



The IB Class of 2017 teamed together to organize the first annual Souper Bowl fundraiser for the local Blessings in a Backpack organization which provides food to local students in backpacks over the weekend. IB students also help to back the backpacks every week before school.

## THE ANSWERS:

### How does the International Baccalaureate Program (IB) differ from the Advanced Placement Program (AP)?

Both offer college-level courses yet differ extensively in approach. AP provides students with the opportunity to select individual courses while IB provides a comprehensive curriculum of college-level work. AP as a set of classes gives more flexibility in scheduling. IB pays attention to the whole student including service, leadership, art, music, film, the spoken language, foreign language, and extended writing requirements. AP courses represent a national standard of excellence; IB represents an international standard of excellence. Both programs rely on externally generated and assessed exams; however, the AP exams are based on in-depth knowledge of specific concepts within a given subject area, while the IB exams are based on a broad, general understanding of concepts and fundamental themes. AP exams place particular emphasis on multiple-choice questions. By comparison, IB courses place more emphasis on critical thinking and analysis. IB assessments involve more writing, investigation, oral work, projects, and labs. Also, final marks in IB reflect combined assessment by the classroom teacher and international examiners.

What AP courses are included in the IB Program? AP European History (9th) & AP US Government (10th). IB students also can take AP exams in some IB courses, including English, History of Americas and sciences. Students may also take AP math courses as well as AP electives in addition to their IB courses.

Can my child earn college credit with IB exams? Absolutely. Go to [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org) for IB recognition policies by North American colleges and universities. Most colleges and universities also have this information on their websites. In addition, IB students may receive credit for AP tests they have taken (see above).

Is IB a four-year program? Yes, in essence it is. The required Nease Pre-IB instruction is a two-year program, and the IB program, itself, is a two-year program.

How does the IB diploma differ from the Florida High School Diploma? The IB diploma is awarded by an external agency, is more global in scope, and signifies a more integrated curriculum than the traditional diploma. The IB Organization awards its diploma to students who perform successfully on the six external examinations and fulfill all other requirements of the program at an authorized IB world school, such as Nease High School. IB students complete all regular diploma requirements except HOPE, Performing Arts, World History and Economics and a virtual class.

How much work does a student have to do in the IB Program? The program is designed to provide a rigorous, broad-based liberal arts curriculum; therefore, the workload will be significantly more than standard curriculum, yet the majority of Nease IB students are actively involved in school, community, and social activities. During the junior and senior years, each IB student must participate in a self-designed creativity, action and service program. Also required in the IB program is the completion of a 4,000-word extended essay of original thought and research.

What type of student should consider the IB Program? Highly motivated, college bound students who are serious about acquiring the skills for success in higher education are the best candidates for this rigorous program. Students are well-rounded and are strong in many subjects, not just one particular subject.

Does my child have to be gifted to succeed in the IB Program? No, but he or she must be highly motivated and have a pronounced desire to be in the program.

Can IB students participate in extra-curricular activities? Yes, IB students are actively involved and participate in all extra-curricular activities including sports, music, art and service. They provide leadership in many of these areas.

If my child drops out of Nease Pre-IB or IB, can he/she stay at Nease if it is not his/her zoned school? Students must stay in the program for the full semester. Thereafter, the student must return to the home zoned school.

What middle school courses provide preparation for the IB Program?

Algebra 1 Honors

Do IB courses carry additional weighting?

Yes. Nease Pre-IB courses receive honors weighting (+ 0.5) and IB courses receive the same weighting as Advanced Placement (AP) courses (+ 1.0).

### Course Sequence:

9 <sup>th</sup> grade	10 <sup>th</sup> grade	11 <sup>th</sup> grade	12 <sup>th</sup> grade
English 1 Nease Pre-IB	AP English Language	AP English Literature	English 4 IB
Geometry Honors or Algebra 2 Honors	Algebra 2 Honors or Pre-Calc IB/ AP Stat	Math Studies IB or Pre-Calc IB or AP Calc AB	IB Stats or AP Calc AB or IB Adv. Calculus
Biology 1 Nease Pre-IB	Chemistry 1 Nease Pre-IB	IB Science*	IB Science*
AP European History	AP US Gov't/ Am. Gov't Honors	AP US History	IB Contemp. History
French 1 or Spanish 1 Nease Pre-IB	French 2 or Spanish 2 Nease Pre-IB	French 3 or Spanish 3 IB	French 4 or Spanish 4 IB
		IB Elective** CAS Program	Theory of Knowledge CAS Program

\*IB Science is a two-year program in one of three subjects: Biology, Physics or Chemistry.

\*\*An IB Elective is required in one of the following subjects: Psychology, Music, Art or Film. If the student chooses to take the higher level IB exam in the elective, a second year of study is required.

