



**NIWOT HIGH SCHOOL**  
INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE FOCUS

ST. VRAIN VALLEY SCHOOLS  
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# NHS IB DP Admissions Policy



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Niwot High School is an IB World School that implements the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme (DP). Niwot recognizes that through the DP, we are able to develop students who:

- flourish physically, intellectually, emotionally and ethically
- study at least two languages
- excel in traditional academic subjects
- explore the nature of knowledge through the programme's unique theory of knowledge course. (1)

Students intending to enroll in the IB DP at Niwot High should demonstrate, or be willing to work toward demonstrating, the following attributes that are based on the IB Learner Profile: (2)

- An enthusiasm for learning
- A desire to engage in the study of issues that have local and global significance
- A willingness to utilize critical, creative thinking
- A sense of responsibility to take action on complex problems
- A willingness to collaborate, to listen and to communicate effectively
- An ability to act with integrity, honesty and with respect for the rights of people everywhere
- An appreciation of cultures, values and traditions of oneself and others
- A desire to show empathy, compassion and respect
- An approach to uncertainty with forethought and determination
- A passion to explore new ideas and innovative strategies through risk-taking
- A goal of intellectual, physical and emotional balance and well-being
- An ability to thoughtfully consider the world, one's own ideas and experiences
- A striving toward one's own learning and personal development

Niwot values providing the opportunity for our students to participate in the IB DP and therefore has developed admission policy that promotes broad access to the programme and that values diversity. This process includes the following general steps:

- Students interested in enrolling in the IB Programme at Niwot High are encouraged to attend an informational meeting prior to enrolling. Meeting dates/times can be found on the NHS website.

- Students entering NHS as 9th or 10th grade students who intend to enroll in the IB DP complete a course sequence designed to prepare them for success in the IB DP. This course sequence is the Niwot Pre-IB (NPIB) Program. Prior to entering the NPIB course sequence, these students complete a form titled “Intent to Enroll in NPIB”.
- Niwot High NPIB students who intend to complete the IB DP in their junior and senior year must sign a Commitment Form in the spring of their sophomore year indicating their intention to enroll and complete the IB DP.
- Please refer to the following chart for any special circumstances or for additional steps for students new to NHS or that want to enroll in the IB DP at a time other than fall of their 9th grade year.

Student status in August of each school year	Steps to follow to enroll in IB DP	New to NHS or to IB DP? Complete these additional steps
9th Grade Student	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Attend NPIB/DP Information meeting</li> <li>● Complete “Intent to Enroll in NPIB” form</li> <li>● Complete Open Enrollment form if NHS is not your home school</li> <li>● Complete any additional high school enrollment forms and registration request form</li> <li>● Complete NPIB course sequence during 9th grade</li> </ul>	None

<p>10th Grade Student</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Continue NPIB course sequence during 10th grade</li> <li>● Complete IB DP Commitment Form in the spring prior to 11th grade</li> </ul>	<p>Attend NPIB/IB DP Information meeting</p> <p>Complete “Intent to Enroll in NPIB” form</p> <p>Complete Open Enrollment form if NHS is not your home school</p> <p>Complete any additional high school enrollment forms and registration request form</p> <p>A meeting with the IB Coordinator may be required to assess previous coursework</p>
<p>11th Grade Student</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Must have signed IB DP Commitment Form</li> <li>● Start IB DP in fall of 11th grade</li> </ul>	<p>Attend NPIB/IB DP Information meeting or review presentation if unable to attend meeting</p> <p>Complete “Intent to Enroll in IB DP at NHS” form</p> <p>Complete Open Enrollment form if NHS is not your home school</p> <p>Complete any additional high school enrollment forms and registration request form</p> <p>A meeting with the IB Coordinator may be required to assess previous coursework and academic records</p>

12th Grade Student	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If NHS current IB DP student, continue IB coursework</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Must have completed one year of the IB DP at another accredited IB school</li> <li>● Contact IB Coordinator to assess previous IB coursework</li> <li>● Complete Open Enrollment form if NHS is not your home school</li> <li>● Complete any additional high school enrollment forms and registration request form</li> </ul>
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### Support for students in the IB DP

NHS provides for the full IB Diploma Programme and as such recognizes the importance of supporting our students to attempt and complete the IB DP requirements. Support is provided in the following ways:

- IB resources on the NHS website: <http://nhs.svvsd.org/node/3469>
  - Enrollment
  - NPIB / IB resources
  - IB Curriculum
  - IB Core
  - IB Learner Profile
  - IB Exams
  - Student / Parent Resources
  - Volunteering Opportunities
- Resources on the NHS Counseling Blog: <https://blogs.svvsd.org/nhscounseling/>
  - Academic support (tutoring, subject area resources)
  - College & Career planning
  - Test prep resources

- Social / Emotional support
- ICAP (Individual Career & Academic Plan)
  - Counselors assist students with creating an ICAP and updating it each year
  - Career planning through interest inventories
  - Academic planning through course selection and a four-year plan
  - College planning through college search tools, individual meetings and personality surveys
- Naviance (web-based college & career tool)
- Counseling support
  - Academic advisement
    - Assisting students with course selection, schedules and their 2-year IB DP plans
    - Providing options for students who may have scheduling conflicts with the priority of making sure students are enrolled in IB DP courses that will allow them to access the IB diploma
    - Helping students access academic support resources
  - Career advisement
    - Assisting students in identifying strength areas, interests and matching to careers that are a good fit
    - Supporting students in the use of career tools
  - College advisement
    - Assisting students with accessing colleges that provide credit for IB DP students
    - Helping students find colleges that are a good fit
    - Assisting students with focusing on benefits of the IB DP when completing college applications
  - Social / emotional support
    - Stress management, anxiety management, coping skills, creating balance
    - Community referrals
    - Support from our Interventionist, a Social Worker who assists students with social/emotional well-being
  - Student / parent meetings

- With support of the IB coordinator and sometimes our interventionist, counselors meet with students and parents regarding all aspects of the IB DP
  - While NHS recognizes that parent support is an important component of the success for IB DP students, our experience has shown that in order to achieve the greatest level of success, it is more important that the student is committed to the programme.
- Teacher support
  - Study sessions
  - Subject area tutoring
  - Parent conferences
  - Student conferences
  - Accommodations
  - Use of technology
  - EE and CAS advising
- Community support
  - Niwot High School Education foundation provides resources through grants
    - Field trips
    - Instructional materials
    - Funding of professional development opportunities
  - Parent support
    - IB Advisory Board
    - Volunteering
- Financial support
  - King Soopers card program helps parents earn money to pay for IB exams
  - SVVSD funding offsets the cost of exams for students with financial needs

#### References:

(1) Iborganization. "What Is the Diploma Programme?" *International Baccalaureate®*. N.p., n.d. Web. 29 May 2017.

(2) Iborganization. "Learner Profile for IB Students." *International Baccalaureate®*. N.p., n.d. Web. 06 June 2017. <<http://www.ibo.org/benefits/learner-profile/>>.