

VENICE HIGH SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE


SOUTH COUNTY'S IB MAGNET SCHOOL

WHAT IS IB?

"IB" is short for "International Baccalaureate"



It is a two-year program that begins in a student's junior year.



International program of studies for students who want to challenge themselves academically by taking a range of courses that follow a 1- and 2-year progression.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF IB?

- Wholistic approach to education and academics
- A tight-knit community that grows together
- Opportunities for Bright Futures and other Scholarships and Awards
- IB Students are highly sought after by colleges and universities
- Opportunity to achieve college credit
- Academics focused on college preparedness

AN IMPORTANT DISTRICT FACT

Venice High School is the South County
IB Magnet School

IB is a district-approved magnet option

WHAT MAKES VENICE IB DIFFERENT



College-level thinking starting in high school



Strong writing, research, and communication skills



A small-community feel inside a comprehensive high school



Students known well by teachers and advisors

HOW DOES THE IB PROGRAM HELP KIDS?

IB helps students...

Think deeply and independently

Ask strong questions and solve complex problems

Prepare for college-level expectations — not just tests

Grow academically *and* personally

IB AT VENICE HIGH SCHOOL



Two Pathways • One Purpose



IB Diploma Programme (DP)

A full academic diploma with broad, rigorous coursework



IB Career-Related Programme (CP)

Academic rigor paired with a focused career pathway

HOW DOES MY CHILD PREPARE FOR IB?

- Maintain GOOD attendance
- Take prerequisite courses!
- Algebra 2 Honors face-to-face (Required for DP)
- World Language—2 years face-to-face (Required for DP)
- Career Pathway (Required for CP)
- Time Management
- Amount of homework per week varies by class, teacher and student. Be prepared to have homework weekly.
- IB Assessments are largely reading and writing based.
- Essay writing is required in every class. Strong writing skills are recommended and developed.

OTHER PREREQUISITES

- 3.0 GPA, unweighted
- Passing Score of 3 on PM2 ELA FAST Assessment
- Must be in good standing with Attendance and Discipline
- Rising Juniors apply and are accepted into the IB Program if qualified
- Rising Freshman and Sophomores must apply for the Pre-IB Track and register for Pre-Requisites with Guidance Counselors in the Spring!

IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME (DP)


Designed for students who:

Enjoy challenge across multiple subjects

Plan to attend a four-year college or university

Want a diploma recognized worldwide

Includes: Advanced coursework, research,
writing, and exams



DIPLOMA PROGRAM (DP)

- Full IB Course Schedule
- Waived from certain FL Graduation Requirements
- IB Diploma Core
 - Theory of Knowledge (TOK)
 - Extended Essay
 - Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)

IB CAREER- RELATED PROGRAMME (CP)

Designed for students who:

Want rigor *and* real-world application

Thrive with focused career pathways

Plan to attend a four-year college or university, certification, or specialized training

Includes: Career pathways, IB coursework, and professional skills

A Career-Related Study

- Must take all FL Graduation Requirements
- A minimum of three IB Courses (2-year Language and Literature is required)

IB Career Core

- Personal and Professional Skills (PPS)
- Language and Cultural Studies
- Reflective Project
- Community Engagement

CAREER PROGRAM (CP)

