



The IB/MYP Intent to Participate Process for the 2021-2022 School Year

Step 1: Requirements and Recommendations

Students in the SHHS IB/MYP Program are **required** to:

- Demonstrate motivation for academic achievement
- Intend to complete both years of the MYP program including the required Personal Project
- Be a highly engaged reader and writer
- Exhibit the following attributes of the IB Learner Profile:

Balanced	Caring	Communicator	Inquirer	Knowledgeable
Open-minded	Principled	Reflective	Risk Taker	Thinker

Students are **recommended, but not required** to have obtained the following:

- GPA of 3.25 or above in 8th grade
- Completion of one year of a World Language during middle school with a C or better
- Completion of one year of Algebra 1 during middle school with a C or better

Step 2: Complete the IB Intent to Participate Google Form Application

- Students interested in the program must complete the Intent to Participate Google Form Application available on Smoky Hill's IB website starting on Jan. 1st. From SHHS' main webpage, click Academics at the top, then click International Baccalaureate on the left-hand side.

Or visit: <https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Page/4518>

- A 1st semester of 8th grade report **MUST** be **EMAILED** to Ms. Erika Marrs at the SHHS IB Office **within 3 days** of submitting your completed application.

Ms. Marrs' email address: emarrs@cherrycreekschools.org

Important IB Dates:

January 1, 2021 – Intent to Participate Google Form is open for applications. First application window: **Jan 1 – 30**
Visit: <https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Page/4518>

January 1, 2021 – School of Choice form available on the CCSD website for students outside of the SHHS feeder area. **Must complete by Jan. 31st**. From CCSD's main webpage, click Admissions at the top, and then click School of Choice on the left-hand side.

Or visit: <https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Page/1769>

Jan 8 – Jan 30, 2021 – First round of review of MYP Intent to Participate applications. Acceptance will be determined and letters will be mailed out on a weekly basis to Smoky Hill HS feeder area students.

Early April 2021 – Notification letters to School of Choice students sent via mail.

April 1, 2021 – Non-resident application available on the CCSD website.

Visit: <https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Page/1770>

Early May 2021 – Notification letters to non-residents begin being sent.

Mr. Michael Ady, IB Diploma Program Coordinator

Mrs. Kathleen Fitzgerald, IB Middle Years Program Coordinator

For further information, please call the SHHS IB Office at (720)886-5420 or visit:

<https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Page/4518>

What makes the IB Program special at Smoky Hill High School?



In 1991, Smoky Hill became the second IB Diploma School established in the state of Colorado. In the fall of 2010, Smoky Hill High School became the **only** authorized IB Middle Years Program (MYP) in the Cherry Creek School District. Smoky Hill is the **only** Cherry Creek School that has two IB programs under one roof: the Diploma Program (DP) and the Middle Years Program (MYP).

In addition to our outstanding faculty and long-standing academic excellence, we are recognized for:

- Providing a **seamless transition** into the IB Diploma Program (DP) by offering the last two years of the Middle Years Program (MYP) for 9th and 10th grade students. The MYP requires students to complete a Personal Project during their 10th grade year.
- Offering **two** pathways through history in the DP: European History and History of the Americas.
- Offering **three** IB world languages all four years: Japanese, Latin and Spanish.
- Offering **three** options for the sciences: Physics, Chemistry, and Environmental Systems & Societies.
- Offering **three** options for mathematics: Math Applications SL & HL and Math Analysis HL.
- Offering **Music, Theater, and Visual Arts** (including Digital Mixed Media) as IB Arts options.
- Offering **IB Business Management and IB Psychology**.
- Providing trained counselors dedicated to helping our IB students with course selections and college preparation.
- Providing opportunities for students to become globally minded individuals through community service throughout both programs.

Smoky Hill's International Baccalaureate Program focuses on developing intellectual, personal, emotional, and social skills for students who live, learn, and work in a rapidly changing world. It is founded on international standards and assessments. Student who complete the program earn both a Colorado High School Diploma and an IB Diploma.

Since its founding in 1968 in Geneva, Switzerland, the IB Diploma has become a symbol of academic integrity and intellectual promise. The student who satisfies its demands demonstrates a strong commitment to learning, both in terms of the mastery of subject content and the development of the skills and discipline necessary for success in a competitive world.

The average Colorado resident will pay around \$1,000 per credit hour at the University of Colorado or Colorado State University. Most college courses provide three credit hours and cost around \$3,000. If students receive credit for only *one* of their IB exams (three hours' college credit equivalent), they will save money. IB students pay a maximum of \$847 for all SIX required exams. By this logic, the IB Diploma from Smoky Hill has a value of \$18,000 or more for many students. The vast majority of universities in the U.S. and abroad recognize IB courses, and some even value IB courses higher and offer more credits for the m than they do for AP equivalent courses.