# 2012 – 2013 Program Policies
## PHS International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program

**IB Mission Statement:** ***The International Baccalaureate Program aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end the International Baccalaureate Organization works with schools, governments, and international organizations to develop challenging programs of international education and rigorous assessment. These programs encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.***

**The IB Middle Years Program adheres to all PHS policies and the PSD Code of Conduct, with the following additions:**

- In order to develop a positive learning environment and support the development of the IB Learner Profile, appropriate classroom behavior is expected in accordance with individual teacher expectations, PHS policies and the PSD Code of Conduct. Disciplinary action will take place if violations occur. Habitual behavior problems or serious Code of Conduct violations that result in suspension or expulsion may result in removal from the IB program.
- Students are expected to complete their own work. Plagiarism and cheating will not be tolerated. Please refer to the PHS IB plagiarism and cheating policy on the back of this page.
- All MYP students must take a comprehensive final examination in all of their IB classes. Final exams in year-long IB classes are worth 20% of the second semester grade. Final exams/projects in MYP semester and quarter classes will be worth 10% of the final grade.
- Admission to the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (junior and senior years) is contingent on successfully completing <u>all</u> of the required elements necessary to earn an MYP certificate by the end of the 10th grade year. To earn the certificate, all students must:
    1. Complete Community Service requirements each year on time.
    2. Complete all requirements for the 10th grade Personal Project and earn a passing grade.
    3. Complete all academic requirements of the IB Middle Years Program and earn no more than one F or two D's.
- A student receiving one 'F' or two or more grades of 'D' at the end of first quarter or first semester during any year of the IB program may be placed on academic probation requiring specific conditions to be met to continue in the program for second semester. Students receiving such grades at the end of second semester will NOT be permitted to continue in the IB Program. Appeals to this policy will be permitted based on individual circumstances.
- **Students may not exit the IB program during the middle of a school year unless the student is transferring to another school. Classes are staffed based on registration numbers, and PHS cannot transfer students into non-IB classes after the year has begun. Tutorial help is available if a student is in academic jeopardy.**

**I have read and understand the specific IB Program policies.**

**Print Student's Name_____ Class of _____**

**Please sign and return this copy with the student's completed application. A second copy will be provided for student/parent reference.**

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Student's Signature Parent's Signature

DATE: _____ DATE: _____