The Chesapeake Public Schools' Pre-DP Academy

Students can find that they are not prepared for the rigors of an International Baccalaureate Diploma Program; therefore, Oscar F. Smith High School offers Chesapeake Public Schools' Pre-DP courses for accepted ninth and tenth graders in preparation for the Diploma Program.

Accepted candidates in Grade 9 take intensified courses in English, world history, geometry or algebra II/trigonometry, biology, and Spanish II or French II. Note: Accepted candidates who have not already earned one credit in one of these languages may take Spanish I or French I during the first term of ninth grade, but it is strongly recommended that students begin study of the language prior to ninth grade.

Accepted candidates who have not taken Algebra I prior to ninth grade will be required to take Algebra I in summer school before the tenth grade.

Chesapeake Public Schools' Pre-DP tenth graders take intensified courses in English, Spanish III or French III, U.S. Government (AP), chemistry, and algebra II/trigonometry or math analysis. All Chesapeake Public Schools' Pre-DP courses have required summer assignments.