

# Jefferson County International Baccalaureate School



## Admissions Policy

### Philosophy

The JCIB faculty believes that every student who graduates from Jefferson County International Baccalaureate School is prepared for university and career challenges and opportunities. We believe our students and their families are invested in developing lifelong learners who care about the world they inhabit. We understand that enrolling at JCIB is a family affair - this is not just an 8 to 3 school experience. Our students are expected to participate in rigorous academics, meaningful service, and various extracurriculars as they embrace a holistic and engaging educational experience while being supported and nurtured by faculty, coordinators and administrators who embody the school's mission and vision. We hope that students will enter the 6th grade and matriculate successfully through the MYP and DP programs; all students are pursuing the IB Diploma. It is expected that all students will continue their post-secondary education at a four-year college or university.

### IB Requirements

#### Culture

- 1.1 The school implements and reviews an access or admissions policy that clearly describes the conditions for participation in the school's programmes. (0301-01-0100)

### General Guidelines

JCIB is an application school. Students may apply for admission while in grades five through ten for the coming school year. The application process is a holistic experience that evaluates the student's writing and expression, standardized test scores, grades, attendance, and discipline records. The application process also involves recommendations from teachers and the counselor/principal of their current school.

Applications are available on the district website in December and are typically due in early February. The admissions committee reviews all applications as a team and assesses the qualifications; the committee uses a rubric to guide their admissions decisions. There is no admissions exam. Students are accepted from any school district - students who are zoned outside of the district pay minimal tuition.

There are no prerequisites for admission for students applying to middle school (grades 6 - 8). For students applying to the high school (grades 9 - 11) there are prerequisites for math

courses: students who are applying for 10th grade must have taken Algebra I and Geometry; students who are applying to the Diploma Programme in grade 11 must have taken Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II .

All students who apply will receive a decision letter in late March. Student orientation and mentor assignments are made over the summer to help ease new students into our programmes.

Students who are accepted into JCIB at any grade level are allowed to continue through the programme(s) without reapplying, assuming that they maintain their enrollment (do not withdraw), have exemplary behavior, and remain in good academic standing.

Good academic standing is evidenced by a weighted cumulative gpa of at least a 3.0; students whose gpa falls below 3.0 or who earn an F or more than 2 Ds in a term may be placed on academic probation and assigned an Academic Liaison to assist with more detailed study skills enhancement.

Exemplary behavior is indicated by students observing and adhering to the Jefcoed Student Code of Conduct. The faculty and administration realize that adolescence involves maturation and occasional missteps which require correction. Minor offenses (Class I) will not automatically result in a student's dismissal, however, repeated infractions at the Class I or Class II level may result in a student dismissal; students who are found to have committed Class III infractions will be dismissed.