



## Did You Know?

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Carrollton · Farmers Branch

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## International Baccalaureate

### ***What is International Baccalaureate?***

International Baccalaureate (IB) develops and offers international education for students ages 3 to 19, working in close cooperation with IB World Schools. There are three IB programs that span the years from kindergarten to pre-university. The programs can be offered individually or as a continuum.

**The Primary Years Program** for students ages 3 to 12 focuses on the development of the whole child in the classroom and in the world outside. **GOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** has an authorized Primary Years Program: grades K-5.

**LAS COLINAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** is in the process of becoming authorized. Anticipated date of authorization is Spring, 2009.

**The Middle Years Program** for students ages 11 to 16 provides a framework of academic challenge and life skills, achieved through embracing and transcending traditional school subjects. **BARBARA BUSH MIDDLE SCHOOL** is in the process of becoming authorized. Anticipated date of authorization is Spring, 2009.

**The Diploma Program** for students ages 16 to 19 is a demanding two-year curriculum leading to final examinations and a qualification that is welcomed by leading universities around the world. **RANCHVIEW HIGH SCHOOL** has an authorized Diploma Program, grades 11 and 12.

Each program includes curriculum and instructional methods, student assessment appropriate to the age range, professional development for teachers and a process of school authorization and evaluation. The programs are available through 2,407 IB World Schools in 131 countries. **In Spring 2009, C-FB ISD will have IB programs K-12.**

### Questions?

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#### ***How do schools qualify for the program?***

It is a rigorous process to apply, receive consideration and then authorization for an IB program. It typically takes three years to become an authorized IB school. The review includes the measurement of support from the district including district administration, board of trustees, campus staff and community.

#### ***When did this program begin at C-FB?***

Good Elementary started considering the program in 2004. They became authorized in 2007 -2008.

#### ***What is the benefit for students to be in the program?***

It meets the needs of highly motivated students. It is comprehensive, meaning students receive instruction at a pre-university level in all the content areas. It is internationally minded, interdisciplinary and requires students to have a second language and a culminating product. For students who graduate with an IB Diploma, they will receive a minimum of 24 college credit hours from a Texas College or University.

#### ***How does IB benefit students?***

- Prepares students for pre-university academics.
- Teachers receive rigorous training that affects all students.
- Teaches students to ask challenging questions.
- Students develop a strong sense of their own identity and culture.
- Students develop the ability to communicate with and understand people from other countries and cultures.

For more information visit  
[www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)

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