

# Venice High School IB Programmes

## Admissions Policy and Selection Criteria

### Philosophy

Venice High School believes all students districted to our campus should have the opportunity to access IB courses and programmes provided they meet certain prerequisites to enroll. We refer to ourselves as an “IB For All” school. A student who lives outside of VHS boundaries can apply to our programmes as a magnet student. Those students must complete the attached application in order to be considered for entry.

### Recommended Entry Considerations

- A score of 3 (of 5) or higher on the FAST Reading Assessment
- A score of 3 (of 5) or higher on End of Course Exams in Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra 2
- Completion of Algebra 2 (honors preferred) with an A or B (DP only)
- A’s and B’s in other core courses
- Consistent attendance record and no major discipline referrals
- CP Additional Prerequisite: Completion of Two Years in a CTE pathway: Medical, Engineering, Digital Design, Digital Media, Entrepreneurship, Computer Science, ROTC, or Music.

### Selection Process

#### VHS Students

Students who meet the recommended requirements are welcome to enroll in one of our IB programmes. However, prior to registration, the IB Coordinators and Guidance Counselor review the students who wish to apply to confirm the student meets the prerequisites.

#### Magnet Students

Our philosophy is similar to the one for our current students. Any magnet student who applies for the programmes will be accepted as long as he/she meets the prerequisites. We want all our IB students to be comfortable and successful. Since magnet students who leave the IB programmes must return to their home school, we don’t want to accept a student to VHS IB if there’s a chance he/she may not be academically prepared and may have to transfer back to his/her home school.

### Programme Promotion and Counseling

The Coordinators hold two evening parent meetings per year for interested students and their parents to learn about IB and the benefits of an IB education. The IB Coordinators also participate in the school-wide Accelerated Coursework Evening where representatives from Dual Enrollment, Advanced Placement, and IB speak about their respective programs and their benefits.

Admissions information, subject briefs, and promotional material are posted on our website, [vhsibprograms.com](http://vhsibprograms.com). Parents and community members can keep up with our programmes' activities and successes through our Facebook page.

Students who decide to enroll in one of our IB Programmes are invited to attend to make an individual appointment with a coordinator who can walk the student through the registration process and advise them of their options. Students who do not make an appointment can still register for a programme with a guidance counselor.