



Alonso High School International Baccalaureate Programme Admissions Policy

To be enrolled in the Alonso Magnet IB Diploma Programme students must successfully complete and pass all our Alonso High School Magnet program 9th and 10th grade “Alonso pre-IB”, Honors, and AP courses, which are designed to prepare students for an IB education. Students should maintain a state GPA of 2.5 or higher and complete some pre-CAS type experiences prior to entering the Diploma Programme in the 11th grade.

Initial 9th Grade Magnet Admissions

Students also meet HCPS designed Magnet criteria to be entered into an academic lottery for admission into the Alonso Magnet (IB) program. Students should show emerging mastery of reading/math skills, as well as other HCPS academic criteria. Students must complete Algebra I prior to enrolling with our Magnet program in the 9th grade.

HCPS Magnet High School Academic Criteria Calculation

All students in Hillsborough County Public Schools (HCPS) are invited to apply to any of the Magnet Programs regardless of geography or other considerations.

Access to Magnet Programs is available for all students in the district currently as well as for those students who may move into the district during/before one of the application periods. Access to Magnet Programs is also provided to students who do not live in the district, according to state statute. A student must complete an application during one of the designated application periods to be considered for any Magnet Program.

Transportation is provided to any Magnet Program with few exceptions. Transportation options for students who apply to International Baccalaureate Programs is identified using a student’s address, though their ability to apply to any program is not affected by a student’s address.

All rising 9th grade students who apply to a High School Magnet Program are considered using the following criteria:

Current Academic Criteria

- FCAT/FSA Reading Comprehension/ELA 6th or 7th (HCPS) or Standardized Test Score Reading Comprehension (non-HCPS)*
- FCAT/FSA/EOC Math 6th or 7th (HCPS) or Standardized Test Score Math Total (non-HCPS) *
- GPA 7th Grade – Core Academic Classes (entire year)
- GPA 8th Grade – Core Academic Classes (1st 9-weeks)

**Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the cancellation of FSA and all other standardized assessments in Spring 2020 throughout the nation, HCPS will utilize the most recent FSA/Standardized test results for academic criteria (most likely Spring of 2019 for the majority of students).*

This policy will be reviewed annually with HCPS district staff. The updated admission policy, and any changes, can be found in Alonso Magnet section of the Alonso HS website.