

# THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAM @NORTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme came to NCHS in the 1987-1988 school year. **Over the last 33** North Central has:

- Supported over 500 former candidates
- Helped over 85% earn the full IB Diploma [better than the international average of 78%]
- Offered 28 different courses

*"Because of the IB program, I was never overwhelmed by my college workload, and I had already developed a sense of time management. The IB program showed me the power of academic exploration and inquiry."*

**-Camelia Manring, Class of 2016**



*The program was challenging but not overwhelming. I was able to learn immensely, and grow immeasurably from it. I met mentors and teachers who inspired me and changed my perspective on life-***Leslie, Class of 2014**



## WHY SHOOT FOR THE IBDP?

You might not have known that North Central offers a variety of different diplomas. The International Baccalaureate Diploma is our community's most challenging option. Not only will universities love to see it on your transcript, they know it will prepare you well for life after high school.

It is never too early to start thinking about college admissions. Every decision you make at NC has the potential to affect your options after high school: for example, the classes you decide to take, the grades that you earn, the activities you participate in, the leadership you show.

**We have lots of evidence that supports the advantages of the DP in college admissions.**

Universities love that students develop the skills needed to succeed on campus.

**The DP is challenging. But yields great rewards:**

- Students will learn how to research and write college level essays via the Extended Essay
- Students will be engaged in critical thinking via Theory of Knowledge
- Students will develop a host of independent planning skills via the Creativity, Action, and Service portion of the DP

“I think Theory of Knowledge has helped prepare me to think critically about different things. Also I think that our coordinators talk with us about our work load and how to best manage it.” -IB DP Graduate

	Without the Diploma	With the Diploma	Difference
Harvard	5.1%	12.2%	239%
M.I.T	7.2%	23.1%	320%
Stanford	4.65%	17%	366%
Northwestern	9%	48.8%	522%
University of Chicago	7.9%	60.3%	763%

"How Do Universities View the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program." Salem City School District, Salem City School District. www.salemnj.org/UserFiles/Server/Server\_8487714/Fac/IB/IBAdmissions.pdf.

As you can see to the left, participation in the IB DP can greatly increase your chances of admissions into universities. Of course, North Central cannot guarantee admissions results, but our experience says that there is a general advantage to being a DP candidate.

## What should I do in middle school to make sure I am prepared for the IB Diploma Program?

- **Work hard.** Try to get yourself in as many **honors classes** as possible.
- **Don't quit.** Achieving greatness doesn't happen overnight. All the greats, from sports, academics, and the arts, have faced challenges and hardship. Keep grinding your way toward excellence.
- **Be awesome.** Being a good student means you are also a good person. Be kind, help others, stay humble, and live a balanced life by taking time to stay healthy in every way.
- **Set up a meeting.** I would love to meet you and your family. We can talk about how to make the most of your time in high school. It is never too early to reach out!

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“I believe that the Program pushes us to communicate with other students and share ideas with each other. It improves our communication and thinking skills.”  
 IB Graduate, Class of 2018

“Critical thinking is emphasized, as lots of classes have group discussions that are less focused on a grade and more focused and exploring ideas based on the curriculum” -NC IB Graduate