CAREER PATHWAYS

Medical/EKG

Engineering Technology

Business Entrepreneurship

Computer Science

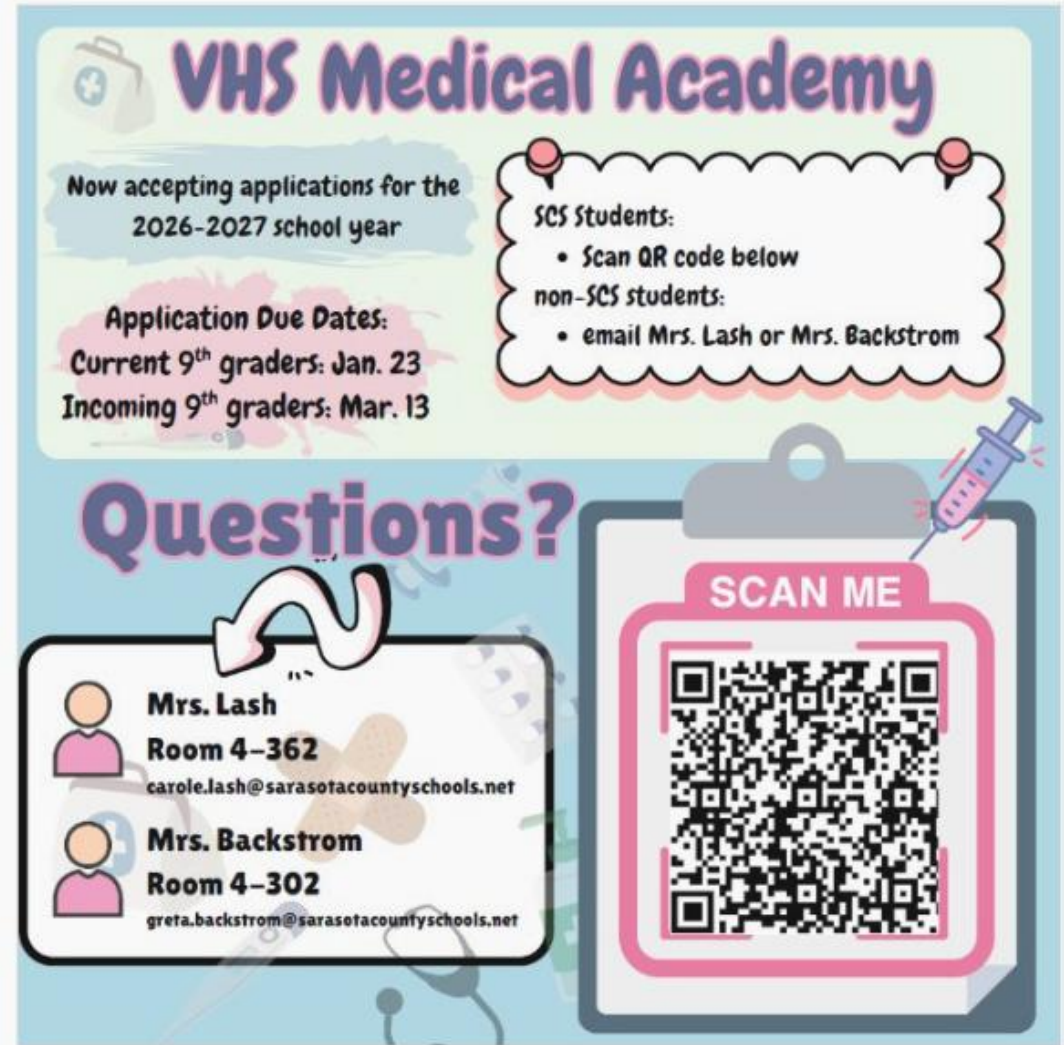
Multimedia Design

JROTC

Music

Future Healthcare Providers

- Earn industry certification
- Job shadowing at SMH and other local healthcare facilities
- Guest speakers
- Learn basic medical procedures
- IB Career Program pathway



VHS Medical Academy

Now accepting applications for the 2026-2027 school year

Application Due Dates:
Current 9th graders: Jan. 23
Incoming 9th graders: Mar. 13

SCS Students:

- Scan QR code below

non-SCS students:

- email Mrs. Lash or Mrs. Backstrom

Questions?

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SCAN ME

QR code

The poster is a colorful flyer for VHS Medical Academy. It features a medical bag icon, a syringe, and a stethoscope. The text is arranged in a clear, organized manner, with key information highlighted in boxes and a QR code for easy access.

