



## Student Requirements for the Pre-IB and IB Programs at Ridgeway High School

The IB Program consists of a two-year pre-IB program and two-year pre-university course of study designed to meet the needs of highly motivated students and to promote international understanding. The effectiveness of the IB program is due not only to the depth of the individual courses, but also to the comprehensive nature of the program and the dedication of its students. Unlike other elective honors programs, the IB program requires each student to take courses in six academic areas. In order to qualify for the International Baccalaureate Diploma, students must pay for and take written examinations in six subject areas; document at least 150 hours of extracurricular and community service activity (CAS - Creative, Action, and Service hours); and write and submit an Extended Essay. The diploma candidate must also take a unique course known as Theory of Knowledge. Students enter the IB program at the beginning of their junior year of high school. Students enter a Pre-IB program in grades nine and 10.

Due to the rigor of the program and the direct link between good conduct and attendance to academic success, to remain in the Pre-IB or IB Program at Ridgeway High School a student must

- Maintain A's and B's and no more than one C as a semester average in academic subjects,
- Maintain satisfactory conduct (all E's and S's),
- Maintain satisfactory attendance (including promptness to school and every class). A total of more than 15 absences/tardies is considered unsatisfactory,
- Submit a Renewal Application for Optional Schools each year to the Division of Optional Schools.
- Maintain the IB Program requirements

If a student does not maintain the grades, conduct, attendance, and/or resubmit a Renewal Application to the Optional Schools Office, he/she may be removed from the International Baccalaureate or Pre-IB Program.

By signing below I understand that I/my student must maintain A's and B's, and not more than one C, for each semester in the program. I/my student must also maintain all E's and S's, satisfactory attendance, and reapply to the Division of Optional School's Office each year to remain in the Pre-IB or IB program.

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Parent / Guardian's Signature with Date

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Student's Signature with Date