



Why International Baccalaureate at SHS?



1. Springstead High School

- SHS offers competitive athletic, ROTC, art, choral, theatre, and band programs
- SHS houses the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme
- SHS was ranked 253rd out of 1008 Florida High Schools by U.S. News and World Reports in 2020
- SHS offers 19 Advanced Placement Classes
- SHS offers 13 International Baccalaureate classes

2. Traditional High School Experience

- Although participating in a magnet program, IB students will be in blended classes
- IB students are **expected** to be involved in school and extracurricular activities- clubs, athletics, fine arts, community events, etc...

3. Leadership Opportunities

- IB students, more often than not, have the opportunity to demonstrate leadership through clubs, organizing school events, etc...

4. College Readiness & Life Skill Acquisition

- The IB Diploma Programme provides college preparatory skills as well as lifelong learner skills- time management, reflection, communication, critical reading/writing, research, etc...

5. Foreign Language Acquisition

- IB students, who pass their IB foreign language exams (Spanish or Latin), satisfy university prerequisites for foreign language, qualify for college credit, and are awarded the Florida Gold Seal of Bilingualism

6. International-Mindedness

- The IB Programme encourages students to view events within a global context, to understand conflicting or differing interpretations or viewpoints, and become well rounded "global citizens"

7. Strength of Schedule- College Transcript

- Over the course of 4 years, IB students become proficient in the core 5- English, Foreign Language, Social Studies, Science, and Math
- IB students take various Honors, Advanced Placement, and International Baccalaureate classes during their 4 years of study
- IB student college transcripts signal a rigorous course of study and college readiness to university admissions offices

8. College Credit

- IB students can earn college credit through qualifying scores on AP and IB exams (3 or better on AP Exams; 4 or better on IB exams)
- For Florida public universities, IB students can apply 45 credits towards their major/degree!

9. Bright Futures & the IB Diploma

- IB students who document at least 100+ community service hours, and earn the IB Diploma, qualify for the **Florida Bright Futures Academic Scholarship**
- **Translation - 4 years of college tuition paid for Florida public universities!**

General Informational Meeting: October 21st or November 4th, 6-8 pm, SHS Cafeteria