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Southside High School IB Admission Policy

The IB program at Southside High School is an open-enrollment program. All students who have successfully completed prerequisite courses in 9th and 10th grade are eligible to enroll in IB courses. Students may enroll in the full diploma program or take individual IB courses. Prior to 11th grade, students interested in IB courses will meet with the IB coordinator to discuss prerequisites and class requirements. Generally speaking, students who earn a B in the previous academic course area, at the Honors level, will be recommended by their teacher for an IB course in that discipline. Students who do not meet that requirement may still take an IB course with a completed parent override form. Those forms may be obtained in the School Counseling office. A full list of prerequisites is provided at the end of this document.

Students who plan to complete the full diploma program must take at least 1 course from each of the 5 IB areas. Students can repeat either a Groups 2, 3 or 4 course to meet the requirement for their Group 6. In addition to those courses, students who wish to complete the full IB diploma, will also take a Theory of Knowledge / Extended Essay course in both 11th and 12th grade. Those courses are only open to full diploma students. Students completing the full diploma take 3, but no more than 4 courses at the higher level and 2 or 3 at the standard level. A full description of requirements for the IB diploma can be found in the IB Handbook.

This policy will be reviewed annually. Last updated 9-25.

Magnet Students

Southside High School is one of four magnet high schools in Greenville County. Students who live outside the SHS attendance zone can apply to attend SHS as a magnet student in order to participate in the IB program. All magnet students must be eligible to take at least 1 IB course in either 11th or 12th grade. The window for magnet applications opens in the fall and continues through the academic year. For more information on the magnet program, please refer to the main Greenville County Schools website. Students who live within the SHS attendance area do not need to apply to the magnet program.

IB Course Prerequisites Year 1

IB Course	Level	Prerequisite
Group 1: Literature	HL only	Completion of English 2 H or higher with a B or higher
Group 2: Spanish / French	SL / HL	Completion of 2 years of target language / 3 years is STRONGLY recommended for Spanish with a B or higher
Group 3: History / Psychology	History HL only (AP) Psychology SL / HL	Placement in Honors English 3 or higher

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Group 4: Biology / Chemistry (year 1 & 2)	Biology SL / HL	Placement in Honors English 3 or higher Completion of Biology & Chemistry Honors with a B or higher
	Chemistry SL / HL	Chemistry: placement in English 3 Honors or higher, completion of Biology AND Chemistry Honors with a B or higher, completion of Algebra 2 is HIGHLY recommended
Group 5: Math	Applications & Interpretations SL	Completion of Algebra 2 Honors with a B or higher
	(AP Calculus AB) Applications & Interpretations HL -1	Completion of Pre-Calculus Honors with at least a B or higher

IB Course Prerequisites Year 2

IB Course	Level	Prerequisite
Group 1: Literature	HL only	Completion of IB Lit 1 HL with a B or higher
Group 2: Spanish / French	SL / HL	Completion IB Language 1 with a B or higher
Group 3: History / Psychology	History HL only	Completion of IB History HL-1 with a B or higher
	Psychology SL / HL	Completion of AP Psychology with a B or higher
Group 4: Biology / Chemistry (year 1 & 2)	Biology SL / HL	Placement Honors English 3 or higher Completion of Biology & Chemistry Honors with a B or higher
	Chemistry SL / HL	Completion of Algebra 2 H is HIGHLY recommended for IB Chemistry
Group 5: Math	Applications & Interpretations SL	Completion of Math AA SL-1 with a B or higher
	Applications & Interpretations HL	Completion of AP Calculus AB with a B or higher Completion of AP Statistics is HIGHLY recommended

All IB Policies can be found on the IB Program section of the main SHS website.

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