## NEASE IB STUDENT PROFILE

### Awards, Honors & Achievements

- Nat'l Merit Semifinalists (2017-5; 2016-7; 2015-11)
- Nat'l Merit Commended Students (2017-10; 2016-14; 2015-17)
- Nat'l Achievement Scholar Semifinalists (2015, 2014)
- Nat'l Hispanic Recognized Students (2016, 2015)
- National AP Scholars (2016-11; 2015-15; 2014-14)
- AP Scholars w/ Distinction (2016-89; 2015-73; 2014-82)
- ACT and SAT Perfect Scores (2017, 2016, 2015)
- University of Florida Lombardi Scholars (2013; 2010)
- International Exchange Program scholars
- National, state & regional science competitions award winners
- Members of winning High-Q Academic Teams and Future Problem Solver Teams
- *Times-Union* award winners
- Members of Nease's ranked Naval JROTC program
- Jacksonville Youth Symphony Orchestra & All-State Band & Choir members
- Performing & fine arts competitions award winners
- Miss Nease & Junior Miss winners
- All-County Athletes; Championship Team members and Individual Winners
- Ambassadors of youth leadership programs
- Eagle Scout & Girl Scout Gold Award winners
- Many leadership positions in school organizations

### Testing Data

IB tests passed: 94% in 2016; 91% avg. of last 5 yrs.  
IB Diplomas: 92% in 2016; 88% avg. of last 5 yrs.  
AP tests passed: 81% in 2016; 85% avg. of last 5 yrs.

### IB Class of 2016 Profile

Avg. SAT scores: 1970 (CR 660, M 660, W 650)  
Avg. ACT score: 29 (composite)  
Avg. GPA: 4.2 (weighted)  
Accepted to: over 91 different colleges  
Attending 4 year colleges: 99% at 31 different schools  
Florida Bright Futures Scholarships: 95%  
Merit & Athletic Scholarships: over \$3 million

## 100% OF NEASE IB GRADUATES HAVE BEEN

### ADMITTED TO COLLEGES INCLUDING:

Amherst	Georgetown	UC Berkeley
Auburn	Georgia Tech	UCLA
Belmont	Harvard	UC San Diego
Boston C	Johns Hopkins	UC Santa Barb.
Boston U	Loyola New O.	U of Ctrl. Florida
BYU	MIT	U of Chicago
Brown	McGill	U of Florida
Bucknell	Mercer	U of Georgia
Carleton	NYU	U of Miami
Carn. Mellon	NC State	U of Michigan
Case Western	Northwestern	UNC Chapel Hill
Clark	Oberlin	U of No. Florida
Clemson	Ohio State	U of Notre Dame
Colgate	Penn State	U of Penn.
C of Charleston	Princeton	U of Pittsburgh
C of Wm & My	Rensselaer	U of Richmond
Columbia U	Rhodes	U of Rochester
Cornell U	Rice	U of So. Carolina
Dartmouth	Rollins	U of So. Florida
Davidson	SCAD	U of So. Calif.
Drexel	Sewanee	U of Texas
Duke	Stanford	U of Virginia
Elon	Stetson	Vanderbilt
Embry-Riddle	Swarthmore	Vassar
Emory	Syracuse	Virginia Tech
FIT	Tufts	Wake Forest
FSU	Tulane	Wash. & Lee
Fordham	US Mil. Acad.	Wash. U St. Louis
Furman	US Naval Acad.	Wellesley
G. Washington	U of Alabama	Yale

**APPLICATION INFO:** Go to the SJC website at:

[academies.stjohns.k12.fl.us/registration/](http://academies.stjohns.k12.fl.us/registration/)

All applications must be completed online

beginning **Jan. 19, 2018**

and no later than midnight on **Feb. 10, 2018.**

Teacher recommendations are also required.

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## THE QUESTION:

# 'TO IB

# OR NOT IB?'

Information  
about the  
International  
Baccalaureate  
Program for the  
2017-2018  
School Year



Allen D. Nease High School

[www-nhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/ib/](http://www-nhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/ib/)

*NEASE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE STUDENTS actively balance a demanding academic program with service, athletic, leadership and social activities, and are recognized for their energy and enthusiasm. The Nease IB program was established in 1996 and is recognized as one of the most successful programs in the state, with 1,141 Nease IB graduates in 19 years.*

### What is IB?

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program is a two-year program of curriculum and service that meets the needs of highly motivated secondary students. The Diploma Program offers a comprehensive and integrated approach to learning. The primary objective of an IB program is to provide a world-class education that prepares students with the intellectual, social, and critical perspectives necessary for college and the rest of their lives. The rigorous curriculum, the original research requirement, the Theory of Knowledge course, and the service component are designed to produce well-rounded and well-educated citizens who can read and think critically, write persuasively, speak articulately, and manage challenging schedules.

### What is Nease Pre-IB?

Nease Pre-IB Academy instruction consists of intensified courses in Grades 9 and 10 in English, Spanish or French, social studies, science, and mathematics in preparation for the rigorous college-level curriculum of the Grade 11-12 IB Diploma Program.

### How will the IB Program benefit my student?

The IB Program provides a strong writing emphasis, develops critical thinking skills, promotes sound ethical thought, seeks international understanding, and instills commitment to community service. IB realizes that memorizing facts and formulas isn't enough to help your child succeed in life. Colleges recognize the IB Diploma as a superior education, preparing students to succeed at post-secondary institutions. Beyond college, the IB program prepares students for life in a globalized 21st century, encouraging them to become active, compassionate, lifelong learners.