

# Hartsville High School

## International Baccalaureate World School

### What is the IB Programme?

The International Baccalaureate Programme was founded in 1968 in Geneva, Switzerland. Its goal was to ensure that students were adequately prepared for the European University system. The IB Programme assesses students using International Standards. Currently there are approximately 2,905 IB Diploma schools in over 140 nations. 877 IB Diploma Schools are located in the US, including 27 in South Carolina. Hartsville High School was accredited as an **IB World School** in December 2007. HHS graduated its first IB class in 2010. The HHS IB Programme is a Magnet School and students living in Darlington County may apply for admission. The IB Programme is located on the campus of HHS and is a school within a school.

Students in grades 9 and 10 take accelerated classes which prepare them for IB level classes in the junior and senior years. Most IB level classes in the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade are taught over a two-year period. These IB courses are offered at two levels, Standard Level and Higher Level. Successful completion of Higher Level courses may result in college credit. Students taking six IB classes in the junior and senior years are classified as IB Full Diploma Candidates. Students taking fewer than 6 IB classes are designated IB Certificate Candidates. Approximately 1/3 of our IB students are classified as Full Diploma Students and 2/3 of our IB students are classified as Certificate Students. IB courses receive the highest rating GPA possible. IB juniors and seniors enjoy library privileges at Coker College

Fifty 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are admitted each year based on seven criteria:

- Transcript & Class Schedule 30%
- Teacher Recommendation 10%
- Standardized Test Scores 20%
- Writing Sample 20%
- Interview 10%
- Discipline Record 5%
- Attendance 5%

### Five reasons to apply for the IB Programme:

- ✓ **College Classes.** IB offers the opportunity to take classes at a college level and to earn college credit while in high school.
- ✓ **Increased SAT scores.** The HHS IB Class of 2015 averaged 1651 (out of 2400) on the SAT. This exceeded the state & national averages, as well as the averages of all other public schools in the district and Pee Dee Region.
- ✓ **Increased GPA and Rank in Class.** IB courses carry the highest possible GPA weighting. 17/19 of HHS Board of Education Scholars were IB students.
- ✓ **Scholarships.** The HHS IB Class of 2015 was offered over \$5.2 million in scholarships.
- ✓ **IB Success.** 84% pass rate on IB Exams in 2015.
- ✓ **IB Diploma.** The IB Diploma is considered the gold standard of high school diplomas and is recognized internationally.

**PULSE Program.** Funded by a \$5 million grant from Sonoco, the PULSE Program was introduced in 2011 as a partnership between HHS, Coker College, and the Governor's School. Hartsville High School students may take classes from the Governor's School and Coker College. Current classes include Mandarin Chinese, AP Calculus, Robotics, pre-Engineering, Molecular Biology and College Fine Arts classes. These classes are available to Hartsville High School students.

## Typical Schedules

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Pre-IB \*

H English II  
 H Algebra II  
 H Physical Science  
 H Biology I  
 PE or JROTC  
 {Band/Strings/ Chorus **Or** Fine Arts }  
 {**Or** H Economics / Government }  
 Foreign Language I CP

### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade IB Programme \*

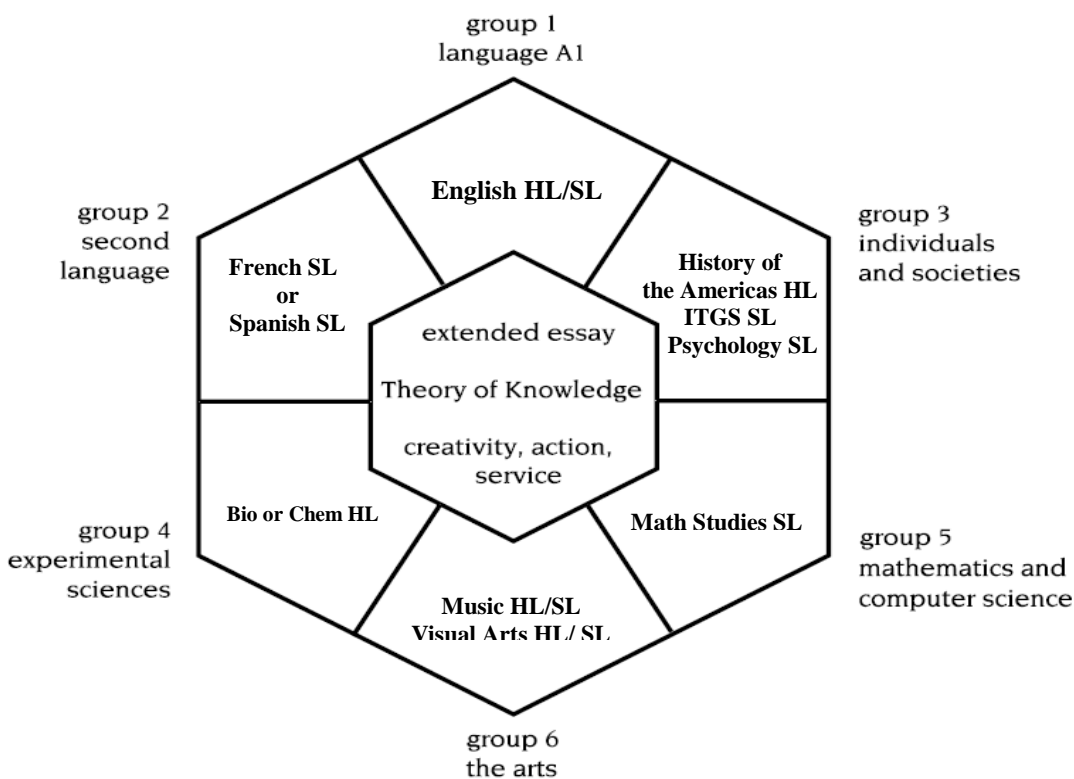
{IB English IV HL}  
 { TOK / Extended Essay }  
 IB History of the Americas I HL  
 IB Biology I **or** Chemistry I HL  
 IB Math Studies SL  
 IB Foreign Language III SL  
 IB Psychology SL **or** IB ITGS **or** IB Music **or**  
 IB Visual Arts

### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Pre-IB \*

H English III  
 H Geometry  
 H Pre-Calculus  
 H US History  
 H Chemistry  
 {Band/Strings/ Chorus }  
 {**Or** Fine Arts }  
 Foreign Language II CP

### 12<sup>th</sup> Grade IB Programme \*

{IB English V HL} (Yr. 2)  
 { TOK / Extended Essay } (Yr. 2)  
 IB History of the Americas II HL (Yr. 2)  
 IB Biology II **or** Chemistry II HL  
 {IB Math Studies SL (Yr. 2) }  
 {**or** AP Calculus }  
 IB Foreign Language IV SL  
 IB Music (Yr. 2) **or** IB Visual Arts (Yr. 2) **or**  
 Elective



\* PULSE Program classes also available

Additional Information:

**Magnet Fair: Darlington Middle School**  
**Thursday, Sept. 24, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

**IB Informational Meeting: HHS Media Center**  
**Tuesday, October 6, 7:00 p.m.**

HHS Web Site: <http://hhs.dcsdschools.org/>

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