



# Douglas County High School

## *International Baccalaureate Diploma Program*



October 7th, 2021

Dear Future Freshman and Family,

We will soon be accepting applications for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP) at Douglas County High School. We would like to extend an invitation to you and to your parents to learn more about this educational opportunity.

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program aims to develop and foster curiosity, compassion and academic excellence. By requiring advanced study in Mathematics, English, the Social Sciences, Science, French or Spanish, and a sixth subject, the IBDP encourages you to be well rounded academically. The program's emphasis on reflective learning, community service and research further enhance your perspective, your understanding and your expressiveness. For this reason, many universities throughout the world see the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program as the single most rigorous and meaningful preparation for college.

While past graduates have been rewarded with scholarships (over 4.7 million dollars last school year) and admission to prestigious universities, students repeatedly come back to us to thank us for encouraging them to think and to appreciate the value of learning. The program requires a desire to learn and to work hard as part of a community of students who share the same determination. Although IBDP students are challenged, most of them also find time to be involved in sports, activities and clubs.

Your commitment to education throughout the past eight years deserves recognition. Taking advantage of academic opportunities characterizes an active mind and defines the student who possesses an ever-expanding intellectual curiosity. These qualities lead us to believe that you will find further success and enjoyment taking up the challenge of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program at Douglas County High School.

For more information, please attend an informational meeting-Info Night at DCHS on **Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM in the DCHS Theater.** If you are unable to attend or have further questions, please email [oyates@dcsdk12.org](mailto:oyates@dcsdk12.org) or visit DCHS IB website.

Applications are available on the DCHS website under the International Baccalaureate tab. They should be completed and submitted to the IB Office at DCHS by December 18, 2021 or ASAP- it is an ongoing process. It is acceptable to complete/scan the application and send to [oyates@dcsdk12.org](mailto:oyates@dcsdk12.org). The Open Enrollment window opens on November 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4 PM. If you are not currently in our feeder school (MMS) or you live outside our feeder (Castle Rock East of I 25), you will have to complete the Open Enrollment found online at the District website. We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

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