



Marietta City Schools
International Baccalaureate Programmes
Admissions Policy

Rationale:

Marietta City Schools believes that all students can benefit from the social, emotional, character, and academic opportunities that abound in all four of the International Baccalaureate Programmes. For this reason, the district offers the

- **IB Primary Years Programme** at Sawyer Road Elementary School and A.L. Burruss Elementary School
- **IB Middle Years Programme** for all students grades 6-10 across a three-school partnership of Marietta Sixth Grade Academy, Marietta Middle School, and Marietta High School
- **IB Career-related Programme** for grades 11-12 at Marietta High School, and
- **IB Diploma Programme** for grades 11-12 at Marietta High School.

Admission to the IB Primary Years Programme or IB Middle Years Programmes:

In Marietta City Schools, the IB Primary Years and IB Middle Years Programmes are whole-school programs. Students may enter the programs in any grade level. All students attending Sawyer Road Elementary School or A.L. Burruss Elementary School automatically participate in the IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) upon enrollment. Likewise, all students at Marietta Sixth Grade Academy, Marietta Middle School, and grades 9 & 10 of Marietta High School participate in the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP.) Students who enter the IB MYP during the 9th grade or earlier and satisfactorily complete the program requirements through the 10th grade year are eligible to receive an IB Middle Years Certificate awarded by the school.

Admission to the IB Career-related or Diploma Programmes

Interested students may seek to participate fully or partially in the IB Career-related or IB Diploma (DP) Programme (CP). There are no entrance exams, applications, minimum standardized test score, grade point average, or subject grades. Students who wish to participate in the CP or DP are encouraged (but not required) to take honors courses in the IB Middle Years Programme during 9th and/or 10th grade to gain the presumed knowledge IB expects at the beginning of its DP courses. During the spring semester of 10th grade, students interested in completing the full IB CP or DP in 11th and 12th grade should schedule a meeting with the IB coordinator. At this meeting, we collaborate on a potential 2-year IB plan of study based upon the student's

- Personal interests
- Academic, college, and career goals
- Transcript
- Standardized scores (e.g., PSAT)
- Any concerns or questions regarding IB or graduation requirements

At this conference, if the student, parent, or coordinator have concerns about the appropriateness of participating in either program, these concerns are discussed and alternatives are explored. All students sign an academic honesty agreement.

Students who wish to complete the IB CP must begin during the 9th or 10th grade one of the three-year CTAE pathways associated with the IB CP in order to complete the pathway and take the pathway exam by the end of the program in the 12th grade year, a requirement for the Career-related Programme.

The decision to participate in the IB Career-related or Diploma Programmes should be carefully considered taking into account a student's goals, choice of college and career, past academic performance, and motivation. Students who do not wish to participate in the full IB CP or DP can take one or more DP subjects their 11th and 12th grade years. Students should consult with their current subject area teacher to determine whether a DP subject is an appropriate choice. Parents should review a student's full course registration in the spring of the preceding year of participation, and if there are concerns, should notify the IB coordinator or student's counselor immediately to resolve any issues.