



Luther Burbank High School Admission Policy

There are many options and pathways for entry into the Luther Burbank High School International Baccalaureate Programmes. We are an open enrollment program and encourage all students from a range of educational backgrounds to register for advanced or honors level courses in 9th and 10th grade in order to help prepare them for the challenges they might face upon entering the IB Diploma Programme in 11th and 12th. We adamantly encourage that students begin their IB DP pathway in the Middle Years programme (MYP) with 9th grade by registering for AP Human Geography, BHS Pre-IB English I, BHS Pre-IB Biology, BHS Pre-IB Geometry, BHS Pre-IB Spanish II or III. In 10th grade, registering for AP World History, BHS Pre-IB English II, BHS Pre-IB Chemistry, BHS Pre-IB Algebra II, and BHS Pre-IB Spanish III or AP Spanish Language continues the honors path leading to the DP. It is important to note that all students that are enrolled at Burbank in 9th and 10th grade are a part of the IB Middle Years Programme whether or not they take the above suggested honors courses. This set of courses are suggested to help develop the IB Philosophy and Approaches to Learning that prepare students for the Diploma Programme in 11th and 12th grades, but any 10th grade student can consider the IB Diploma Programme as a candidate or course student.

Regardless of if a student attends a Burbank feeder middle school or another middle school in the district, they may apply to attend Burbank in high school. We host parent and student sessions during the school year to show a glimpse of student activity and the rich curriculum we offer, and we also participate in the district middle school fairs in order to present similar information sessions as in the parent/student meetings. The IB Coordinators work closely with Burbank counselors to support our MYP students as they navigate through MYP in preparation for the Diploma Programme (DP).

Please note that students who are entering 12th grade during the current school year will not be able to enter the IB Diploma Programme due to the requirements. The programme consists of two years of study in order to complete the programme. During the year, IB Parent Info nights are hosted at least once a quarter in order to help inform the students and families about the IB programmes offered at Burbank. All grade levels are encouraged to attend these information nights, especially if their student is on the IB Diploma Programme pathway. Additionally in 10th grade, students are informed of the IB Diploma Programme through their social studies class. The DP Coordinator works with the social studies teacher to come in and present the information regarding the requirements of the IB DP and the benefits to the students. The students are then able to set up an appointment to ask further questions with the DP Coordinator or can go ahead and register for IB DP courses when it comes time to register for their 11th grade schedule. If a student does not already attend Burbank, the DP Coordinator works to set up parent/guardian meetings with incoming 11th grade students to discuss the IB Diploma programme pathway and what that entails.





Parents must complete the application on the SAISD Choice site to register for Burbank's IB Programme. If choosing the IB programme as your choice option, please make sure to choose "IB Pathway – Diploma Programme" on the selection screen. For more information, and to understand the timeline more clearly, please visit the [SAISD Transfer website](#) (also known as SchoolMint).

Once your student is approved, Burbank will contact your family for an appointment to discuss scheduling and to familiarize your student and family with the Burbank campus. After that meeting to help you and your student choose the right pathway for them, you will be asked to complete the required registration through Frontline.

***New to the district?** Students who are moving from outside the district, state, or country find a welcoming home in the IB student community. Parents should note that we cannot evaluate transcripts until you have registered and met with a counselor on the Burbank campus. Students transferring from other international and IB schools may be able to begin the IB pathway as late as 11th grade depending on the coursework completed at the other school.*

Please contact the Burbank registrar for more answers to your registration questions.

