



Choctawhatchee High School

International Baccalaureate Program



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2009 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 56 schools in Florida and 2401 schools in 129 countries authorized by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) in Geneva, Switzerland, to offer IB programs. Currently, approximately 656,000 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/iba.

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 280 students are enrolled (117 freshmen, 62 sophomores, 54 juniors and 47 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 hours in CHS Pre-IB, (75 beginning with the IB Class of 2013) and writes a 4000 word Extended Essay junior and senior year. 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 IB, AP, Dual Enrollment or other courses held to a college standard are weighted and earn one extra grade point per semester per course. All Honors (Pre-AP) or CHS Pre-IB are awarded ½ extra grade point. 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.

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	3 quality	2 quality points	1 quality
Half-Weight	4.5 quality	3.5 quality	2.5 quality	1.5 quality
Weighted	5 quality	4 quality	3 quality points	2 quality

IB COURSE SEQUENCE AT CHS

9 th Grade CHS Pre-IB	10 th Grade CHS Pre-IB	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
English 1 CHS Pre-IB Geometry Honors (or Above) Biology 1 CHS Pre-IB AP World History* French 1 CHS Pre-IB or Spanish 1 CHS Pre-IB or 2 Electives	English 2 CHS Pre-IB Algebra 2 Honors Chemistry 1 CHS Pre-IB AP European History French 2 CHS Pre-IB or Spanish 2 CHS Pre-IB or 2 Electives Physics 1	AP English Language Pre-Calculus IB or Statistics IB Biology 2 IB or Physics 2 IB AP US History French 4* IB or Spanish 4* IB 1 IB Sixth Subject Elective (Studio Art SL or HL, IB Philosophy SL, or IB Psychology SL or a second IB Science)	IB English 4 (HL) Calculus IB or IB Math Studies (SL) IB Biology (SL or HL) and/or IB Physics (SL) IB History of the Americas (HL) IB Theory of Knowledge French 5 IB (SL) or Spanish 5 IB (SL) or German 5 IB (SL) IB Art (SL or HL) or IB Philosophy (SL) or IB Psychology

*Choctaw does not offer level 3 Pre-IB Foreign Language courses.

IB GRADUATING CLASS OF 2009 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 2009 IB EXAMINATION RESULTS

31 out of 34 2009 CHS IB seniors (91.2%) 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)	34	1	4	21	8	0	0	0
French B (SL)	5	0	0	0	1	3	1	0
German B (SL)	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Spanish B (SL)	28	0	3	5	12	6	2	0
History of the Americas (HL)	34	1	10	17	6	0	0	0
Psychology (SL)	19	1	5	9	4	0	0	0
Biology (HL)	25	0	1	8	13	2	1	0
Biology (SL)	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
Physics (SL)	9	0	0	4	3	1	1	0
Math Studies (SL)	17	1	9	4	2	1	0	0
Mathematics (SL)	9	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
Visual Arts (HL)	13	0	1	5	4	1	2	0
Visual Arts A (SL)	8	0	2	1	4	1	0	0

CLASS OF 2009 SCHOLARSHIPS

100% of our IB seniors earned Florida Academic Scholars Awards (100% tuition at Florida public universities) or Florida Medallion Scholars Awards (75% tuition at Florida public universities)

CHS seniors were offered nearly \$6,200,000 in scholarships in 2009. The IB seniors, who represent 8.39% of the graduating class, earned 50.55% of those scholarship dollars.

IB CLASS OF 2009 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

2 National Merit Finalist; 3 National Merit Semi-Finalist;
1 Commended Scholar, 1 National Achievement Scholar

IB CLASS OF 2009 ACT SCORES (24 students taking test)

Score Range

35 – 33	3
32 – 30	9
29 – 25	6
24 – 22	6

IB CLASS OF 2009 SAT SCORES (33 students taking test)

Score Range	SAT Verbal	SAT Math
700-800	11	6
600-690	10	19
500-590	10	8
400-490	2	0

IB CLASS OF 2009 GRADE DISTRIBUTION (Weighted GPA)

No. of Students	GPA Range
15	4.90 – 4.53
13	4.45 – 4.06
6	3.94 – 3.40

Some Colleges & Universities Accepting Our Grads

34 of 34 2009 IB graduates attend a two or four year college

Auburn University	Harvard Univ.	UNC Chapel Hill
Baylor Univ.	Jacksonville Univ.	University of Alabama
Boston University	Johns Hopkins Univ.	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	Northwest Florida State College	Univ. of Richmond @ London
Eckerd College	Princeton University	Univ. of S. Carolina
Embry-Riddle	Rhodes College	Southern Cal.
Emory Univ./Oxford	Rice University	Univ. of South FL
Flagler College	Rollins College	Univ. of Virginia
FL Inst. of Technology	Samford University	Univ. of West Florida
FL International Univ.	Savanna College of Art & Design	U.S.A.F. Academy
Florida State Univ.	Stetson University	Vanderbilt University
Full Sail Univ.	Tulane University	Wake Forest
Georgia Tech	U.S. Naval Academy	West Point