

Travis B Bryan High School
IB Diploma Program
Admissions Policy

The IB Diploma program provides a challenging, internationally focused, broad and balanced educational experience. Students are required to study six subjects and a curriculum core concurrently over two years. The program is designed to equip students with the academic skills needed for university study, further education and their chosen profession as well as developing the values and life skills needed to live a fulfilled and purposeful life. It is the philosophy of the IB Diploma Program at Bryan High School that this program provides an excellent educational framework for students of a wide range of abilities and backgrounds and should be made available as widely as possible. Motivation, self-discipline and perseverance (not just academic aptitude) play a key role in determining success in the Diploma Program. (*The Diploma Programme: From Principles into Practice*, A publication of the International Baccalaureate Organization. United Kingdom. IBO. April 2015). The admission process is designed to collect contact information and to advise students and their parents/guardians about the requirements of the Diploma Program so that they may make the best informed decision regarding their student's academic placement taking their skills, interests and knowledge into consideration.

Admission Process:

For Incoming 9-11 students currently zoned for Bryan High:

1. Complete the **Registration of Interest Form** located on the last page of this document. It can also be found on page 25 of the High School Course Guide, digitally on the **Bryan High website: bryanhs.bryanisd.org**, or you may use the paper copy provided at the time of registration for the following year's courses. Please return to the IB Coordinator, Laura Wagner at Bryan High School, 3450 Campus Drive, Bryan, TX 77802 or email to laura.wagner@bryanisd.org by **March 31, 2017**.
2. **Schedule an appointment with Laura Wagner** (laura.wagner@bryanisd.org or 979.209.2412) to discuss the suitability of the program to meet your student's needs and to develop a 4-year plan.
3. Let the counselor that is completing the registration process at your current school know that you are interested in the IB program.

For incoming 9-11 students currently zoned for Rudder High School:

1. **Complete the 3 steps above.**
2. **Complete the Student Transfer Request Form.** The forms can be accessed and submitted online at www.bryanisd.org. The deadline for submission is **March 10, 2017**. Students are required to complete transfer request forms annually. Parents should submit one application per child. Additional transfer information may be obtained by calling 979-209-1111. Students wishing to participate in the Diploma Program in the 11th and 12th grades may attend Bryan High School beginning in the 9th grade to insure that prerequisite requirements are met and to provide a seamless transition to the 11th and 12th grade. If a transfer student decides not to undertake the full diploma program, he/she must take at least two IB courses in the junior and senior years to maintain eligibility for a transfer on the basis of the IB Program.

Currently, students residing outside of the Bryan ISD attendance zone are not eligible to attend Bryan High School for the IB program.

Review Process:

1. Transcripts are reviewed to assess the level of achievement in prior classes. The scores of an applicant should be all passing, with the majority of them A or B in the 8th, 9th, and 10th grades. One D/F score will not automatically disqualify an applicant but will be reviewed more closely to check for subsequent improvement in later grading periods.
2. Attendance for prior years should be at 90% or above, unless there are mitigating circumstances of extended illness, family crisis, etc. Discipline records should contain a minimum number of referrals and have nothing of a serious nature.
3. State Test Scores should be passing or commended in the majority of subjects. A failing score may mean that a student is not on grade level, but the student may be accepted into the Diploma Program on a probationary basis if the classroom grades in that subject are significantly higher.
4. Students transferring to Bryan High School for the IB program, should maintain a 3.0 average or higher. If the GPA falls below 3.0, the student will be placed on probation with supports given to assist the student in improving his/her grades. If the student's average, continues to remain significantly below a 3.0, he/she will no longer be eligible for the IB program and the transfer request for IB will be denied.
5. Students who have Special Educational needs are reviewed by their counselor and the IB Coordinator to determine if the needs of the student are those that can be met and accommodated for within our SPEN Policy for the IB Diploma Program. Students whose special arrangements would be authorized under the IB Principles are accepted, and necessary accommodations and supports are planned.

Policy Review

Because of the school district's interest in continuous improvement, the assessment policy must be reviewed on a yearly basis due to the changing needs of our IB students. A committee made up of the IB Coordinator, IB Counselor, and an administrator will meet in June to consider recommendations and make any necessary changes to the admissions policy. Updates will be posted on the BHS IB website.

Supporting Documents

Travis B. Bryan High School Special Educational Needs Policy
Travis B. Bryan Language Policy
Travis B. Bryan Academic Honesty Policy

Documents Utilized in the Preparation of this Policy

The Diploma Programme: From Principles into Practice, a publication of the International Baccalaureate Organization, United Kingdom: IB Publishing, April 2015.

Policy Determination

The admissions policy was determined by guidelines of the board of education and the IBO. The IB Coordinator, IB Counselor, Principal and Associate Principal of Travis B. Bryan High School have been a part of developing the IB DP admissions policy for this school.

Admission Policy Last Update Fall 2016.

TRAVIS B. BRYAN HIGH SCHOOL
INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE
DIPLOMA PROGRAM
REGISTRATION OF INTEREST FORM

Student Name: _____
Last First Middle

Parent/Guardian (s): _____
Last First

Last First

Home Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Other Contact: _____

Student Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Current School: _____

Anticipated Grade of Entry: _____

Referral Source:

____ Employer ____ Friend ____ Co-worker ____ Alumni ____ Website
____ Counselor ____ IB Coordinator Other _____

Are you zoned for Bryan High School? Circle YES NO

****If you answered "NO", in addition to this form please complete the Student Transfer Request Form found on the Bryan ISD website by March 10, 2017.**

RETURN THIS FORM OR EMAIL TO LAURA WAGNER AT BRYAN HIGH SCHOOL, BY March 31, 2017.

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