WHAT 9TH GRADE LOOKS LIKE AT VENICE IN PREPARATION FOR THE IB PROGRAM (11TH AND 12TH)



Honors-level core classes



World language progression
(Diploma Program)



Early academic advising



IB support built in from the start

POSSIBLE SCHEDULE FOR 9TH GRADE

Typical Program Schedule for 9th grade

IB Diploma Track	IB Career Pathway Track
Pre-IB English 1	Pre-IB English 1
Geo Honors/Algebra 2 Honors (Pre-Req)	Math (Your Progression)
Pre-IB Biology	Environmental Honors or Pre-IB Biology
AP Human Geography (Recommended)	IB Career Path
Elective	HOPE (Recommended Online) or Elective
Elective (Career Path should you want to keep both options open for the future)	Personal Financial Money Management Honors
Pre-IB Spanish 2 or Pre-IB Italian 1	Pre-IB Spanish or Pre-IB Italian



Group 1 Lang/Lit	Group 2 Language Acquisition	Group 3 Individuals and Societies	Group 4 Sciences	Group 5 Mathematics	Group 6 The Arts
IB Language and Literature	IB Spanish IB Italian	IB Philosophy** IB Business Management* IB Psychology** IB History**~	IB Biology IB Sports, Exercise, Health Science	IB Applications & Interpretations IB Analysis & Approaches~^	IB Visual Art** IB Theatre** IB Music

All IB course follow a 2-year progression unless otherwise noted

*Is a 1 Year Course

**Has a 1 or 2 Year Course Option

~For 2 Year Progression, AP course is taken (AP US History, AP Calculus AB)

^Prerequisites include Alg. 2 Honors, AP Pre-Calc, AP Calc AB

IB COURSES OFFERED AT VENICE HIGH

SUPPORT IS PART OF THE DESIGN

Dedicated IB counselors and coordinators

Structured academic advising and check-ins

Teacher collaboration and communication

A culture that values balance and growth

Students districted to any school other than Venice High may apply

Venice IB is a district magnet program

Rising 11th students who are on campus have already applied

Rising 10th students who are on campus receive hard-copy applications this week

Rising 9th students (and all others) can apply digitally with a QR code that will be available at the end of this presentation and online at:

venicehighibprograms.com

MAGNET STATUS: HOW IT WORKS

IS VENICE IB A GOOD FIT?

Venice IB may be a strong choice for students who:

Are curious and motivated

Want to be well prepared for college

Value strong relationships with teachers

Are ready to grow academically and personally

FROM OUR
STUDENTS

"IB taught me how to think,
not just what to memorize."

"I felt supported, even when
the work was challenging."

"IB prepared me for college
in ways I didn't expect."

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Athletics and fine arts

Clubs, leadership, and service

A full high school experience
with IB structure and support

MEET THE IB TEAM

Administration • Coordinators • Counselors

- **Mr. Brian Crocker, DP Coordinator**
- **Ms. Gretchen Myers, CP Coordinator**
- **Mrs. Brenda Bartlett, IB Counselor**
- **Mrs. Brittany Rutherford, IB Assistant Principal of Curriculum**
- **Questions? Email vhsibprograms@gmail.com**
- **Website: venicehighibprograms.com**

WHAT'S NEXT?

Review the IB Program flyer at venicehighibprograms.com

Rising 10th on campus: apply in ELA this week

- Rising 9th (and all others): apply this week using the QR code at the end of this presentation or on our site

VHS IB will email you directly with acceptance or denial

- If you are accepted, you will need to also apply through the district magnet process on the district site

EXPECTATIONS OF PRE-IB TRACK ACCEPTANCE

If you are districted to another school and do not maintain standard requirements or have issues with attendance, academic integrity, or discipline, IB reserves the right to remove you from the Program or Track—this will result in removal of Magnet status and a return to your home-districted school

If you are districted to VHS and do not maintain standard requirements or have issues with attendance, academic integrity, or discipline, IB reserves the right to remove you from the Program or Track and reschedule you on a standard course of study

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE

- We look forward to partnering with your family. You are invited to join our IB Boosters...



IB APPLICATION FOR ALL STUDENTS

