

Yonkers Middle/High School International Baccalaureate Academy

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- International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB) (Academic Admission Requirements)
- School uniforms are required for all students

School Theme: Smaller Learning Communities

Grades 6-12

- Unique learning environment housing students in grades six through twelve
- The acclaimed International Baccalaureate Programme is the cornerstone of the school's rigorous high school curriculum
- School uniforms are required of all students
- Students who elect to be a part of this academic environment must possess a strong sense of motivation, and students and their parents must affirm their commitment to the high standards of a program of this kind
- Continuation in the program from middle school to high school requires middle school students to maintain high academic performance to meet the rigorous high school International Baccalaurete Programme

Academic Admission Requirements Expanding Our Global Community Grades 9-12

- The International Baccalaureate Programme is the cornerstone of the school's college preparatory curriculum and is designed to prepare students for post-graduation entrance to universities in the United States and around the world
- Students who are accepted to be part of this rich academic environment should possess a strong sense of motivation and dedication. Both parents and students need to maintain a commitment to fulfilling the high standards of this program

International Baccalaureate Programme (IB): Honors IB and Diploma

(Academic Admission Requirements)

- Students must have demonstrated high academic performance as part of the entrance requirements. Entrance is based on report card grades, standardized test scores and the selection of Yonkers High School during the application process
- Students and parents must sign the school's Placement Agreement indicating that they will adhere to the school uniform policy and Code of Conduct, as well as maintain their academic standing
- Students are expected to complete Summer IB course work in preparation for the following school year
- Coursework is focused on philosophy and the integration of knowledge as it influences our world
- Students are guided as they strive to develop the characteristics of IB Learners: inquirers; knowledgeable; thinkers; communicators; principled; open-minded; caring; risk-takers; balanced; and reflective.
- Students take New York State Regents examinations as well as IB examinations and are required to take a Foreign Language and a visual art or music course

- Students graduating with both an IB Diploma as well as a Yonkers High School diploma must fulfill the following requirements:
 - Complete and pass courses and examinations in six prescribed areas
 - Complete a two-year interdisciplinary seminar; Theory of Knowledge, intended to relate learning from concepts, historical events, current events, and issues of importance in all disciplines
 - Compose a 4,000 word research Extended Essay
 - Complete the requirements for Creativity, Action, Service, independently fulfilling 150 hours of extracurricular and/ or service activities
- Although IB courses can only be taken by juniors and seniors, all juniors and seniors are required to take a minimum of four IB courses before they graduate. An official IB certificate will be awarded for each course successfully completed
- Graduates can receive college credits and be placed into college honors classes by attaining high scores on their IB examinations

Transitional Bilingual Education Classes Grades 9-12

• Bilingual Program offers instruction to Spanish speaking students in two languages in all academic areas. English as a New Language is taught according to the student's level of English proficiency.

The Partners

This school works closely with the following agencies, institutions and/or colleges:

- International Baccalaureate Organization
- Stew Leonard's
- African American Men of Westchester
- Guild of International Baccalaureate Schools (GIBS)
- Sarah Lawrence College Center for the Urban River at Beczak
- Junior Achievement of New York
- DNA Learning Center
- Groundworks Hudson Valley
- Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts
- Nepperhan Community Center
- Yonkers Public Library Riverfront Branch
- Yonkers Partners in Education (YPIE)
- Yonkers Department of Social Services
- Hudson River Museum of Westchester
- My Sister's Place
- JCY-Westchester Community Partners
- Family Services of Westchester
- Family Ties of Westchester
- The Guidance Center
- Yonkers My Brother's Keeper
- Fordham Trio

Colleges and Universities:

- Fordham University
- Manhattan College
- Sarah Lawrence College
- Mercy College