

# International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

Central Academy  
Des Moines Public Schools

Student Application



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Submission Guidelines:

1. Two completed teacher recommendation forms are required. These recommendations are confidential. Give each teacher a recommendation form and an envelope. They will place their recommendation in the envelope, seal it, and sign it across the sealed flap. Recommendations must be returned in this manner to be considered.
2. The completed application materials may either be delivered in person or they may be mailed to:

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3. Non-Des Moines Public School students must mail or fax a copy of their current transcript and schedule to:

Kristin Hilton  
Central Academy Counselor  
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1912 Grand Avenue  
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Student Information Sheet

Name of student \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Current School \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Parents/Guardian (primary) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (other) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of additional parent/guardian to receive school information \_\_\_\_\_  
Student email \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent email \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent email \_\_\_\_\_

List the teachers in the following content areas who will make recommendations for you: English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Fine Arts and World Language. *(Please choose two teachers from your present school. Please print teacher's name and the subject he/she teaches.)*

Name of teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Subject \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Subject \_\_\_\_\_  
Title of current math class and teacher \_\_\_\_\_

What activities are you involved with outside of school?

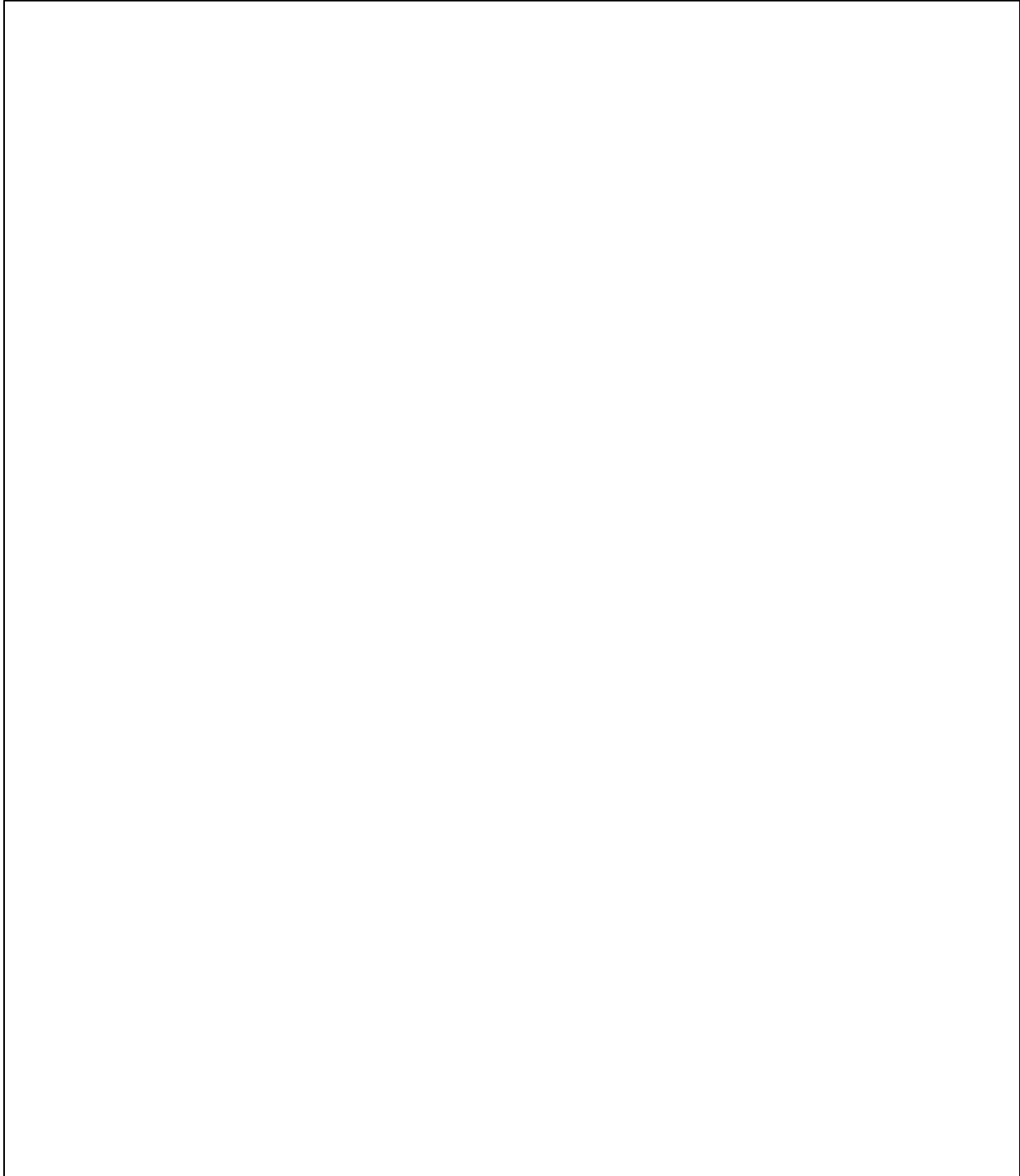
What leadership positions do you hold in school or elsewhere?

Signature of student \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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Explain why you consider yourself to be a strong candidate for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the student to write their response to the prompt above. The box occupies the majority of the page's vertical space.

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Writing Sample  
*Due with completed packet*

Good writing is an essential part of the IB Programme. This is your first IB writing.

