

**Shawnee Mission Northwest International Baccalaureate Program
Admissions Policy**

1. The general philosophy of the Shawnee Mission School District and of Shawnee Mission Northwest High School is to make the International Baccalaureate Program available to all those who want to challenge themselves as students and to prepare themselves for university. (In compliance of Section 4.1 of *General Regulations – Diploma Programme 2016*).
2. Any student may enroll in the “IB prep classes” in 9th grade and 10th grade. Those students who are interested in participating in the program are encouraged to check the “IB Program box” on their initial academic enrollment at SM Northwest. Students who are interested in participating in the program during their junior and senior years are encouraged to attend informational meetings with the IB Coordinator prior to actually joining the program.
3. Actual IB enrollment occurs when student enroll for the junior year.
4. The IB Program lasts two academic years, culminating at the end of the senior year.
5. Students may choose to participate in the program in two ways: diploma candidate or course candidate.