



George Washington High School — Denver Public Schools

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program

**A challenging,
internationally
recognized
academic program
where students
join others
who love to learn.**



Academic Rigor

Top students, outstanding teachers, and committed administrators form a strong culture of learning.

Creativity, Action, & Community Service

Out-of-classroom experiences - ranging from the arts to journalism to sports - are part of the curriculum.

Global Perspective

Classes and extracurricular activities build awareness of the wider world that is a reality for today's high schooler.

Mature Curriculum

Founded in 1968 and in use by 2,000 schools worldwide.

Proven Success at George IB

Founded in 1985, GWIB has a tradition of high achievement (five National Merit Finalists in 2007-2008 and eleven National Merit Scholar semifinalists in 2008-2009) and prepares students to succeed at top colleges and universities in the U.S. and abroad.



Learn more at www.georgeib.com



What is the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program?

The IB Diploma program is a demanding, pre-university course of study for highly motivated students. The curriculum is based on standards set by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) in Switzerland and is in daily practice in more than 2,000 schools around the world. Its goal is to help students learn how to learn, analyze, and reach considered conclusions about society and the world in which we live.

How does the program work at GWHS?

In Freshman and Sophomore years, students take pre-IB courses and learn how to evaluate information critically. In Junior and Senior years (the Diploma Program), students engage in challenging coursework that demands the best from both motivated students and teachers. The curriculum covers a wide range of academic subjects, including foreign language, as a requirement. Assessment takes place over two years, with final examinations in each subject. Students' work is assessed by an international board of examiners, who are themselves rigorously trained and monitored by the IBO.

Is there more to IB than books and study?

IB students are active members of the larger GWHS community and participate in a variety of extracurricular activities, including athletic teams, debate, drama, foreign language clubs, Model UN, music, National History Day, newspaper, speech, yearbook, and many student-organized clubs.

The IB curriculum includes a requirement for time spent outside the classroom in physical activities, community service and creative expression. (Read more about the IB CAS requirements on our web site.)

What are the benefits of IB at George?

- A community of peers who share an eagerness to be challenged and to learn at an advanced level.
- Rigorous academic preparation in the humanities, mathematics, and sciences.
- Teachers and administrators trained in the principles and practices of the IB program.
- Opportunities to participate in a wide variety of academic, cultural, and community service activities.
- Shared experiences that create a strong sense of camaraderie and support among students and teachers.
- A dedicated IB college counselor funded by the Friends of IB Scholars Foundation.
- Advanced standing and/or sophomore standing at many selective colleges and universities.
- An active IB parents' organization that supports students, teachers, and IB families, as well as the greater GWHS community.

