



# ADMISSIONS POLICY

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## Forest Hill Community High School

### MYP, CP, DP

Entrance into the IB Programme is open to all grade 9, 10, and 11 students. Prior to course selection, students will meet with the appropriate programme coordinator and guidance counselor. Incoming grade 9 students are identified by the MYP coordinator and are placed in an MYP Design course where they will complete a personal project by the end of grade 10. The IB coordinator will conduct class visits in grade 10 to survey students interested in entering the Diploma and Career Programmes. Grade 8, 9, and 10 students and families are additionally encouraged to attend an informational session hosted by Forest Hill that overviews specific IB curriculum and available MYP, CP, and DP pathways. As a final check, each student will meet with a guidance counselor through their English class to review their course selections for the upcoming year. Students who express an interest in IB will meet with the IB guidance counselor, Alexa Kokotoff, and/or the IB DP/CP Coordinator, Shannon Deere, to discuss course selections and programme requirements. Forest Hill maintains an open admissions policy in an endeavor to further instill the IB philosophy and values within our diverse community of learners.

Students who enroll in the Diploma programme (DP) are expected to complete a comprehensive academic program that encompasses six subject groups, along with the IB Diploma Programme Core, which includes Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS), the Extended Essay (EE), and Theory of Knowledge (TOK). The six subject groups offered are Studies in Language and Literature, Language Acquisition, Individuals and Societies, Laboratory Sciences, Mathematics, and The Arts. Students have the option to replace one of their courses in The Arts with an additional course in Individuals and Societies or Language Acquisition. The curriculum is designed to provide a well-rounded education and equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary for success in higher education and beyond.

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Students who are enrolled in the Career programme (CP) at Forest Hill Community High School are required to complete their academy coursework along IB courses of their choice and an IB Professional Skills course. This ensures that the students are well-rounded and have the necessary skills to succeed in their chosen career path. The two DP courses are selected by the students based on their interests and goals. The IB Professional Skills course is designed to teach the students the essential skills required in the workforce, such as communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and problem-solving. This combination of coursework provides students with a unique and well-rounded education, which helps them prepare for college, career, and life beyond high school.

## Conniston Middle School

### MYP

The Middle years programme (MYP) at Conniston Middle School maintains open access to all students who reside within the designated school boundaries. All students in Palm Beach County are eligible to apply for a choice program such as this. The program is open to students in grades 6, 7, and 8, and students who are not zoned for Conniston Middle School may apply to be part of this program through completing the SDPBC Choice Program application (*see below*)

Once admitted to Conniston Middle School, all students are considered MYP students. Students who are in eighth grade complete a Community Project as part of their participation. The coursework at CMS includes teaching and learning in the areas of Language and Literature, Language Acquisition, Laboratory Sciences, Individuals and Societies, Mathematics, Physical and Health Education, and the Arts. These courses are designed to provide students with critical thinking skills, opportunities for collaboration, individual and collective inquiry, subject area integration, and real-world problem solving skills.

## Choice Policy

Students who do not live in the community assigned to the school must apply through the Choice and Career Education lottery system controlled by the School District of Palm Beach County. The computerized random lottery selection process is used to promote equity and diversity in the assignment of students to Choice schools and programmes. Choice and Career Education programmes are specialized educational programs that enable students to take advantage of additional resources and innovative teaching techniques that focus on

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the student's individual talents or interests. Currently at FHHS there are 25 seats available for the IB programme and 8 seats to be split among the other 9 career academies. Currently at CMS there are 57 students who were admitted for the 2023-2024 school year as incoming sixth graders. Please see the District's [Choice Schools and Programs Procedure Manual](#) for more information about the Choice Program.

## **Admission committee**

### **Forest Hill Community High School**

Shannon Deere, DP/CP Coordinator  
Justin Boruch, MYP Coordinator  
Alexa Kokotoff, IB Guidance Counselor  
Camella Slydell, IB Assistant Principal  
Diana Sardina, Choice Coordinator

### **Conniston Middle School**

Eric Fasone, MYP Coordinator  
James Thomas, Head of School  
Josh Widerman, Literacy Coach  
Javier Ortolaza, IB Assistant Principal