



Walker Middle Magnet



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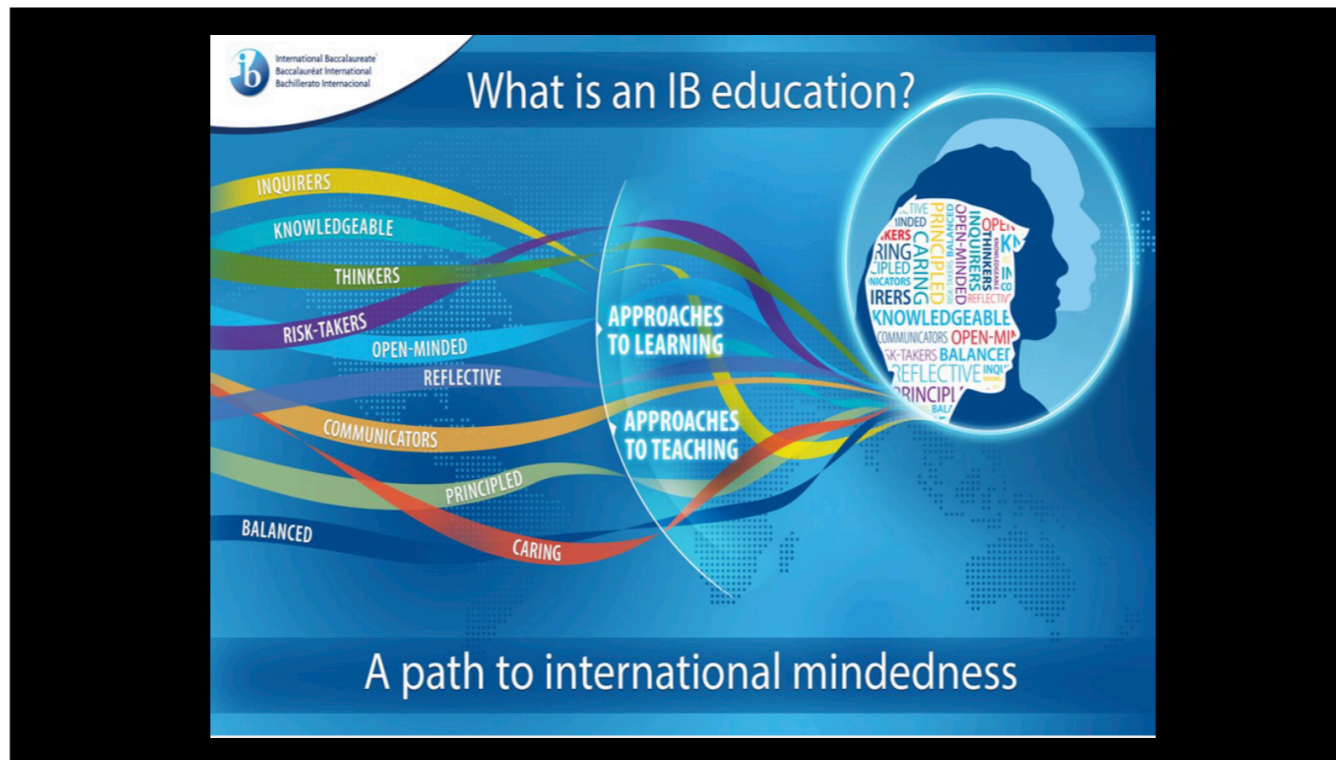
Walker Middle Magnet IB World School is a Hillsborough County Public School located in the northwest corner of Hillsborough County at 8282 N Mobley Road in Odessa, Florida.

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What is an IB education? It is a path to international mindedness!

What is the International Baccalaureate?

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▸ MYP Curriculum – Defining Features

- Conceptual understanding
- Global contexts
- Approaches to learning – communication, social, self-management, research and thinking skills
- Service as action (community service)
- Inclusion and learning diversity
- STEM education

The Middle Years Programme Curriculum's defining features include; conceptual understanding, global contexts, approaches to learning, service as action, inclusion and learning diversity, and STEM education- an interdisciplinary approach to learning.

In the Middle Years Programme, students explore six global contexts: identities and relationships, personal and cultural expression, orientation in space and time, scientific and technical innovation, fairness and development, and globalization and sustainability.

**MYP
CURRICULUM**

**HOW WE
TEACH IT**

- IB MYP = best practices
- IB MYP curriculum is fused/layered with state & local content
- IB MYP curriculum is not "more," it is just a different focus
- IB MYP curriculum is concept-driven
- IB MYP concepts transcend subject groups/disciplines to help students see connections between subjects and overarching ideas
- IB MYP curriculum also helps students focus on HOW they learn and aims to help students consider their own learning and what enables them to be successful learners (metacognition)
- IB MYP curriculum encourages students to ask questions
- IB MYP curriculum requires internal assessment

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Program (MYP) Curriculum is “Best Practice” education that helps student see connections between subjects and overarching ideas, it helps students focus on “How” they learn so they can be successful learners, and it encourages them to ask questions.

