



EHS IB DP Enrollment/Admissions Practices

Elgin High School

General Education Program

All rising juniors who live within the Elgin High School boundaries may elect to enroll in any of the IB subject area courses offered at Elgin based upon interest in the available IB coursework. Students interested in enrolling in the Full Diploma should work with their counselor to ensure the following considerations have been accounted for:

- Students have taken coursework in their freshman or sophomore year to satisfy the Illinois State graduation requirement of a year-long course in United States History.
- Students should have either completed Algebra 2 by the conclusion of their sophomore year or enrolled in Algebra 2 over the summer to ensure appropriate math readiness for IB Math Application and Approaches.
- Students who are interested in engaging in an IB Language Acquisition course, but who have not previously taken World Language courses, should enroll in the ab initio language offerings at the school.

Additionally, students should consult with their counselor or the IB Coordinator to further discuss post-secondary goals and potential IB coursework to support those goals.

Academy Program

Students who reside outside of the Elgin High School boundaries can apply for admission to the Elgin High School Academy as rising Freshman. Students accepted into the Elgin High School Academy will continue to engage in the traditional honors and Advanced Placement courses offered in their freshman and sophomore years at Elgin. Academy students will also have access to the IB DP course offerings beginning in their junior year.

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- Students who are interested in engaging in an IB Language Acquisition course, but who have not previously taken World Language courses, should enroll in the ab initio language offerings at the school.

Students outside of Elgin High School who wish to change their enrollment to Elgin High School will continue to utilize the District's Magnet Academy application process, which consists of the following criteria:

- Minimum 2.0 GPA
 - Students with GPA lower than 2.0 should speak with their counselor prior to applying to any Academy and review any of the available assessments on file for the courses with the counselor.
- 2 letters of recommendation

Students who meet one of two preferences receive automatic acceptance into the magnet academy program of their choice, provided they have met the minimum qualifications.

- Lottery preferences include:
 - Sibling: students with a 9th – 11th-grade sibling enrolled in the academy

- Project Access: students who are homeless or in a temporary living situation

Students who meet one or more of the identified priorities gain additional entries into the lottery system if they meet the minimum qualification and show evidence of meeting the additional criteria.

- Lottery priorities include:
 - Geographic location: students who live within the geographic boundaries of the school (1)
 - Program participation: students who participate in identified middle school coursework, extracurricular activities, or community-based programs (1)
 - Free or Reduced Lunch: students who receive free or reduced lunch (2)

More information about the District's Magnet Academy Application process can be found on the Magnet Academy website by scanning the link to the right.



Diversity Statement

In alignment with the Equity Policy of School District U-46, the District's Strategic Plan, and in support of democratic ideals, the U-46 High School Magnet Programs are committed to providing an empathetic and progressive educational environment that embraces diversity among students, staff, and community members. The U-46 High School Magnet Programs will recruit and support students of diverse backgrounds, intentionally construct and maintain a culturally competent curriculum, and value the unique perspectives and life experiences of all community members so that our students will become leaders capable of engaging in a diverse, global society.

U-46 Magnet Program Goals:

- A. Promote a culturally linguistic, inclusive, and safe environment for all to focus on teaching and learning.
- B. Deliver a highly engaging and rigorous innovative curriculum aligned with their cognitive capabilities and given opportunities to assess in a variety of formats.
- C. Work collaboratively with businesses and the community to enrich the student experience.
- D. Sustain high levels of achievement for students enrolled in Magnet programs.
- E. Provide exemplary service that supports students' academic and social-emotional growth.

Policy Review

Elgin High School's DP Enrollment and Admissions Practices are to be reviewed every other even-numbered year by the EHS IB Committee members, teacher department leadership committees including SIP and SD, building pedagogical leadership team, and parents/guardians. Review team members will ensure this policy continues to align with the school mission and uphold the IB standards of practice.