Middle Years International Baccalaureate Programme
and
Diploma Programme
Central High School
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A. School Overview

Central High School offers the International Baccalaureate Programme for grades 9-12. The Middle Years Programme consists of eight subjects and is designed for 9th and 10th grade students. Students within the Middle Years Programme are encouraged to develop high potential, to explore their own learning preferences, to take appropriate risks, and to reflect and develop a strong sense of personal identity. The Middle Years Programme culminates in a personal project, designed and implemented by each student.

The International Diploma Programme is a challenging, well-rounded, two-year pre-university curriculum that leads to a qualification that is widely recognized by the world's leading universities. The Diploma Programme prepares 11th and 12th grade students for universities and encourages them to ask challenging questions, learn how to learn, develop a strong sense of their own identity and culture, and develop the ability to communicate with and understand people from other countries and cultures. The curriculum contains six subject groups as well as community service, extended essay, and a course in theory of knowledge.

B. Admission Policy

Student enrollment will be open to all students in grades 9-12 who live in the Tuscaloosa City Schools residential zone. The capacity for student enrollment is based on staffing and building capacity.

C. Student Eligibility

1. Students not currently enrolled in the Tuscaloosa Magnet Middle School IB Programme may apply for enrollment in the Central High School IB Programme. In order to qualify to attend the Middle Years IB Programme at Central High School, students must be identified as performing on or above grade level in reading and math. The Universal Screener that is administered at the middle of the school year will be used to determine whether or not students are performing at or above grade level.
2. Eighth grade students who are currently enrolled in the IB Middle Years Programme will receive a commitment letter that must be completed and returned to the school no later than 3:00 PM on the last school day in January. Current students who submit the letter by the deadline will then continue their progression in the Middle Years Programme.

D. Application Process

1. Parents/students interested in attending Central High School IB Programme must complete an application no later than 3:00 PM on the last school day in January.
2. Information will be distributed to all current 8-10th grade students and available online.

E. Selection Process

1. The Central High School IB Application Committee will process and review the applications and make the final selection of students for enrollment. The Committee will be chaired by the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction or their designee.

2. Applicants must demonstrate proficiency on the reading and math screener administered at the middle of the year and receive an acceptable score on the writing prompt in order to be eligible to attend Central High School IB Middle Years Programme.

F. Enrollment

1. Letters will be mailed to all applicants regarding acceptance or non-acceptance which will include a deadline for notifying the district of the intent to attend.
2. Applicants that are invited to attend Central High School IB Programme must respond to their invitation by returning their acceptance letter to the attendance office by the deadline listed on the invitation. Applicants that do not respond to the invitation by the deadline listed on the invitation will forfeit their spot at Central High School. Students are admitted for August start dates only.
3. Students attending the Central High School IB Programme are athletically eligible to participate in Central High School athletics pursuant to the Alabama High School Athletic Association