



Choctawhatchee High School

International Baccalaureate Program



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2007 COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROFILE

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Choctawhatchee High School, established in 1953, is one of three comprehensive public high schools in the greater Fort Walton Beach area. Located on the Gulf of Mexico in Northwest Florida, the community has a population of over 171,000. Enrollment is approximately 1800 and represents an ethnically, racially, and socio-economically diverse student body, 30% of whom come from nearby Eglin Air Force base and Hurlburt Field. The Okaloosa School District, of which Choctaw is a part, has consistently been recognized by the Florida Department of Education as one of the best school districts in Florida.

THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

CHS is one 50 schools in Florida and 2061 schools in 125 countries authorized by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) in Geneva, Switzerland, to offer IB programs. Currently, approximately 541,000 students participate worldwide. CHS has the only full diploma program in Okaloosa County. The IB program offers a rigorous, comprehensive approach to learning in the last two years of secondary school. It is considered the "gold standard" of college prep by selective universities throughout the world. The IB curriculum promotes a broad range of subject areas, critical analysis, a concern for applying humane values, an ability to manage time responsibly, and a willingness to work hard. For a more in-depth look at the IB program, see www.ibo.org or www.ibo.org/ibna.

THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE AT CHS

Our school's IB program was established in 1994, with the first class graduating in 1997. Selection is competitive and presently 240 students are enrolled (79 freshmen, 63 sophomores, 45 juniors and 53 seniors). Students attend IB classes with other IB students and attend elective classes with traditional program students. They participate widely in sports, student government, honor societies, service clubs and fine arts programs such as band, chorus and drama. We encourage in-depth participation in extracurricular activities rather than wide involvement.

During the 9th and 10th grade years, students take five core courses (English, Math, AP History, Science, Foreign Language) plus two electives. See Course Sequence listing on reverse side.

In the 11th and 12th grades, students take three IB courses at the standard level (SL) and three at the higher level (HL). Generally speaking, higher level courses are taught in greater depth, and standard level courses taught in greater breadth.

In addition each student completes 150 hours of community service -"Creativity, Action and Service" or "CAS"- (plus 50 in Pre-IB) and writes a 4000 word Extended Essay. All students are full diploma candidates. Students who pass the IB exit exams receive the IB Diploma issued by the IBO in addition to a standard CHS diploma. Otherwise they receive an IB Certificate from IBO for each exam passed, and a standard CHS diploma.

GRADUATION & SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

IB Diploma students meet Florida high school graduation requirements by completion of the IB curriculum. Requirements to earn a "Bright Futures" Florida Academic Scholar (FAS) Certificate are met by (1) completing the IB curriculum *and* (2) achieving a SAT score of 1270 / ACT score of 28 *and* (3) weighted GPA of 3.5 **OR** by (1) receiving the IB Diploma.

THE TRANSCRIPT & GRADING SYSTEM

The CHS transcript begins with 9th grade. The school year lasts 180 days with two semesters consisting of two nine-week sessions. Each student may take seven courses per year.

The grade point average (GPA) is cumulative for all courses taken in grades 9 - 12. All Pre-IB, IB, AP and honors courses are weighted (*exception – PIB Foreign Languages level I and II class of 2008 and before*) and earn one extra grade point per semester per course.** Weighted courses are indicated with an "H" in the course flag column of the transcript. Final rank is calculated at the end of the first semester of the senior year.

***Beginning with the 2006-2007 school year, incoming freshmen (Class of 2010 and after) will earn quality points on a three tiered scale which awards ½ extra grade point for weighted Honors, Pre-AP or Pre-IB courses and 1 extra grade point for AP, IB or other college level courses.*

STATE OF FLORIDA GRADING SCALE

A= 90-100; B=80-89; C=70-79; D=60 to 69; F=Below 60

GPA calculations and Quality Points Earned				
	A	B	C	D
Unweighted	4 quality points	3 quality points	2 quality points	1 quality points
Half-Weight	4.5 quality points	3.5 quality points	2.5 quality points	1.5 quality points
Weighted	5 quality points	4 quality points	3 quality points	2 quality points

