



Bellaire High School

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program Contract



The Bellaire High School IB Pre-Diploma and IB Diploma program is a challenging, college preparatory program created for highly motivated students that want to achieve the highest possible education in a high school setting. The courses are designed to develop the individual talents of young people and teach them to relate the experience of the classroom to the realities of the world outside. The International Baccalaureate methodology nurtures an environment of developing the ideals of international understanding and responsible citizenship.

We foster students to become life long learners, critical and compassionate thinkers, and informed participants in local and world affairs who are conscious of the shared humanity that binds all people together in a global society while respecting a variety of cultures and attitudes.

In order to maintain an IB Diploma Program at Bellaire High School that is academically challenging and balanced, the following minimum standards for achievement and conduct have been established.

The preIB/IB student:

- will maintain a satisfactory grade (75-100) for all courses for each semester. Averages resulting below a C average will be evaluated and a student will be placed on a growth plan.
- will take advantage of after school tutorials, teacher assistance, and counseling when having academic problems.
- will take IB DP examinations aligned with the courses in which their diploma plan requires.
- will earn passing scores on Texas mandated tests (currently STAAR) applicable for courses and grade levels as required by the State of Texas.
- **will not engage in any form of academic dishonesty, (malpractice).**
- who is designated as Special Ed or 504 must understand that IB/AP/PreAP/PreIB curriculum cannot be modified.
- will maintain a conduct grade of *satisfactory* or *excellent* for all courses
- will exhibit good behavior as outlined in the HISD Code of Student Conduct and not receive a suspension from school.

- will maintain good attendance in compliance with the HISD attendance policy. Truancy action will terminate an IB transfer to BHS as IB requires specific contact hours in the classroom with the teacher.
- will promptly and aggressively respond to any decline in performance.
- will attend meetings as required with the IB Coordinator to discuss current academic progress, progress toward IB exams, and other IB requirements.
- will complete all components of the IB diploma program including CAS, TOK, EE, IA's, and exam sessions.
- understands that the Bellaire IB program for transfer students requires participation with the intent to earn the diploma and is not a certificate granting program.
- If a student fails to meet the minimum standards outlined above, the following actions may ensue determined by the severity of the violation:
- ***A committee of IB faculty and BHS administrators will review the contract violation and may decide to revoke the student's IB transfer to BHS.*** The student will be allowed to finish the current academic year at BHS, but **will be removed** from any IB-specific courses and activities for the remainder of that year and the ***IB transfer will not be renewed.***

The parent (s) or guardian(s) of the student will:

- be diligent in monitoring his/her progress in PreAP/PreIB/AP/IB classes through the district provided parent portal to a student's grade reports.
- contact the teachers as soon as possible if there is a question or concern regarding the student's progress in classes.
- be supportive of student due dates and school obligations including summer IB program at the end of the year and before the beginning of the next year.
- be supportive and help with documenting CAS activities.
- be understanding and supportive of the challenges of a high school student in an advanced level of study.
- reimburse the school/district for exam costs if the student does not complete the diploma components by the due dates established by the school as required by IBO.

Bellaire High School will:

- provide a quality education aimed at preparing students for IB examinations as well as college admission.

- communicate with parents through the PTO newsletter, the Bellaire website, progress reports, and various publications mailed from the school.
- provide a supportive and instructional environment to guide, mentor and assist IB candidates through the successful completion of the IB Diploma components.

I understand that being in a rigorous academic program rests upon my personal responsibility and dedication. I commit myself to good attendance, cooperation, respect for others and the school, and a serious work ethic to complete the requirements of my preIB/preAP/IB/AP courses. I have read the Bellaire IB Contract thoroughly and agree to the terms and conditions stated above.

Student Name (Printed)

Student Signature

Date

I understand the commitment my child has made and I support him/her in his/her efforts. I have read the Bellaire IB Contract and agree to the terms and conditions stated above.

Parent Name (Printed)

Parent Signature

Date

Place your initials by each point to confirm that you and your student understand that

_____ the IB transfer to Bellaire High School will be revoked for 2 consecutive semesters with course averages below 75%.

_____ the IB transfer to Bellaire High School will be revoked for attendance below the 90% State requirement.

_____ the IB transfer to Bellaire High School will be revoked for failure to make sufficient progress toward completing the requirements established by the IBO for earning an IB diploma.

