



Introducing Curriculum Night!

Wednesday, January 10, 2018



Welcome - Principal Kimberly Retzer

Three Hopes for Every Student:

1. Prepared
2. Fun
3. Proud



There are 3 questions that I hope every graduate can answer YES to when they walk across the stage:

1. Are you prepared for the next chapter of your life whether 4 year or 2 year college, military, workforce or a gap year.
2. Did you have fun (school appropriate) while you were here?
3. Are you proud to be a Seahawk?

Balance



- We encourage students to make the right choices for each individual student.
- In today's society there are a lot of stresses, a lot of pressures, and there are a lot of opportunities.
- Individual students need to make their own choices.
 - Maybe it is the IB Diploma
 - Maybe picking and choosing individual IB Courses
 - Maybe taking an Academy courses at South Lakes or another school
 - Maybe choosing honors or Dual Enrollment courses throughout your four years at South Lakes
- We want you to have balance in your life and in your schedule.
 - Have fun and find that balance that works for you.
 - Find that balance and what is right for you so that you can take the most academically challenging courses that you can be successful in.
- As you make your selections for next year, talk with your teachers and counselors.

What Does it Mean to be an IB School?

Kari Olsen, Director of Student Services



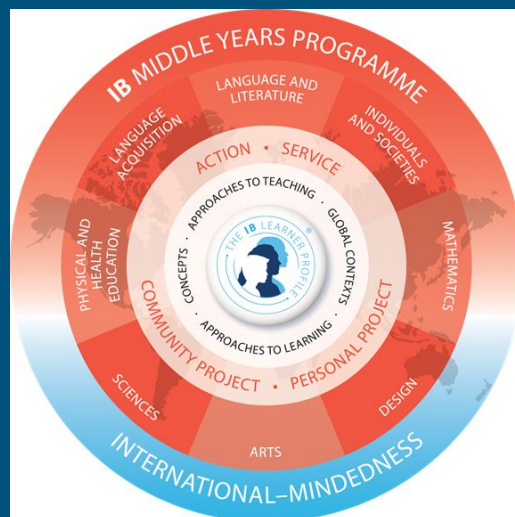
- IB is short for International Baccalaureate.
 - Of the 26 high schools in Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS), 8 are IB.
 - The other high schools are Advanced Placement (AP) schools
 - In an AP school, College Board creates the curriculum for higher level AP courses
 - In an IB school, our curriculum comes from the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO)
 - IB is an international program
 - The basic tenets of IB are found in the IB Learner Profile
 - These concepts and traits are at the basis of our IB education and are embedded in our programs.
 - The Portrait of a Graduate illustrates the skills that we in FCPS want our students to embody by the time they leave our school system.
 - There are many similarities between the IB Learner Profile and the FCPS Portrait of a Graduate.

Additional information about IB at SLHS is available at:

https://southlakeshs.fcps.edu/sites/default/files/media/inline-files/IB_program_0.pdf

IB Middle Years Program - IBMYP

- All 9th and 10th grade students participate
- Courses and IB Core
 - 25 Hours of Service in each 9th and 10th grade
 - 3 reflections on service as alternate
 - Personal Project in 10th grade English class
 - MYP Assessment Tasks embedded in courses
- Student Recognition
 - 10th Grade Record of Achievement
 - 10th Grade IB MYP Certificate



- IB Middle Years Program (IBMYP) spans from 7th through 10 grades
 - Students at Langston Hughes may be familiar with IBMYP because Hughes has the IBMYP Program
 - If students do not have IBMYP at their middle schools, they still participate fully in IBMYP at South Lakes
- All students in 9th and 10th grade at South Lakes take part in the IB Middle Years Program
 - Students engage with the IB Learner Profile
 - The program is embedded in all of our 9th and 10th grade programs
- Students can receive recognition in 10th Grade by attaining a Record of Achievement or an IBMYP Certificate
 - All students have the opportunity to participate in the Personal Project through their 10th grade English classes
 - Service learning of 25 hours in 9th and 25 hours in 10th grade (or three reflections of service in each grade)
 - MYP Assessment Tasks are embedded in the 9th and 10th grade curriculum
- This program gives students the opportunity to explore concepts and subjects that they are most interested in.
 - Students can take ownership in their own learning
- Students work with their teachers, personal project supervisor and the

- IBMYP Coordinator, Dr. Daina Lieberman

IB Diploma Program (IBDP) IB Career Related Program (IBCP) IB Diploma Courses

11th and 12th Grade Program Options:



Diploma Courses



- The IB Diploma Program (IBDP) and the IB Career Related Program (IBCP)
 - These programs take place over Junior and Senior years
 - Over the first two years at South Lakes, you can learn more about what these programs entail and if they are the right match for your student.
- Many students take individual IB courses that they are interested in.
- Students and families will have the opportunity to learn more about these programs during their freshman and sophomore years.

Honors Courses at South Lakes

World History and Geo II
U.S. History
Government
English 9
English 10
English 11

Biology
Chemistry (IB Chemistry)*
Geosystems
Physics (IB Physics)*
Geometry
Algebra II

Honors courses have an additional .5 weight

*Courses in Red receive an additional 1.0 weight.

