



Diamond Bar High School

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Dear Parents and Students:

Beginning January 30, Diamond Bar High School will be accepting applications from eighth-grade students for our International Baccalaureate program, our Brahma Technology Academy, and our Performing Arts Academy. These programs represent exciting opportunities for select members of the class of 2023 to begin enriched courses of study that will prepare them to earn an International Baccalaureate diploma, a Brahma Tech-STEM diploma, and/or specialized training in the performing arts. IB, Brahma Tech, and the Performing Arts Academy all enhance the prestigious and exceptional DBHS educational experience.

The IB program is a journey through an international curriculum in which students are required to grow personally and academically. It is the most academically rigorous program that we offer; as a result, the IB diploma program prepares our students to thrive at any institution of higher learning.

Brahma Tech is a comprehensive program that prepares students for future careers in the highly technological 21st century by offering advanced study in 4 areas: Science and Engineering, Digital Media and Design, Information and Communication Technology, and Computer Science.

Our Performing Arts Academy features opportunities for students to enhance their personal performance excellence through focused study in their performing art, interaction with university faculty, and experiences with professional performers.

Any incoming 9th grader wishing to apply for IB or Brahma Tech must meet the following requirements:

- Must check with <http://residence.dbhsib.org> to verify that they are assigned to DBHS;
- Must maintain a 3.00 GPA in the core academic courses in the 8th grade;
- Must have completed Algebra I with a grade of A or B prior to the end of the 8th grade.

Admission to the Performing Arts Academy will be achieved through student auditions.

If you and your son/daughter would like to know more about these programs, please plan to attend one of the following information sessions:

- At Chaparral Middle School – Wednesday, January 30, 7pm, in the MPR
- At South Pointe Middle School – Monday, February 4, 6:30pm, in the MPR

Parents and students should attend. More information is also available at www.dbhs.org.

Please check your residency at <http://residence.dbhsib.org> Your application to the IB program at Diamond Bar High School does not determine which high school you will attend; the location of your house or apartment does. Parents and students who live in the Walnut High School residence area should attend the Walnut High School information meetings.

If you do not live within the boundaries of the Walnut Valley Unified School District, you may not be assigned to a high school until May 2019. You should apply now to either the Diamond Bar High School IB prep program or the Walnut High School program (apply to one, not both). Follow the deadlines set by the school to which you are applying. Once the district assigns you to a high school, you can easily transfer your prep application to the correct school by contacting the IB coordinator at either school.

Sincerely,

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