



## Statement of Commitment

The International Baccalaureate Program will be offered for the first time at Sumner High School beginning with the 2007-2008 school year. The IB Program offers a comprehensive rigorous course of study designed to prepare students for a quality university education. The primary objective of the IB Program is to provide students with a balanced, integrated curriculum in all academic areas. The Sumner High School IB Team is fully committed to supporting your student throughout their experience, recognizing that they are stepping up to an academic challenge they are fully capable of, but that requires a high level of commitment

Students who excel in the IB program demonstrate a strong commitment to learning and develop the discipline necessary to succeed in college. The student who elects this course of study is responsible for the commitment made to its rigors and to personal accountability and self-sufficiency. It is essential that both parents and students are fully aware of the workload this program requires of them. You and your child must recognize that IB is an academic commitment with real consequences in terms of time, effort, and focus. The rewards will be apparent: the IB mission of “Education for Life” describes a program that develops responsibility, creativity, and character. It also develops, and requires, commitment. IB Diploma candidates can play sports, but rarely all three seasons. They can work part-time, but they must use discretion. They can and should pursue those hobbies and interests outside of school that enrich adolescence. The key is balance. Please help your child stay on an even keel, provide perspective and a patient ear over the next two years. You will see remarkable growth.

By signature below:

- Student recognizes that registering for an IB course is a year-long contract. Each IB course meets every other day, thus the full year is required to earn each credit.
- Student recognizes that they will be challenged and are committed to accepting that challenge.
- Student recognizes that IB classes will require daily homework preparation and a commitment to focused learning at a rapid pace.
- Student recognizes that the code of conduct within all IB classes is comparable to college level expectations: excellent attendance, high productivity and respectful and consistent support of others throughout the learning process.
- Students recognize that the Honor Code regarding cheating of any kind may result in removal from the program.
- Student recognizes that there are fees associated with IB examinations, which are required for earning IB designation on their final transcripts. Costs include an \$80 registration fee and subject area examination fees of approximately \$60.00 per exam. Additionally, the District will be paying a per capita fee of approximately \$80.00. Should a student decide not to test in a subject area, student would be responsible for reimbursing that cost. Fees will be due and payable in the fall of the senior year. Students eligible for free and reduced lunch will be eligible for a reduced fee schedule.

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Student name: printed

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Student signature

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Parent Signature

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Date