

### What is the selection criteria/process for IS?

Students must apply to attend the program. Applications will be available beginning December 7, 2012 and must be returned to the Ed Center by February 1, 2013. To be eligible, incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students must complete Algebra I in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and have scored 3's or 4's on their 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade EOG tests. Students from outside Cabarrus County Schools will need to submit standardized testing data from a nationally-normed test. Incoming 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will need to have completed the following courses: Honors English I, Honors Civics, Honors Geometry, Honors Earth/Environmental Science, Honors Biology, Chinese or Spanish, and Health and PE.

### Will there be a cap on class size for IS?

Class size requirements for all high schools are set by Cabarrus County School administration. International Studies classes will follow these guidelines.

### If a student leaves the program will that slot be available for a student that was denied due to space issues?

Students will **NOT** be able to join the program in the middle of the year. They may apply annually for a slot and will go through the lottery based on space. However, students must meet the course requirements to be eligible for grade 10. Courses needed included Honors English I, Honors Civics, Honors Geometry, Health and PE, Honors Earth/Environmental Science, Honors Biology, and Chinese I or Spanish I. Only IB Diploma transfers from other IB Diploma programs will be admitted into 12th grade.

### Will the students be isolated from the rest of the student body?

No, all International Studies students will be integrated into CHS' student body. Students will be assigned to classrooms throughout the building, will eat lunch during one of the four lunch periods, and can be a part of clubs and sports teams at CHS.

### How are the schedules of IS freshmen different than the schedules of traditional freshmen?

Freshmen who enter the International Studies program will follow a prescribed, year-long course of study with an international focus. Students will be required to complete community service.

The following schedule is a typical 9<sup>th</sup> grade MYP schedule:

Civilizations and Cultures (combined Honors English I and Honors Civics and Economics)  
Honors Geometry  
Honors Earth/Environmental Science  
Honors Biology  
Foreign Language (Chinese, French or Spanish)  
Health and PE  
Fine Arts

Honors Biology and Honors Civics and Economics are typically 10<sup>th</sup> grade classes.

The typical 10<sup>th</sup> grade IS schedule will be:

Civilizations and Cultures II (Honors English II and AP World History)  
Honors Algebra II  
Honors Chemistry  
Honors Physics with design cycle embedded or a Technology Elective  
Chinese or Spanish  
Fine Arts  
Physical Education course

Honors Chemistry and Honors Physics are typically 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade classes.

The typical 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade schedule (courses are over two years)

English  
History of the Americas  
Math  
Science (Chemistry or Biology)  
Foreign Language (continuation of language studied in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade)  
Fine Art or Elective- (possible electives are Information Technology in a Global Society, Chemistry or Biology, or French ab initio)  
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