

"Our mission is to prepare today's students to be motivated, independent, and self-sufficient thinkers who will successfully contribute to tomorrow's global society."

Preston Hollow Elementary School is going International

The Dallas Independent School District (DISD) has begun the process of implementing the International Baccalaureate Program (IB) at Preston Hollow Elementary, Benjamin Franklin Middle School, and Hillcrest High School. Preston Hollow Elementary school will be the first in the Division 3 feeder pattern to apply for the IB program in April 2014, making it a School of Choice for the district. DISD will be holding monthly information sessions, November through March to further discuss how the IB will be implemented at Preston Hollow Elementary and the feeder pattern.

What is the IB?

The International Baccalaureate Program (IB) focuses on developing strong intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills through inquiry both inside and outside the classroom. The IB offers a continuum of education with four individual programs, the Primary Years Program (PYP), Middle Years Program, Diploma Program and Career-related Certificate. **The IB curriculum provides a rigorous, high quality education, encouraging students to ask challenging questions, reflect critically, develop research skills, and learn how to learn.** An IB diploma is a strong predictor for success at university.

Dallas ISD Core Beliefs

Our main purpose is to improve student academic achievement.

- Effective instruction makes the most difference in student academic performance.
- There is no excuse for poor quality instruction.
- With our help, at risk students will achieve at the same rate as non-at risk students.
- Staff members must have a commitment to children and a commitment to the pursuit of excellence.

PYP- Primary Years Programme

- Six trans-disciplinary themes explored using knowledge and skills from six subject areas.
- Cultural understanding and acceptance, secondary language acquisition, community service, collaborative and individual learning.

MYP- Middle Years Programme

- Core curriculum includes secondary language, humanities, sciences, mathematics, arts, physical education, and technology.
- Independent personal project in final year.

IB- Diploma Years Programme

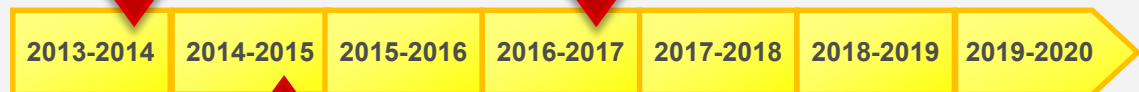
- Core curriculum includes language and literature, language acquisition, individuals and societies, experimental sciences, mathematics and computer science, the arts, theory of knowledge, an extended essay project, physical activity, arts exploration and community service.

For more information on International Baccalaureate, please visit www.ibo.org.

PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

Preston Hollow Elementary School applies for the Primary Years Program (PYP) for Kindergarten through 5th grade.

Hillcrest High School applies for the Diploma Program (DP) and IB Career Program for 11th and 12th grades.



Benjamin Franklin Middle School applies for the Middle Years Program (MYP) for 6th through 8th grades.

Hillcrest High School applies for the MYP for 9th and 10th grades.

DISD INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE INFORMATION SESSIONS

PRESTON HOLLOW ELEMENTARY LIBRARY
6423 WALNUT HILL LANE,
DALLAS, TEXAS 75230

November 21
6:00-7:30 pm

December 12
6:00-7:30 pm

January 11
9:00-10:30am

January 21
6:00-7:30 pm

RSVP:
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Include attendance date, #adults, #children.

On-site free childcare available with RSVP.

Questions
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