

CHANGE THE EDUCATIONAL FOCUS BY EXPANDING THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAURATE PROGRAMME SCHOOLWIDE AT NICHOLAS SENN HIGH SCHOOL, HYDE PARK HIGH SCHOOL, TAFT HIGH SCHOOL, AND LINCOLN PARK HIGH SCHOOL

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Board approve a change of educational focus by expanding the International Baccalaureate (IB) programme school wide at Senn High School (Senn), Hyde Park High School (Hyde Park), Taft High School (Taft), and Lincoln Park High School (Lincoln Park).

Description: Effective July 1, 2013, existing IB programmes at Senn, Hyde Park, Morgan Park, Taft, and Lincoln Park High Schools will expand the number of students participating in IB programmes through enrollment and conversion of existing courses to satisfy IB curricular requirements. Currently, only a portion of each of these schools incoming 9th grade cohort is offered IB coursework. These schools will expand access to IB coursework to all students enrolled.


Enrollment: Students residing within the attendance boundary of the aforementioned schools are entitled to enrollment within the school and the IB programme. If all available 9th grade seats are not filled by students residing within the attendance boundary, students living outside of the attendance area may apply for available honors level IB seats within the aforementioned schools through the guidelines set forth in the Office of Access and Enrollment's Options for Knowledge Guide.

Curriculum: All attendance area 9th graders in Full School IB Programmes will be enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme. Upon completion of 10th grade, students previously enrolled in the Middle Years Programme will select one of several IB related options for 11th and 12th Grades. Those options include but are not limited to: IB Diploma Programme, IB Subject Certification, IB Career Related Certificate, and IB Core.

Personnel Implications: The Board will open new teaching positions programmed as International Baccalaureate teacher positions or International Baccalaureate teacher-in-training positions and staffed by qualified teachers. Board representatives will discuss and attempt to resolve any impacts on current teaching staff with the teachers' bargaining representative. Educational Support Personnel positions will be unaffected.

Financial: The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2013-2014 fiscal year budget. FY13 startup costs are estimated to be \$318,375. An addition to the FY14 Magnet, Gifted, and Talented budget of approximately \$373,500 will be sought during the FY14 budget process to pay for additional start-up costs. Ongoing costs will include personnel, professional development costs, as well as annual fees payable to International Baccalaureate Organization.

Approved for Consideration:



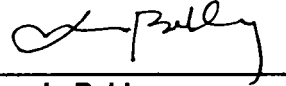
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