

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program

Oscar F. Smith High School was authorized by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) of Geneva, Switzerland in February 2003 to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IB) for rising juniors beginning in September 2004. IB students complete IB Exams every May.

Interested eighth graders who reside in Chesapeake apply for the Diploma Program by applying for the Chesapeake Public Schools' Pre-IB Academy at Oscar F. Smith High School. Completed applications are due by January 15 each year. (If January 15 falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline will be the next school day) Up to 60 applicants are accepted each year for the four-year program. Chesapeake Public Schools' Pre-IB Academy instruction consists of intensified courses in Grades 9 and 10 in English, Spanish or French, social studies, science, and mathematics in preparation for the rigorous college-level curriculum of the Grade 11-12 Diploma Program. IB students have the opportunity to earn the International Baccalaureate diploma in addition to the Virginia Advanced Studies Diploma.

Students accepted for the IB Program receive all instruction for the four years of the program at Oscar F. Smith High School and are eligible for all Virginia High School League sports and other extra-curricular activities only at Oscar F. Smith High School. For IB students, daily busing is provided to the school from all areas of the city.