

Richards Middle School/Muscogee County School District Admissions Policy

Rationale:

Muscogee County School District believes that students who wish to challenge themselves both academically and personally should be afforded the opportunity. Students should be involved in their educational pursuit to make sure they are challenged based on their academic level and personal maturity. All students can benefit from all four of the International Baccalaureate Programmes socially, emotionally, and academically. The district offers the

- **IB Primary Years Programme** at Clubview Elementary School
- **IB Middle Years Programme** at Richards Middle School (6-8) and Hardaway High School (MYP Candidate School for grades 9-10)
- **IB Career-related Programme** for grades 11-12 at Hardaway High School, and
- **IB Diploma Programme** for grades 11-12 at Hardaway High School.

Admission to the IB Primary Years Programme:

At Clubview Elementary, the IB Primary Years Programme is a whole-school program. Students may enter the program at any grade level. All of the students will automatically participate in the IB PYP.

Admission to the MYP Programme:

At Richards Middle School, the whole-school is introduced the MYP framework. In order for a student to participate fully in the IB MYP and meet all the requirements, he or she must first elect to take the challenge. Interested students who seek to participate fully in the MYP will apply to participate in the magnet program. The school will look at the student's last two years of report cards, teacher recommendations, and an on-site assessment. Any decisions regarding the participation in the MYP must be approved by each student's parent or guardian as signified by his or her signing of the student's magnet request form. This will be completed in the spring of the preceding year of enrollment. Any students who move into the area will be allowed to apply.

Hardaway High School is a Candidate School to be able to offer the MYP to all 9th and 10th grade students.

Admission to the IB Career-related or Diploma Programmes:

Interested students may seek to participate in the IB Career-related or the IB Diploma (DP) Programme. Students who wish to participate in the DP are encouraged (but not required) to take honors courses during 9th and/or 10th grade to gain the presumed knowledge IB expects at the beginning of its DP courses. During the spring semester of 10th grade, students interested in completing the full IB DP in 11th and 12th grades should schedule a meeting with the IB coordinator. At this meeting, they will collaborate on a potential 2-year IB plan of study based upon the following: personal interests; academic, college, and career goals; transcript; and standardized scores (e.g., PSAT). At this conference, if the student, parent, or coordinator have concerns about the appropriateness of participating in either program, these concerns are discussed and alternatives are explored. Students who wish to complete the IB CP must begin during the 9th or 10th grade which is one of the three-year CTAE pathways associated with the IB CP in order to complete the pathway and take the pathway exam during their senior year.