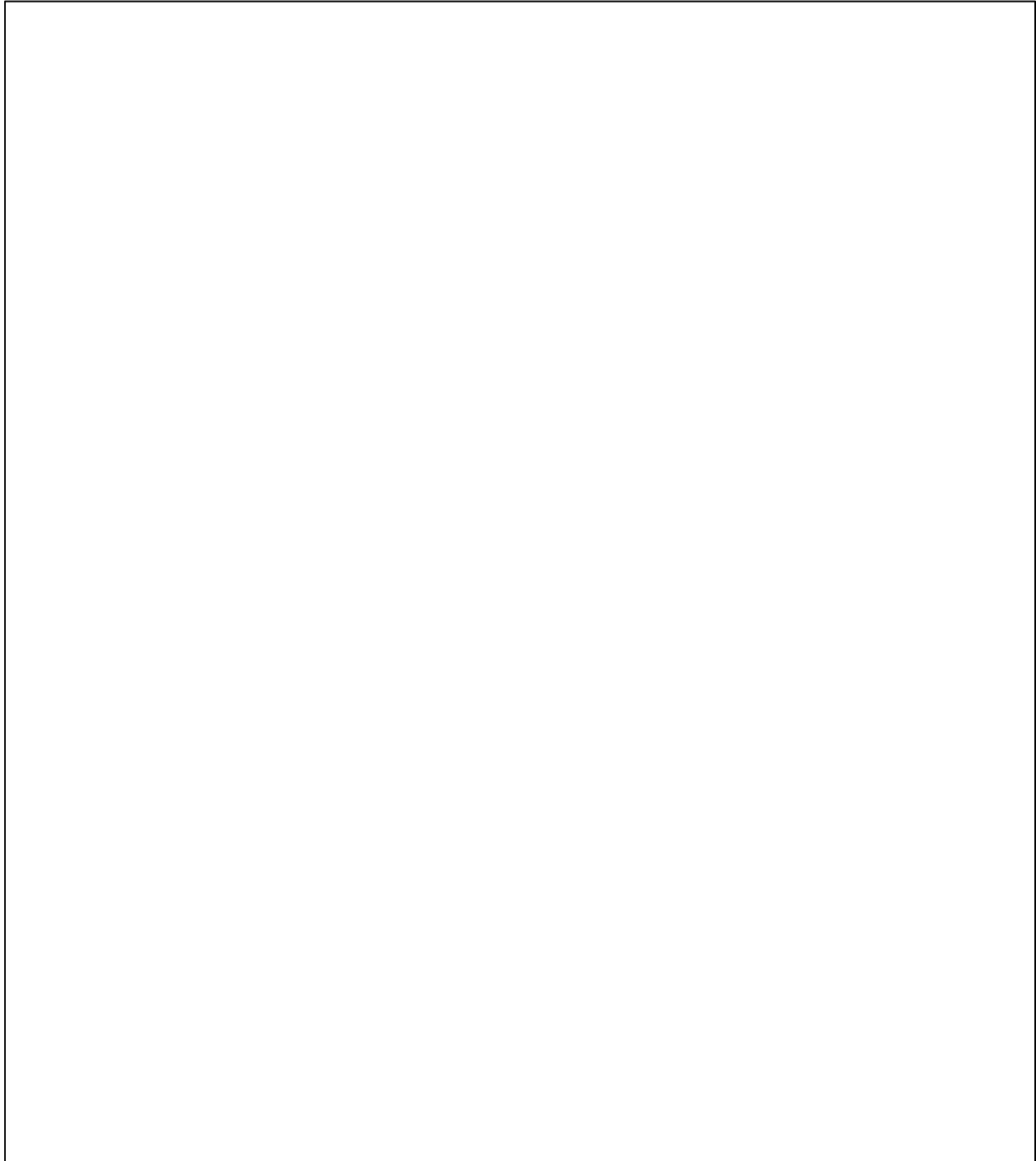
*\*The essay should be approximately 250-300 words.*

*\*We are looking for clarity in expression, originality, organization, and strong academic writing skills.*

Please choose **one** of the topics listed below and write a short essay answer.

1. What skills will be most important in the 21<sup>st</sup> century? Why?
2. With reference to school, what has engaged you the most? What have you developed an interest in or a passion for? Why?
3. Thomas Edison once said, "Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work." What is your reaction to this? What opportunity have you accepted because you weren't afraid to work?
4. Steven Wright has said, "It's a small world, but I wouldn't want to paint it." Is it a small world? Are parts of our world small but others huge? Why?

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Writing Sample *Page 2*



These are my own thoughts and writing.

Signature of student \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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#### Confidential Teacher Recommendation form

Please return the form to the student in a sealed and signed envelope.

Name of student \_\_\_\_\_ Name of teacher \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you known this student? \_\_\_\_\_

In what subject(s) have you taught this student? \_\_\_\_\_

In what additional capacities do you know this student? \_\_\_\_\_

#### How would you rate the student in the following categories? (1 is low; 5 is high)

<b>Motivated, curious</b>	1	2	3	4	5
Comments _____					
<b>Uses critical thinking skills</b>	1	2	3	4	5
Comments _____					
<b>Shows creativity</b>	1	2	3	4	5
Comments _____					
<b>Demonstrates proficient writing skills</b>	1	2	3	4	5
Comments _____					
<b>Produces thoughtful writing</b>	1	2	3	4	5
Comments _____					
<b>Produces quality work</b>	1	2	3	4	5
Comments _____					
<b>Participates in class</b>	1	2	3	4	5
Comments _____					
<b>Works well in groups</b>	1	2	3	4	5
Comments _____					
<b>Exhibits appropriate class behavior</b>	1	2	3	4	5
Comments _____					
<b>Meets deadlines</b>	1	2	3	4	5
Comments _____					
<b>Demonstrates respect for others</b>	1	2	3	4	5
Comments _____					

Please evaluate this student in terms of ability and willingness to handle academic rigor.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Teacher signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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