

No question, International Baccalaureate is the premier academic program available in this country. The IB experience is transformative! We are honored to offer IB at LWHS; this implementation will bring about a Renaissance on the Ridge.

I have been fortunate to have had IB experience that transformed my own professional life; I hope to bring that experience to the Henry McCance International Baccalaureate program at LWHS.

Mr. McCance is a leading Venture Capitalist and philanthropist who is working with our team to create a world class education right in Lake Wales.

*Donna Dunson
Principal*

*IB was an excellent program to propel me towards a life filled with deep introspection and creativity and taking/making those opportunities that are the stuff of dreams.
~ Matthew Welch*

*Sooooo worth it! I didn't appreciate the things I learned until much later. IB taught me to be well rounded and had me well prepared for college. I wouldn't give back those years for the world.
~Lynette Hamel*

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Dear Baccalaureate Prep/IB Parents,

Congratulations on your outstanding decision to explore the Henry McCance International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IB DP). The IB program puts emphasis on educating the "whole person" and teaching your child life skills to be successful in today's global society.

The benefits of participation in the IB program are numerous. A rigorous college level education with global perspectives, development of strong study skills, and encouragement of critical thinking are just a few. We believe that the culmination of this course work is the examination itself. The examinations will enable students to be prepared for college examinations, both oral and written, and may ensure acceptance and/or advanced placement at the university level.

Our Baccalaureate Prep program provides for students to be well-prepared in basic study skills, which will help them to meet the challenges of the pre-university program planned for them in the last two years of high school. The Baccalaureate Prep teachers are well aware of the expectations which will be placed on their students, and it is their goal to teach the students in a manner that will give students a smooth transition from year to year.

We hope to have a program that is culturally and socio-economically diverse. Students in the IB program will have a chance to reflect on their decision to proceed each year and will be expected to meet the GPA requirements. If they fall below expectations, students may be placed on probation.

As the IB Coordinator, I am excited about being afforded the opportunity to assist your son/daughter in having a rewarding experience with the IB. My future plans include developing our partnerships with neighboring colleges and universities, connecting with IB students around the world, offering tutoring, providing service activities, senior seminars, resume workshops, as well as workshops on handling stress, time management, and gaining scholarships.

You may have heard that the IB program is difficult and one wouldn't have a social life. IB is clearly vigorous but the rewards are many. We intend to design a program at LWHS that will enable young adults to engage in the creative and fun side of life as well as the intellectual side. If you give your self fully to the process of the pursuit of learning, the rewards will be there.

You can access more information about the International Baccalaureate Organization at www.ibo.org & www.flibs.org.

Join us for a Renaissance on the Ridge!

Regards,

Donna Dunson
Principal

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