

Press Release

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The International Baccalaureate Organization has approved Goshen High School's application to offer the IB diploma program beginning in the fall of 2008. This two year program will provide junior and senior students with advanced courses in six academic areas. Students graduating with an International Baccalaureate diploma have higher acceptance rates at colleges of choice and are often granted college level credits for their work.

After two years of intensive investigation and curriculum review, GHS teachers and staff are prepared to help students through this challenging and very rewarding program. Students are now in the process of scheduling for IB courses for the coming school year. Juniors will be able to take select IB courses while sophomores will be able to schedule for both certificates and the full diploma.

Students involved in the International Baccalaureate program will gain valuable experience and knowledge that will increase opportunities for success in college. Also, students will gain an international perspective that will help them compete in a global economy. The International Baccalaureate diploma is recognized world-wide as an elite accomplishment and the curriculum is considered the gold standard for high school curriculum.

Goshen High School is the first Elkhart County school to be authorized. South Bend Adams, Fort Wayne South Side, and Valparaiso are the only other northern Indiana schools able to offer this prestigious diploma.

For more information about the Goshen High School IB diploma program visit www.goshenib.org or contact Shelly Wilfong at swilfong@goshenschools.org.