



at Douglas County High School since 1998

## Attention: All 8th graders

Join the IBDP class of 2026 and be part of an outstanding international education at Douglas County High School

For over twenty years, Douglas County High School has offered the International Baccalaureate diploma program and has sent students to many of the finest universities in the world. IB students continually demonstrate that they possess the skills to succeed as they create communities dedicated to learning, caring and curiosity.

### ***What characteristics should an IB student possess?***

Students who succeed in the IBDP possess curiosity and a desire to be surrounded by a community dedicated to growing and learning. Students enter the program with a wide-range of skills. Our program is designed to encourage you to grow as a learner and to practice everything from organization to critical thinking as you discover the power of pursuing an IB education.

***Do Colleges recognize IB students?*** Colleges often look to see if applicants have pursued the most “rigorous coursework available” in their school or district. IB provides an overwhelming “yes” to admissions regarding any questions about your desire to seek challenging opportunities. Colleges know that IB students possess the skills to succeed in higher education.

In Colorado, the IB Diploma recipients earn a minimum of 24 credit hours at public universities (minimum exam scores apply). Most private and out-of-state colleges provide similar benefits. IBDP students earn two diplomas at graduation, one from DCHS and the IB diploma.

***IB and AP...What are the differences?*** Both IB and AP offer college level courses at the secondary level. IBDP students take advanced courses in at least 6 subjects, while AP students tend to take AP courses in 2-3 subjects.

IB focuses on how to think in all of your classes, encouraging you to ask critical questions as you explore everything from electro-magnetic fields to what it means to be human. As an IB student, you will learn your subject by using the techniques practiced by experts in the subject.

The IBDP follows an international curriculum that prepares students for college success *worldwide*. IB schools must meet and maintain international standards for authorization. IB courses are interconnected, and international in perspective. You will be part of a community within the school, as well as across the globe, that loves learning and is dedicated to making the world a better place.

In addition to academic rigor, IBDP students participate in Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS); Extended Essay (EE) and Theory of Knowledge (TOK). Research indicates that IBDP students are “better able than their peers to cope with demanding workloads, manage their time and meet expectations.”

***What is the COST of IB?*** The program is free - you only pay for exams. In many countries around the world, an IB education is a “private school” that has private tuition rates. Since our program is located

within a public school there is no tuition fee. Students ONLY pay for their IB exams- taken in May of the senior year. The total for all the exams is around \$890.

**How does a student get into the IB Program?** Applications are accepted at the IB office at Douglas County High School. Applicants must complete a one page essay, get three teacher recommendations, and be ready for an academic challenge to be considered for the program. IB learners are: Inquirers; Knowledgeable; Thinkers; Communicators; Principled; Open-minded; Caring; Risk-Takers; Balanced and Reflective. Students attending any school may open-enroll to DCHS to participate. The application can be found on the DCHS website under “International Baccalaureate” program.

### RECENT HONORS:

**2019 Boettcher Scholarship** was awarded to Etash Kalra.

*The Boettcher Foundation Scholarship supports Colorado’s high-potential graduating seniors by providing them with a **full-ride scholarship** to attend a Colorado college or university.*

**2 National Merit Scholarships** were awarded to Etash Kalra and Justin Kopek. There were only 6 National Merit Scholarships in Colorado. The scholarship recognizes academic potential and community service.

**Total scholarships** offered to the IB class of 2021 exceeded \$4.7 million. The class of 2021 went to schools around the world; University of Bristol-UK, University of Dublin-Ireland, Northern Film School at Leads Beckett University- UK. Some scholarships include:

● US Airforce Academy	\$440,000
● Emory University-Robert W.Woodruff Scholar	\$287,084
● University of Georgia-Bernard Ramsey Honors Scholar	\$130,000
● Denver University-Provost Scholar	\$112,000
● University of Alabama-Out of State Presidential Scholarship	\$112,000
● University of Denver-Chancellor Scholarship	\$108,000
● Bryant University-Trustee Scholarship	\$108,000
● Denver University- Dean Scholar	\$104,000

### Life Balance

IB students participate and receive multiple awards in **extracurricular activities**. These activities include such things as **sports** (all levels, all years), cheerleading, poms, National Honor Society, speech and debate, FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), Theater, and Art. Students also hold jobs and participate in activities outside the school as well as take trips abroad including CAS trips in which service is done while on the trip. CAS trips are trips of IB students (grades 9-12) and IBDP teachers taken over fall break. We recently went to Peru and farmed with the Quechua people, this year we are going to Prague and Krakow.