



NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL HONORS PROGRAM & GT ACADEMY APPLICATION 2020-2021 School Year

Colorado Springs School District 11
Accredited by the International Baccalaureate Organization in 1998



International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IBMYP)

As an IB school, all North students receive their instruction through the IB learner-centered framework. Certified in 1998, the **North IBMYP** fully incorporates all aspects of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme. Teaching and learning have a strong emphasis on international mindedness, interdisciplinary experiences, and higher order thinking skills. Students receive classes in the eight IBMYP subject areas of Mathematics, Sciences, Individuals & Societies (*history and geography*), Language & Literature, Physical Education, the Arts (*band, orchestra and visual art*), Technology and World Language Acquisition (*French, Mandarin Chinese or Spanish*) in addition to participation in Service Learning.

Honors Program

North's **Honors Program** provides an academically rigorous course of study for students requiring additional challenges, or for those who want to prepare for 9th and 10th grade IB Honors classes at Palmer High School. North's Honors Program is a great option for those students considering the IB Diploma Programme or Advanced Placement courses in 11th and 12th grades. The Honors Program application process considers standardized test scores, academic history, teacher recommendations and the student's desire to excel in a challenging classroom environment.

Enrollment in the Honors Program is by successful application and is open to all grade levels.*

Gifted and Talented

GT Discovery Classes: GT identified students have daily scheduled classes from our full-time GT teacher.

GT Academy: The GT Academy provides students officially recognized as Gifted and Talented the option of being part of a class cohort that travels together in high honors level classes that challenge them to focus on their passions for learning and exploration. The GT Academy also offers Strand options allowing for the flexibility of high honors classes in areas of strength and more appropriately challenging classes in other subjects. *High honors classes are limited to 30 students.*

Academy enrollment is by a successful Honors application plus GT scores, teacher recommendations and interviews.

HONORS PROGRAM/GT ACADEMY APPLICATIONS:

1. Complete, sign and return the attached **North IBMYP 2020-2021 Honors Program Application**.
2. Your present school should complete the **Records and Testing Information** and send it directly to North. *Copies of any test results you may have are very helpful and speed up the application process. Students will not be placed in Honors classes without test data.*
3. Ask a *minimum* of two teachers to fill out the **Teacher Recommendation Form**. Teachers should have had contact with the student within the last couple of years. You may submit more than two forms. Teachers may return these directly to the North IB Office.
4. Enclose a *copy* of the latest **report card** for the candidate.
5. Return all information by March 15, 2020, to:

North Middle School, IB Office

612 East Yampa

Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Phone: (719)328-2427

FAX: (719)448-0268

6. Letters of acceptance or non-acceptance will be mailed by April 17, 2020. Candidate responses are due in the IB Office by May 6, 2020. Appeals must be submitted in writing and received by May 6, 2020.

For more information, contact the North Counseling Office at 328-2406.

**Applications for 8th graders to North's Honors programs are limited to Semester 1 except for students new to D11. Second semester 8th graders should see Mrs. Brewer in the IB Office to begin the application process for 9th grade Honors.*

NOTE: Transportation for students not living in the North attendance area is the responsibility of the family.