

# **East Nashville Magnet High School**

## **IB Diploma Programme Admissions Policy**

The mission of East Nashville Magnet School is to ensure that all students and staff embrace active lifelong learning and become productive, compassionate citizens of the world through rigorous intercultural instruction.

To this end, we aim to offer East Magnet School students a predictable learning environment where they feel safe, known as people who are validated for how they feel and what they know to be true while also being engaged intellectually in a learning experience that presents them with a productive and appropriately rigorous, yet joyful struggle.

**We encourage all interested students at East Nashville Magnet School to participate in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.** The Diploma Programme challenges students both academically and personally and prepares them for success in college and their career. Students who participate in the Diploma Programme should be aware of its rigor and should demonstrate:

- Academic ability and a love of the process of learning
- Inquiring curiosity and intrinsic motivation and resilience
- Principled character, both academic and personal
- Desire to be a part of a group of life-long learners
- An open mind, confidence to advocate for their needs, and a willingness to be pushed and encouraged

The IB Diploma Programme is a significant commitment for not only the DP student but for his or her family as well. Successful completion of the program will require support from the school, classmates, teachers, friends, and parents alike.

Students electing to participate in the IB Diploma Programme at East are not required to take an entrance exam, nor is there a minimum grade point average or standardized test score. Below are some general characteristics for consideration and admission to our Diploma Programme.

1. **Resilience and Perseverance:** DP students must be able to demonstrate grit in the face of obstacles and challenges, maintaining a positive attitude.
2. **Demonstrated Academic Performance:** DP students will be asked to undertake sophisticated and challenging academic work. Good academic habits are required and will be developed further.
3. **Written Communication Ability:** The program is highly dependent on the student's ability to read and write proficiently in different subject areas and formats. Students should be prepared to develop these skills further.

Any student earning an MYP certificate from the East Nashville Magnet Middle Years Programme will be considered qualified to participate in the IB Diploma Programme at East.

In addition to considering the above requirements, interested 10th grade students and families must complete the following process for admission to IB Diploma Programme:

1. Students must complete an Interested Student Packet that includes
  - a. Teacher recommendations
  - b. 2-3 student work samples
2. A guided conversation/interview with IB teachers
3. Family discussion packet and program overview (includes important information about registration costs)
4. Family Q/A with IB Coordinator to discuss academic goals and familiarity with demands of program

Upon completion of this process, IB Coordinator will contact guidance counselors to formally declare the student's admission to IB Diploma Programme. Final decisions regarding admission into the program are based on the discretion of the Head of School, IBDP Coordinator, and counselors.