB “Big Picture” Overview
- ✓ IB Diploma Program Structure
- ✓ Student Perspectives of the Program
- ✓ Application Process- How to Apply

Additionally, in order to ensure that all of your IB-related questions are answered, the FHS IB Diploma Program Coordinators will be hosting four live Zoom Q&A Sessions (November 30th, December 2nd and 7th, and January 7th).

Each Zoom Session will begin at 6pm. We anticipate each will last about an hour, but we will stay until all questions have been answered. Please feel free to join us with Zoom Meeting ID 815 7867 6198.

Alternatively, please also feel free to email your question to FHS IB Program Coordinators Ray Scheetz (rays1@wcs.edu) and Leigh Tansey (leigh@wcs.edu).

What the DP offers students:

Through the DP, schools are able to develop students who:

- have excellent breadth and depth of knowledge
- flourish physically, intellectually, emotionally and ethically
- study at least two languages
- excel in traditional academic subjects
- explore the nature of knowledge through the program’s unique theory of knowledge course.



Reasons why schools in 147 countries choose to offer the DP:

International research shows that there are many benefits to choosing the DP over other 16-19 curricula. For example:

- Research shows that DP students are better able than their peers to cope with demanding workloads, manage their time and meet the expectations placed on them.
- Analysis of DP students in Canada, the UK and the USA found that the DP’s extended essay improves students’ approach to learning in higher education.
- A 2015 study from the University of Wisconsin found that postsecondary enrollment rates and college graduation rates for IB diploma earners is much higher than the national rate. Additionally, the first year retention rate of DP students enrolled in a four-year institution was 98%.