

The International Baccalaureate Program Facts

The **International Baccalaureate Organization** aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To accomplish this, the IBO requires:

1. Rigorous curriculum and assessments
2. Community service requirements
3. Critical thinking skills
4. International-mindedness

IB Schools

	Diploma	Middle	Primary
World	1,780	662	474
USA	616	270	145
TN	8	6	0
Nashville	3	6	3*

* planning stages



Worldwide

- There are more than 656,000 IB students at 2,401 schools.
- In 129 countries, with the largest number of programs located in the USA, Canada, UK, Australia, Mexico, Argentina, Spain, India, Sweden and China.



USA

- After decades of obscurity and slow expansion, the pace of growth in schools with authorized International Baccalaureate Programs has quickened considerably - going from one school in 1971 to 1,031 (Diploma, MYP, PYP) in 2008.
- 90% of schools in the United States that offer at least one IB program are public schools; 30% receive Title I anti-poverty money.

New IB Schools Certified in USA from June – September 2008

- Primary Years - 6 of 20 worldwide
- Middle Years - 12 of 23 worldwide
- Diploma Program - 0 of 13 worldwide



Tennessee and Nashville

IB Schools

	Cookeville	Franklin	Germantown	Goodlettsville	Johnson City	Murfreesboro	Nashville
High School	Cookeville	Franklin	Germantown		Science Hill	Oakland	Hillsboro Hillwood Hunters Lane
Middle School				Goodlettsville			Bellevue Brick Church J.T.Moore Neely's Bend West End *
Elementary							Eakin # Julia Green # Percy Priest #

* Candidate

In planning process

Certification timeline

2000	2001	2004	2007	2008	2009
Franklin HS*	Hunters Lane HS*	Cookeville HS* Hillsboro HS* Hillwood HS*	Bellevue MS# Brick Church MS^ Goodlettsville MS^ JT Moore MS# Neelys Bend MS^	Germantown HS* Oakland HS* Science Hill HS*	West End MS^

* 11th – 12th grade

6th - 8th Partial school MYP

^ 6th - 8th Full school MYP

- The latest U.S. Census Bureau estimates show an increasingly diverse Nashville with a 22% increase from 2006-2007 in people who speak Spanish at home and 39% who speak an Asian language.
- The first IB School in Tennessee was Franklin High School in 2000.
- The first Nashville IB high school was Hunters Lane.
- In February 2008, three new high schools have been approved in Tennessee bringing the total to eight IB Diploma Programs across the state from Memphis to Johnson City; three zoned comprehensive high schools in Nashville currently have the IB Diploma Program.
- Six middle schools have been authorized in the last two years in Nashville
- As more elementary and middle schools in the Hillsboro Cluster and in the other two IB clusters, Hillwood and Hunters Lane, are authorized by the IBO, much of the intimidation that keeps more students from taking IB in high school will likely disappear, leading to a required program expansion.



Hillsboro High School

- Hillsboro IB World High School in Nashville was approved in July 2004 with the first class graduating in 2006.
- Since the first graduating class in 2006, the number of students receiving the IB Diploma Program has increased from 5 of 21 students to 15 of 21 students.
- 71% of seniors in the Hillsboro IB Diploma Program received the IB Diploma in 2008; the world average is 78%.
- In 2008, Hillsboro students met or exceeded the **world** average scores in English, French, math, visual arts and history; with six students earning perfect scores on seven individual subject area tests in English, Spanish, math and visual arts.
- Today, Hillsboro is almost twice as large, regarding the number of IB Diploma students after only 4 years versus the first Nashville IB school after 8 years (64 and 44 respectively.)
- Ninety-four Hillsboro students in 11th and 12th registered for 250 subject tests in May of 2008.
- Thirty five out of sixty nine Hillsboro High School Diploma Candidates have earned IB Diplomas since 2006. Our level of participation has been increased or maintained while our success rate has increased concurrently.
- In 2008, Newsweek ranked Hillsboro IB World High School 4th best in the state and 390th of 27,468 schools in the country – making it in the top 2% of high schools in this country; 36% of students qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch Price and the school is racially balanced (46.8% Black and White).
- Students report that the 2 years of study in the IB Program at Hillsboro prepared them in several ways: with public speaking, writing an in-depth research paper, analyzing American and multicultural literature, working in groups on projects, lab work, foreign language proficiency and the focused development of critical thinking skills.
- HHS Diploma Candidates have attended the following universities and colleges since 2006: American University, Belmont University, Berea, Macalester, Rhodes, Sewanee, TSU, UVA, UNC, Vanderbilt, Yale and numerous others.
- Hillsboro IB faculty is working closely with students in AVID classes to insure that more students who are motivated and interested receive the support and encouragement to pursue IB courses and the IB Diploma. *AVID is a class for students who need a little extra support in school getting ready to go to college by providing help with study and organizational skills - 95 % of the students who are in AVID enroll in college.*
- Hillsboro High School is seeking to obtain certification for a 9th and 10th grade middle years program which will be full school, that is, all students in these grades regardless of academic/income level will benefit from this program. Currently, efforts are underway to raise money for the necessary teacher training and application fee. Based on the number of teachers, that cost is approximately \$50,000.00. Fundraising efforts are directed toward parents, alumni, international businesses in the community, educational grants and community leaders. Government funding is needed but not assured. Parents have already committed over \$11,000 because of their desire to have this program.