



Wayside
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Wayside: Sci-Tech High School International Baccalaureate Admissions and Withdrawal Policy

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Wayside: Sci-Tech High School Diploma Programme's philosophy of equity and access

Wayside: Sci-Tech High School is a tuition-free, college prep, public charter school accredited by the Texas Education Agency and the Texas State Board of Education. It's also a member of TIBS (Texas IB Schools). Sci-Tech High School exists to prepare College Ready, Community Engaged, Global Citizens. Sci-Tech High School's Diploma Programme is an Open Access Programme. Information about the IB Diploma Programme is given to scholars, parents, and guardians during an annual IB night. This information will highlight the advantages and benefits of pursuing the full Diploma Programme. This presentation is given in both English and Spanish in order to best meet the needs of our diverse student body. Scholars who have made the decision, along with their parent/guardian/caregiver consent, to join the Diploma Programme are welcome to do so.

Policy for removal from an International Baccalaureate class:

Before a scholar can be removed from an IB class, he or she must meet the following criteria:

1. The scholar must be failing the class.
2. The scholar must attend a minimum of three documented mandatory tutorial sessions for the course in question.
3. The scholar, parent and teacher must hold a conference regarding scholar progress.
4. The scholar must take advantage of the redemption policy.
5. The scholar must do the assigned work in the class to the best of their ability.
6. After the first grading period, if the scholar is still failing and has done all of the above, he or she will be considered for removal from the class.
7. A meeting will be held with the scholar, administrator, IB Coordinator, teacher and parent for final consideration.

Withdrawal from International Baccalaureate Courses:

All withdrawals from IB courses will require proof that tutorial sessions have been attended and a conference with the scholar, parent, assistant principal, teacher and IB Coordinator followed by signed documentation of the withdrawal.



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scholar grades will be monitored, and tutoring will be assigned to borderline or failing scholars.

[Application for IB Removal or Withdrawal](#)

Technology Integration:

Every scholar enrolled is issued a school Chromebook. This device will be used to assist in their research, note-taking, assignments, and assessments. Scholars are expected to bring their Chromebook and charger every day as part of their normal class materials. In addition, scholars who are issued a school chromebook are expected to follow the *Wayside Schools Responsible Use Policy*, which outlines guidelines and protocols for the use of school owned devices. Scholars and families are given a copy of the *Wayside Schools Responsible Use Policy* at the beginning of the school year in both English and Spanish. The *Wayside Schools Responsible Use Policy* can be found here: [Wayside STHS Responsible Use Policy](#).

On campus, Wayside: Sci-Tech High School has a variety of Macbooks, Chromebooks, Macs, and iPads available for teacher and scholar use. Sci-Tech High School has five Chromebook carts, two Macbook carts, and one iPad cart that are available for in class instruction through a teacher checkout system. In addition, Sci-Tech High School has a media lab that is equipped with 25 Macs. This media lab is open to individual scholars and classes through the media lab reservation system.

Wayside: Sci-Tech High School teachers are equipped with a variety of technology to aid with classroom instruction. Each faculty member is issued a school Macbook to use while employed with Wayside Schools. In addition, each classroom is outfitted with an Epson document camera and projector. Individual printers are assigned to classroom pods (two classrooms per pod) and teachers also have access to a printer, scanner, and copier device on campus. Wayside Schools also offers a print center, where teachers can place custom print orders and have them prepared and delivered to their classroom.

Wayside: Sci-Tech High School provides online resources for scholars such as JSTOR, Gale, Ebsco, Britannica, Mackinvia, and New York Times. In addition to the classroom libraries, scholars have access to ebooks. Scholars are taught how to use these resources in depth through their English class, Language and Literature class, and/or Foundations and Methods in Research and Inquiry (FMRI). Teachers incorporate sources from a variety of cultures and backgrounds to expand the scholar's perspectives and knowledge. By incorporating these diverse sources into curriculum and instruction, Wayside: Sci-Tech High School ensures that scholars are being presented with opportunities for international mindedness and global citizenship.



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The Foundations and Methods in Research and Inquiry class is provided for each full DP scholar. The focus of this class is on research methods and investigations: scholars are given explicit instruction in how to utilize research databases in order to find primary and secondary sources that they need for a variety of IB assignments and assessment tasks. In addition, the course focuses on research and writing for academic purposes, including the proper use of MLA citation and formatting for research papers.