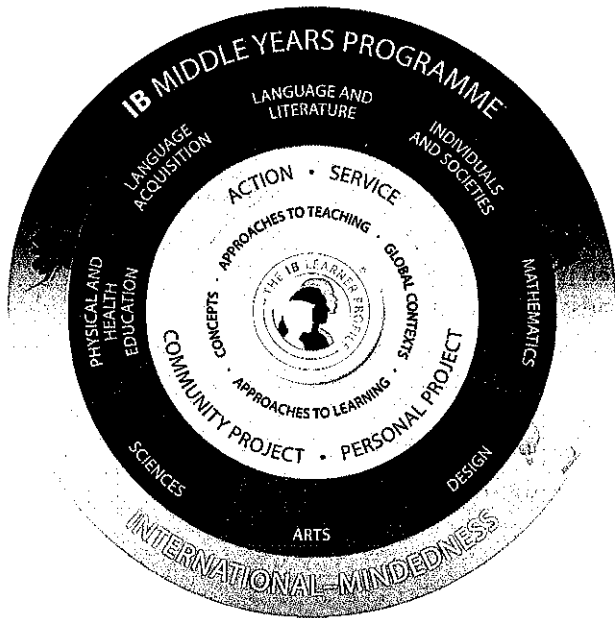




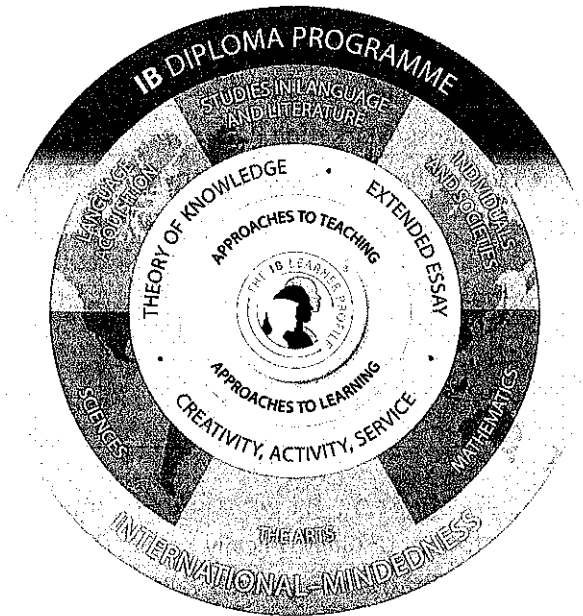
The International Baccalaureate Program at Thornton High School



- The IB Middle Years Program (MYP) philosophy is used across all 9th and 10th grade courses and schedules. International mindedness surrounds everything in the IB and includes global engagement, intercultural understanding and multilingualism.
- At the core of all IB programs are 10 Learner traits, which all learners strive to be: knowledgeable, inquirers, caring, risk-taker, open-minded, balanced, principled, reflective, communicators, and thinkers.
- Weaved through their content courses are skills students develop to support them in being lifelong learners. These skills fall within five main areas: thinking skills, communication skills, reflective skills, social skills, and self-management skills. These skills are showcased authentically in a self-selected topic project, the MYP Personal Project, which students complete in their 10th grade year.
- MYP students also engage in service and action projects to connect their classroom learning to the world outside of school.

- The IB Diploma Program (DP) is also surrounded in the international mindedness and the 10 Learner traits at its core. The skills that students are actively developing in the MYP (and continue to develop in the DP) are practiced in the context of college level content in the DP.
- In addition to 6 content courses, students are engaged in Creativity, Activity and Service hours, take a Theory of Knowledge course and complete a 4,000 word Extended Essay on a topic of their choice.
- Students complete internal assessments which are graded both by their classroom teacher and submitted to the IB for moderation, as well as exit examinations which are graded by the IB. The combination of these assessments and exams yield a final score for each subject which can be used toward credits at college/university. In addition, students who earn the full IB Diploma, by Colorado state law, are guaranteed 24 college credits at state school. (multiple other states have parallel laws)

*Students may take 1 to 4 individual IB DP courses, complete the internal and external assessments for the course and be eligible for exit scores toward college/university credit for individual subjects



9th Grade and 10th Grade

STANDARD IB Middle Years Program	Honors* IB Middle Years Program
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students engage in standard grade-level classes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ English Language Arts ○ Math ○ Science ○ Social Studies • Students engage in a World Language • Students engage in a variety of elective courses which prepare them for <u>Standard or Honors Career Pathway</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Business/Computer Science ○ Art/Music ○ Family and Consumer Science ○ PE/Health • Students complete their MYP Personal Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students engage in honor level classes (weighted credit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ English Language Arts ○ Math ○ Science ○ Social Studies • Students engage in a World Language • Students engage in a variety of elective courses which prepare them for <u>Honors Career Pathway</u> or to be an <u>IB Diploma Program Candidate</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Business/Computer Science ○ Art/Music ○ Family and Consumer Science ○ PE/Health • Students complete their MYP Personal Project

***IB MYP: Honors** application is available on the THS website

11th Grade and 12th Grade

Standard Career Pathway	Honors Career Pathway	IB Diploma Program
<p>Students engage in one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automotive Pathway • Engineering Pathway • Computer Science Pathway • Traditional Trades Pathway • Health/Medical Pathway • Business/Marketing Pathway • Visual/Performing Arts Pathway 	<p>Students engage in one of the Career Pathways</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>Students engage in 1 or more (up to 4) IB Diploma courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some are 1. year courses, many are 2 years courses • Exams are available to students at the end of a course which allow option to earn college credit • Weighted credit for students who take the final IB exams 	<p>6 IB Diploma Program Level Core Classes (weighted credit)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Language Arts • World Language <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Spanish ○ French ○ Heritage/Native Spanish • Science • Math • History • 1 Elective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Business ○ Art ○ Psychology <p>Theory of Knowledge Extended Essay Creative, Active and Service</p>

***IB Middle Years Program: Honors** application window open until December 9, 2017. IB Application is available in paper format or electronically (English and Spanish) on the THS website.

Student Shadow Days are available for students interested in the *IB MYP: Honors* program, see THS website for details.

If you or any of your families have questions, would like more information or to request paper copies of the IB application or Student Shadow information please contact:



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