

# Applying to IB?

Here's some FAQs and scenarios we get asked frequently, but feel free to ask questions at our academy night if your question isn't answered here!

## **I heard that you can't have a life if you are in IB, is that true?**

NO! Actually, that is contrary to most current IB students. It would be a challenge to find any IB students who aren't actively involved in both school and the community. IB students are represented across Spruce Creek in athletics, clubs, service, leadership, the arts and more. IB wants students to be well-rounded, global citizens who have a good sense of self, community and the world.

## **I want to apply for IB, but I didn't take foreign language in middle school, should I still apply?**

YES! Foreign language is not an application requirement.

## **I took Algebra 1, but I don't have an EOC score for that class. Can I still apply?**

YES! You only have to have taken the course to apply. Students will need a math graduation assessment score to get their high school diploma, but there are multiple opportunities to fulfill that requirement during high school.

## **I am interested in seeing what the IB Program is like, are there any shadowing opportunities?**

Yes, we will be offering shadowing this year. We have 2 dates: January 18<sup>th</sup> & February 1<sup>st</sup>. These opportunities are for 4 periods and students will shadow freshmen who are currently enrolled in our program. They will go to periods 1-4 with students and then will need to be picked up by lunchtime. You must have an application turned in and register to shadow with Mrs. Copp. Email [creekibapplication@gmail.com](mailto:creekibapplication@gmail.com) to reserve your spot.

## **Do I need to submit a report card or standardized test scores?**

No, now that we are using an electronic application, students do not need to submit a report card or standardized test scores. We will still use these components, but we will have access to this information through Focus.

## **My child is a private school or home school student and doesn't have standardized test scores, can they apply to IB?**

Yes, all students are evaluated holistically. Just make sure you address why scores are not included and we will note it on the scoring rubric.

## **How will I know if the teacher recommendations are sent to the school if the recommending teacher isn't giving them back to me?**

We will be obtaining teacher recommendations electronically directly from the teachers. All applications are evaluated for completeness. We never deny students for missing portions. It is most important to complete the Focus Parent Portal electronic application. Please ensure your contact information, especially the parent email and phone number is correct—Mrs. Copp will contact any family with an applicant who has an incomplete evaluation so missing portions can be obtained.

## **My child wants to use their teacher from a previous year, do all the recommenders have to be current teachers?**

We require a current year math and reading (ELA) recommendation.

## **My child isn't zoned for Spruce Creek, how many out of zoned students can be admitted into the IB program?**

Unlike the academies, IB does not have a cap on enrollment and can admit all qualified candidates.

## **We live on the west side of the county (or out of county/out of state) and plan to move to the east side of Volusia County can we apply to Spruce Creek's IB program?**

Students who reside on the west side of the county will need to apply to Deland High School's IB program and can use that acceptance to transfer to Creek once proof of residency is established through the registrar's office. Out of state/out of county students may apply and can be accepted but will not be enrolled until proof of residency is established through the registrar's office.

## **We don't live in zone for Spruce Creek and want to do IB, can we get a bus to the school?**

Families who don't reside in zone are responsible for their own transportation. Families can contact the transportation department to request ridership, but are not guaranteed a bus to school when enrolled in IB.