



Fairhope High School International Baccalaureate Admissions Policy

Baldwin County Public Schools are committed to offering students the ability to participate in and successfully complete the IB Diploma Programme curriculum. Students are invited to apply for the IB Programme of study prior to 11th grade to ensure they are on track for working towards and earning the IB Diploma.

Invitation and Application:

Fairhope High School invites all students from our surrounding feeder patterns to apply for the IB programme of study in January/February of their 8th grade year. 9th and 10th grade students are invited to participate in our IB prep programme, while 11th and 12th grade students participate in our DP programme. In order to make the programme accessible for all, transportation is provided for all students wishing to participate in the IB programme.

Eligibility Criteria:

Fairhope High is able to accommodate all interested students as long as the prerequisites have been met. The following eligibility criteria is needed in order for students to apply for the IB program:

- Unweighted 8th grade final core GPA of 3.0 or higher (the core includes only English, math, science, and social studies)
- Credit earned for Algebra 1
- Additional program criteria regarding Scantron scores for public school students in reading and math is required and determined by the Baldwin County Public Schools
- Attendance should be in good standing
- Students should complete the application by the deadline provided
- Teacher recommendations are provided by the feeder schools or program at the request of the student/parent

IB Information Sessions:

Information sessions are held at each feeder middle school and one additional evening session at Fairhope High School (referred to hereafter as FHS) discussing the general expectations for students in the IB Diploma Programme. During these sessions, current IB Diploma Programme candidates assist with question and answer sessions. The IB Coordinator and IB counselor review the application process and general expectations of the programme. Applications are available online at the FHS webpage and on campus.

Admission to the IB programme of study at Fairhope High School:

Admission is open to all students who complete applications and meet other required eligibility as stated above. Students are notified in February, via email, of their admission to the FHS IB program of study and must accept their seat by the designated deadline.

Admission for 10th and 11th Grades:

Students currently enrolled at FHS or other feeder high schools may be considered for enrollment in the IB programme. Students currently enrolled in other IB programmes may also qualify for participation. Students and parents who are interested in admission should download the forms, read the requirements, and/or email the IB coordinator. If a student needs advice or to review options for enrollment, he/she can meet with the IB counselor.

Communicating the Admissions Policy:

The FHS IB programme's admissions policy will be published for parents, students and community members to access on our website. A copy of the IB programme of study admissions policy will be made available for current school personnel to access.

Review of the Admissions Policy:

The admissions criteria for Fairhope High are set by FHS in conjunction and in association with the Baldwin County Public School's policies. The admissions policy will be reviewed on an annual basis and as needed in accordance with any district changes or programme changes that are implemented.

Fairhope High School would like to acknowledge the following IB World Schools whose published Admissions Policies served as a model in the creation of this document:

- Paxon School for Advanced Studies
- Albert Einstein High School
- Gulliver Preparatory School
- Sarasota Military Academy