

IB Info Night



East Nashville
Magnet School

- Learn about Middle Years Programme and Diploma Programme
- Talk to teachers, administrators, and IB Coordinator
- Experience IB classroom activities

February 27, 2020

6:00 pm

Greetings,

East Nashville Magnet Schools are adopting two International Baccalaureate programs in the coming school years. I'm writing to send you information about these programs and invite you to visit our schools to see elements of these programs in action. We have incorporated elements of the IB's mission statement into our school's new mission: ***To ensure that all students and staff embrace active lifelong learning and become productive, compassionate citizens of the world through rigorous intercultural instruction.***

East Nashville Magnet Middle and High Schools will host the IB Middle Years Program in grades 5-10. The school is currently in a preliminary phase of adopting the program and will be fully authorized during the fall of 2020. In short, an MYP education features conceptually planned classrooms, focus on developing skills that support learning across disciplines, a commitment to service, and a rigorous and interesting academic environment for students. Research shows that students participating in the MYP build confidence in managing their own learning; learn by doing and connecting the classroom to the larger world; outperform non-IB students in critical academic skills; consistently have greater success in IB Diploma Programme examinations; thrive in positive school cultures where they are engaged and motivated to excel; and develop an understanding of global challenges and a commitment to act as responsible citizens.

East Nashville Magnet High Schools will host the IB Diploma Program in grades 11 and 12 beginning the school year of 2021-2022. The DP features rigorous courses that can earn college credit for students, a chance for students to explore their knowledge in unique ways, a deeper commitment to experiential learning, and the opportunity to do intensive academic research. A 2009 study looked at the standards for seven IB Programme courses and compared them to a set of standards for college-readiness. Researchers found:

- A high degree of alignment with college readiness standards in all subject areas
- Many IB standards were more advanced than those required for success in entry-level college courses
- IB standards address key cognitive strategies (critical thinking, intellectual inquisitiveness and interpretation skills) that have been identified by college instructors as necessary for college success

A 2010 study that looked at performance on IB exams and college GPAs of more than 1,500 IB students enrolled in the University of California system found:

- IB students earned higher GPAs and graduated at higher rates than matched comparison group
- Performance in the IB Programme was the strongest predictor of college GPA
- The average acceptance rate of IB students into university/college is 22% higher than the average acceptance rate of the total population

If you are interested in learning more, consider joining us on February 27, 2020 at 6:00 for IB Info night. You'll learn more about the MYP and DP at East, talk to faculty and administrators, and experience what different IB classrooms feel like. Contact the school at 615-262-6670 (middle school) or 615-262-6947 (high school) to schedule a tour. Or feel free to contact me directly at scott.wofford@mnps.org Visit the [MNPS website](#) to see how to exercise your school choice option.

We're excited to be the only MNPS magnet school to offer these exceptional programs. Go Eagles!

Scott Wofford
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East Nashville Magnet School

East Nashville Magnet Schools are adopting IB!

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	International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme	International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme
What does this program look like for students?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grades 5-10 - Conceptually planned Units of Study in 8 Subject Groups - Rigorous and conceptually challenging instruction - Assessments that capitalize on student choice - Attention to IB Learner Profile characteristics - Student-driven projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Service (grade 8) - Personal Project (grade 10) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grades 11-12 - 6 core Subject Groups that feature rigorous and internationally-minded curricula - Theory of Knowledge--a unique course that examines what and how we know - Formal experiential learning component (Creativity, Activity, Service) - Extended Essay--formal research project driven by student interest - College credit based on IB test results
When will this program be available?	Next year! East Nashville Magnet School will be authorized during 2020-2021 school year	First cohort of 11th graders in 2021-2022
What are the benefits of an IB education?	<p>A student who enrolls at East as a 5th grader and continues into the high school will have <u>5 full years</u> of 8 conceptually-planned courses each year.</p> <p>Research shows that students participating in the MYP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● build confidence in managing their own learning ● learn by doing, connecting the classroom to the larger world ● outperform non-IB students in critical academic skills ● consistently have greater success in IB Diploma Programme examinations ● thrive in positive school cultures where they are engaged and motivated to excel ● develop an understanding of global challenges and a commitment to act as responsible citizens.¹ 	<p>A 2009 study looked at the standards for seven IB Programme courses and compared them to a set of standards for college-readiness. Researchers found:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A high degree of alignment with college readiness standards in all subject areas ● Many IB standards were more advanced than those required for success in entry-level college courses ● IB standards address key cognitive strategies (critical thinking, intellectual inquisitiveness and interpretation skills) that have been identified by college instructors as necessary for college success <p>A 2010 study that looked at performance on IB exams and college GPAs of more than 1,500 IB students enrolled in the University of California system found:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● IB students earned higher GPAs and graduated at higher rates than matched comparison group ● Performance in the IB Programme was the strongest predictor of college GPA ● The average acceptance rate of IB students into university/college is 22% higher than the average acceptance rate of the total population²

¹ <https://www.ibo.org/programmes/middle-years-programme/what-is-the-myp/>

Want more information about IB?

Join us on February 27, 2020 for IB INFORMATION NIGHT!

- 6:00 pm at East Nashville High School
- Get information about the IB Programs offered at ENMS
- Meet and talk to school principals, counselors, teachers, and IB coordinator
- Experience actual IB activities taught by ENMS teachers

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