Why Venice?

Start Your IB Journey Here

Pre-IB • IB Career-related • IB Diploma

Why Venice High School?

Opportunity

Athletics • Arts • Clubs • Leadership • Career Pathways

Challenge

Academics that push students to think, grow, and achieve

Community

A large-school experience with a small-school feel

Belonging

Students are known, supported, and encouraged to get involved

A complete high school experience — with an IB community inside it.

Your IB Journey Starts in 9th Grade

9th Grade

Pre-IB
Build strong academic habits
Begin/continue world language
Explore interests/opportunities

10th Grade

Pre-IB
Continue rigorous preparation
Plan your IB pathway
Prepare for junior year

11th & 12th Grades

IB Diploma Programme (DP)
Broad, rigorous academic program

IB Career-related Programme (CP)
IB academics + career-focused study

Graduation & Beyond

College • Career • Life
Prepared to write, think, communicate, and succeed

You don't have to arrive at Venice already knowing how to be an IB student. We help you become one.

What Is IB?

A challenging two-year international program for 11th and 12th grade

THINK

Ask strong questions
Analyze ideas
Solve complex problems

COMMUNICATE

Write clearly
Discuss thoughtfully
Research independently

GROW

Build confidence
Develop independence
Prepare for what comes next

IB is not simply “more work.” It is a different way of learning.

Why Families Choose IB at Venice

COLLEGE PREPARATION

Reading, writing, research, discussion, and academic independence

COMMUNITY

A tight-knit group of students growing together inside a comprehensive high school

OPPORTUNITY

Potential college credit, scholarships, awards, and a globally recognized program

PREPARATION FOR LIFE

Students learn to think deeply, communicate clearly, and manage challenging work

Rigorous academics. Strong relationships. A complete high school experience.

IB Diploma Programme (DP)

For students who want broad academic challenge across multiple subjects

- A full IB course schedule across the required subject groups
- Advanced coursework, research, writing, discussion, and examinations
- A diploma recognized by colleges and universities around the world
- Designed especially for students planning a four-year college or university

THE DP CORE

Theory of Knowledge (TOK)

Extended Essay (EE)

Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)

The goal: students who can think, write, research, question, and learn independently.

Florida Bright Futures: Earning the IB Diploma qualifies students for the 100% tuition Florida Academic Scholars award (subject to state requirements).

IB Career-related Programme (CP)

For students who want academic rigor connected to a focused career pathway

- A career-related study combined with IB coursework
- A minimum of three IB courses, including the two-year Language and Literature course
- Florida graduation requirements remain part of the program
- A pathway toward college/university and career

THE CP CORE

Personal & Professional Skills

Language & Cultural Studies

Reflective Project

Community Engagement

Career Pathways at Venice

CP students pair IB learning with a career-related study

Medical / EKG

Engineering Technology

Business Entrepreneurship

Music

Multimedia Design

JROTC

Pathway offerings and course details can be updated as curriculum decisions are finalized.

What Does Pre-IB Prepare Students to Do?

BUILD HABITS

Attendance
Time management
Organization
Consistent effort

BUILD SKILLS

Reading
Writing
Research
Discussion
Problem solving

BUILD THE PATH

Complete prerequisites
Continue world language for DP
Begin a career pathway for CP
Plan ahead with counselors

Pre-IB is preparation — not a test of whether a ninth grader already has everything figured out.

Preparing to Enter IB

- 3.0 unweighted GPA
- Passing score of 3 on the PM3 ELA FAST Assessment
- Good standing with attendance and discipline
- DP preparation includes Algebra 2 Honors (face-to-face) and two years of face-to-face world language
- CP preparation includes progress in an approved Career Pathway

Rising freshmen and sophomores apply for the Pre-IB track; rising juniors apply for the IB Program when qualified.

Support Is Part of the Design

DEDICATED PEOPLE

IB coordinators, counselor, teachers, and administration

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Structured planning, check-ins, and course guidance

COMMUNICATION

Teachers collaborate and families have people to contact when questions arise

BALANCE & GROWTH

Students are challenged while remaining part of the larger Venice community

Students are known here.

Rotary Futures regularly meets with IB DP and CP students to support college and career planning.

IB Students Are Venice Students

IB does not have to mean giving up the rest of high school.

ATHLETICS

Compete
Lead
Represent Venice

ARTS & ACTIVITIES

Perform
Create
Join clubs

SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

Serve
Organize
Make an impact

A full high school experience — with IB structure and support.

Venice IB: Results That Matter

Diploma & Certificate Attainment • Past Two Years

91%

DP students earned the IB Diploma

92%

CP students earned the Career Programme Diploma

Class of 2026 • VHS University Admissions

35 of 40

VHS students accepted to the University of Florida were IB students

49 of 67

VHS students accepted to Florida State University were IB students

Why Venice? Ask Our Students.

Three seniors. Three perspectives. One Venice experience.

JAYLA MARTI

IB Career-related Programme (CP)

- Personal Career & School Development
- IB Biology 3
- IB Business Management 2
- Leadership Strategies Honors
- IB Personal & Professional Skills 2
- IB English Language & Literature 3
- Probability & Statistics with Applications Honors

LILY SMITH

IB Diploma Programme (DP)

- IB Music 3
- Personal Career & School Development
- IB Physics 2
- IB Contemporary History 2
- IB Theory of Knowledge 2
- IB Mathematics: Applications & Interpretations 2
- IB English Language & Literature 3

MILES OTCHET

IB Diploma Programme (DP)

- IB English Language & Literature 3
- IB Spanish 5
- IB Physics 2
- IB Contemporary History 2
- IB Philosophy 3
- IB Mathematics: Analysis & Approaches 2
- IB Theory of Knowledge 2

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, career, and life after high school
- Value strong relationships with teachers and classmates
- Are willing to work, ask for help, and grow
- Want challenge without giving up the rest of the high school experience

IB students do not have to arrive perfect. They do need to be willing to grow.

South County’s IB Magnet School

Venice High School is the district-approved IB magnet option for South County.

IF VENICE IS YOUR DISTRICT SCHOOL

Join the Pre-IB / IB pathway at Venice and work with our counselors to plan the right progression.

IF YOU LIVE OUTSIDE THE VENICE ZONE

Eligible students may apply to attend Venice through the IB magnet process.

Our goal is simple: make Venice accessible to students who want this opportunity.

Meet the IB Team

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What's Next?

- Review program information and course options
- Talk with your student about DP, CP, and the Pre-IB preparation that fits best
- Complete the Venice IB / Pre-IB application process
- If applying from outside the Venice attendance zone, complete the district magnet process after acceptance
- Watch for communication from Venice IB about acceptance and registration

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN

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Why Venice?

Because students can be challenged, supported, and fully part of the high school experience.



Venice IB Students • Collaborative Science Project • EPCOT

Scan to learn more and apply

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