



## **IB Program Admission Criteria: Pre-Diploma Program**

All students who desire to register for Pre-Diploma Program classes in grades 8 or 9 may make application. Student selection will be based on a matrix score comprised of past performance, teacher evaluations, writing ability, interviews and test scores.

Because the Pre-Diploma Program curriculum varies from that of the non-Pre-Diploma Program sequence, transfer students may enter the Pre-Diploma Program in grade 10 only after successfully completing designated subject area content tests as well as meet the criteria as determined by the matrix score.

Recruitment and informational meetings will be held with prospective rising ninth grade Pre-Diploma Program students each year prior to registration. At that time, the IB Dean and other staff members will discuss the IB curriculum and its expectations. Prospective IB students who enroll at Richmond Academy from other schools will be advised by the appropriate guidance counselor and the IB Dean on a case-by-case basis.

The IB Dean supervises the International Baccalaureate program at the school, including testing sessions and the scheduling of assessments. The dean is a member of the ARC staff and serves as the contact person between the school and IB North America (IBNA) and IB Curriculum and Assessment Centre (IBCA) in Cardiff, Wales.