IB COURSE SEQUENCE AT CHS

9 th Grade "Pre-IB"	10 th Grade "Pre-IB"	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
English I Honors Geometry Honors (or Above) Biology I Pre-IB AP World History* French I Pre-IB or Spanish I Pre-IB or 2 Electives	English II Pre-IB Algebra II Honors Chemistry I Pre-IB AP European History French II Pre-IB or Spanish II Pre-IB or German II Pre-IB 2 Electives Physics I	AP English Language PreCalculus Biology II IB or Chemistry II IB or Physics II IB AP American History French III IB or Spanish III IB or German III IB 1 IB Sixth Subject Elective (Studio Art SL or HL, Computer Science SL or any second IB Science)	IB English IV (HL) Calculus IB or Math Studies (SL) IB Biology (HL or SL) or IB Chemistry (SL) or IB Physics (HL or SL) IB History of the Americas (HL) IB Theory of Knowledge French IV IB (SL) or Spanish IV IB (SL) or German IV IB (SL) IB Art (SL or HL) Computer Science (SL)

IB GRADUATING CLASS OF 2007 INFORMATION

THE IB EVALUATION PROCEDURE

The International Baccalaureate Organization prepares and grades all IB external examinations, and awards Diplomas and Certificates. IB Examinations and coursework are scored within a 1 – 7 range, with 4 considered satisfactory.

CLASS OF 2007 IB EXAMINATION RESULTS

31 out of 35 CHS IB seniors received the IB Diploma.

Subject	# of students tested	Exam scores and # of students receiving this score						
		7	6	5	4	3	2	1
English A1 (HL)	35	0	5	22	7	1	0	0
French B (SL)	13	0	1	4	5	1	2	0
German B (SL)	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Spanish B (SL)	21	0	4	4	9	4	0	0
History of the Americas (HL)	35	3	10	17	5	0	0	0
Psychology (SL)	25	0	1	6	12	6	0	0
Biology (HL)	12	0	0	0	4	8	0	0
Biology (SL)	6	0	0	1	3	2	1	0
Chemistry (SL)	7	0	0	1	3	2	1	0
Physics (HL)	13	0	1	3	3	6	0	0
Physics (SL)	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Math Studies (SL)	16	1	6	7	2	0	0	0
Mathematics (SL)	21	0	6	5	5	3	1	0
Visual Arts (HL)	14	0	4	10	0	0	0	0
Visual Arts A (SL)	15	0	3	11	1	0	0	0

CLASS OF 2007 SCHOLARSHIPS

31 of our 35 IB seniors earned Florida Academic Scholars Awards (100% tuition at Florida public universities) and 4 of 35 won Florida Medallion Scholars Awards (75% tuition at Florida public universities) CHS students were offered over \$4,700,000 in scholarships in 2007.

IB CLASS OF 2007 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

3 National Merit Finalists; 1 National Merit Semi-Finalist;
 3 Commended Scholars; 2 National Achievement Scholars

IB CLASS OF 2007 ACT SCORES (34 students taking test)

Score Range	
33 – 30	8
29 – 25	17
24 - 22	4

IB CLASS OF 2007 SAT SCORES (39 students taking test)

Score Range	SAT Verbal	SAT Math
700-800	5	11
600-690	15	10
500-590	15	13
490	0	1

IB CLASS OF 2007 GRADE DISTRIBUTION (Weighted GPA)

No. of Students	GPA Range
10	4.84 – 4.50
18	4.49 – 4.05
7	3.93 – 3.31

Some Colleges & Universities Accepting Our Grads

34 of 35 IB 2007 graduates attend a four year college;
 1 of 35 attends a two year community college

Asbury College	Harvard Univ.	U.S. Naval Academy
Auburn University	Jacksonville Univ.	UNC Chapel Hill
Baylor Univ.	Johnson & Wales	University of Alabama
Boston University	Juniata College	Univ. of California
Cornell University	MIT	Univ. of Central FL
Dartmouth College	New College of FL	University of Florida
Davidson University	Notre Dame	University of Michigan
Duke University	Okaloosa/Walton College	Univ. of Richmond @ London
Eckerd College	Princeton University	Southern Cal.
Embry-Riddle	Rhodes College	Univ. of South FL
Emory Univ./Oxford	Rollins College	Univ. of Virginia
Flagler College	Samford University	Univ. of West Florida
FL Inst. of Technology	Savanna College of Art & Design	U.S.A.F. Academy
FL International Univ.	Stetson University	Vanderbilt University
Florida State Univ	Tulane University	Wake Forest
Georgia Tech		West Point