<https://www.fcps.edu/academics/high-school-academics-9-12/advanced-academics/honors-grades-9-12>

- Honors Courses
 - Are available in all FCPS high schools
 - Are offered in 9th - 12 grades
- We encourage students to take the right number of honors courses so that they can be challenged, but have balance in their lives.
- Talk with teachers and counselors about some of the differences between standard level and honors level courses

Dual Enrollment Courses

- Offer the ability to earn college credits
- Reduced cost of credits from colleges
- High school and college credit are earned
- Application process for NOVA Dual Enrollment courses
 - English 12
 - World History 1
- JMU Dual Enrollment Option
 - Geospatial Analysis
- GMU Dual Enrollment Option
 - Matrix Algebra/Multivariable Calculus
- Academy Course Dual Enrollment Options

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- Dual Enrollment Courses
 - Available to Seniors at South Lakes
 - Even though students may be entering 9th grade, it is important to see what options might be available years down the road.

Electives

Business and Information Technology	Health and Physical Education
English	Marketing
Family and Consumer Sciences	Mathematics
Dance	Social Studies
Theatre	Technology and Engineering Education
Music	Trade and Industrial
JROTC	World Languages
Leadership	Academies
Strategies for Success	

- Electives are those courses that make each individual student's schedule unique.
- This list includes all of the Departments at South Lakes that offer elective courses

Electives...

- Allow students to individualize their high school experience
- Help develop talents, skills, gifts and passions
- Offer the opportunity to explore
- May help to provide balance
- Connections to future plans, hopes and dreams

Spend time tonight exploring elective options!

- Review our South Lakes Online Course Catalog to explore elective options.
 - [Grades 9 - 12](#)
 - [Grade 9](#)

What are the options for courses for 9th Grade?

English 9/English 9 Honors
World History and Geography 1/World History and Geography 2 Honors
Algebra 1/Geometry/Geometry Honors/Algebra 2/Algebra 2 Honors
Biology/Biology Honors
HPE 9
World Language or Elective
Elective

- A full schedule at South Lakes is 7 Classes
 - We have a block schedule where classes meet every other day
- Students can take English, Social Studies, Math, Science - Honors or Standard Level
 - Students at South Lakes would take World History 2 Honors if they choose to take an honors Social Studies course in 9th grade
 - Work with teachers and counselors to discuss the best option for each individual student
- Students will need to take Health and PE 9 (Two years of HPE required for graduation)
- Students may choose to take a World Language
- Find the best mix of courses for your student

Graduation Requirements for Rising 9th Grade - Class of 2022

- New Graduation Requirements for Rising 9th Grade students
- Waiting for Final Approval from the Commonwealth of Virginia
 - Standard Diploma - Still 22 credits
 - Advanced Studies Diploma - Still 26 credits (includes World Language)
 - Both Diploma Options now only require 5 Verified Credits (SOL or other approved assessment)
- New Requirements allow for more flexibility in courses in junior and senior years
- Virginia Profile of a Graduate <https://youtu.be/caSPFyPGkfk>
- Upon Approval Graduation Requirements will be added to <https://www.fcps.edu/academics/graduation-requirements-and-course-planning>

- The state is finalizing the Graduation Requirements for 2018 - 2019 rising 9th grade students and they will be posted on these websites as soon as they are available.
- The link included about the Virginia Profile of a Graduate provides some background to the changes in graduation requirements
- Students should find their own path through high school. Be sure to pass classes in freshman and sophomore years so that students have options open to them during their junior and senior years.

What Happens Next?

- Explore the Curriculum Night Course Fair
 - Talk with Elective Teachers
 - Ask questions about the differences in Standard and Honors Core Courses
 - South Lakes Counselors to LHMS - Jan 16th and Jan 17th
 - Follow LHMS process for meeting with Counselors and turning in forms
 - South Lakes Counselors to RCMS - January 22nd
 - Follow RCMS process for meeting with Counselors and turning in forms
 - Resources on our South Lakes Website:
 - Course Descriptions
 - Course Planner
 - Copies of various presentations including this one
 - IB Information
- <https://southlakeshs.fcps.edu/student-services/academic-advising-resources>

- South Lakes counselors will visit with Langston Hughes and Rachel Carson students.
- All resources are available on the South Lakes website

A Final Note on Student Transfers

- For transfers effective at the beginning of the 2018-19 school year, the enrolling parent will submit transfer applications and pay fees **online**.
- The enrolling parent will access the online student transfer application on the Student Transfer website and must have a [Student Information System - SIS Parent Account](#) to submit the request.
- Payment is required at the time the application is submitted.
- The online high school curricular student transfer application will be available beginning **February 5, 2018**.
- The student transfer website has been updated <https://www.fcps.edu/registration/student-transfers> to reflect the changes.
- ***Please note, the online application will identify the school in which the parent/student may request based on their home address.***
- Transportation to South Lakes is not included with an approved Student Transfer.

Please see the links to the FCPS website for more information on Student Transfers.