The assessments balance validity and reliability, offering assessment tasks that, for example, require students to demonstrate higher order thinking rather than simple factual recall. These rigorous assessments help to maintain the IB’s hard earned reputation for high standards and challenging programmes.

IB Learner Profile

- Inquirers
- Knowledgeable
- Thinkers
- Communicators
- Principled
- Open-minded
- Caring
- Risk-takers
- Balanced
- Reflective



The aim of the IB MYP is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world. As IB learners we strive to be: Inquirers, Knowledgeable, Thinkers, Communicators, Principled, Open-minded, Caring, Risk-takers, Balanced, and Reflective. We believe these attributes, and others like them, can help individuals and groups become responsible members of local, national, and global communities.

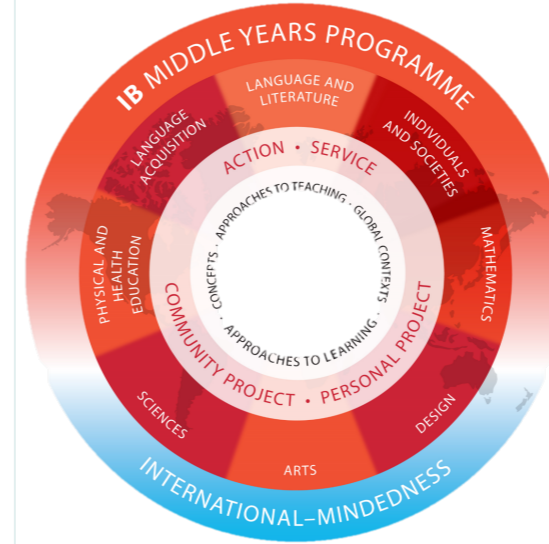
2020-21
**Year of the
Open-Minded: Embracing
Unity, Hope & Change**



Each year, Walker chooses one of the IB Learner Profile attributes as a focus for the school year. The faculty decided that being “Open-Minded” was the most appropriate choice for our current times.

MYP Subjects

- Language and literature
- Mathematics
- Sciences
- Individuals and societies
- Physical and health education
- Language acquisition
- Design
- Arts



The IB Middle Years Programme prepares students to be successful in school and to be active, lifelong learners. Language and literature is known in schools as English-Language Arts (ELA), Individuals and societies is the same as Social Studies, Language acquisition refers to world languages; we offer Spanish and French. Design includes our computer technology courses, robotics, IB critical thinking and is also included in our Science courses. Arts includes visual and performing as well as culinary arts at Walker.

Why IB?



PYP

MYP

DP



Why should you choose IB? The Middle Years Programme is just one part of an IB education. In Hillsborough County Public Schools (HCPS) the MYP is offered as a 3-year program during the traditional middle school years. In Year 3, students in HCPS can apply for the high school Diploma Programme working towards earning the IB Diploma in addition to a traditional High School Diploma. The IB Diploma is recognized around the world as a prestigious and rigorous accomplishment.

Today, as new global challenges emerge under an unprecedented pace of change, an IB education is more relevant and necessary than ever.

Why Walker?



Why should you choose Walker Middle Magnet IB World School? Because it ranks in the top 20% of all middle schools in the State of Florida earning the distinction as a School of Excellence. Walker has consistently earned a National Award of Merit from Magnet Schools of America. Walker has earned an "A" from the State of Florida every year! Walker's exemplary community involvement has earned a Five Star recognition from the Florida Department of Education. And we have been recognized as a Florida Power-Library School for having an outstanding library program that supports the success of our students!



Why Walker? We have amazing teachers!

The International Baccalaureate (IB) offers many benefits to teachers. IB teachers are given access to: high quality professional development that encourages critical thinking, self-reflection and dedication to lifelong learning and continuous improvement.

Service as Action

Learning outcomes for service:

- Become more aware of their own strengths and areas for growth
- Undertake challenges that develop new skills
- Discuss, evaluate and plan student-initiated activities
- Persevere in action
- Work collaboratively with others
- Develop international-mindedness through global engagement, multilingualism and intercultural understanding
- Consider the ethical implications of their actions



At Walker, we are building a culture of service. Service as action helps students develop their personal understanding, their emerging sense of self and their developmentally appropriate responsibility in their community by engaging them in-depth inquiry that leads to action.

IB MYP is for ALL Students



- There is NO academic requirement to enter Walker Middle Magnet.
- Students with IEPs, EPs, and 504 Plans are Welcome to Apply.
- All students will follow the Walker Honor Code to strive toward the IB Learner Profile attributes
- The IB MYP is rigorous and requires expectations and experiences that are academically, intellectually, and personally challenging
- Walker Middle Magnet School provides a high quality innovative program that promotes choice, equity, diversity, and academic excellence for all students.

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AGP - Gifted

- Students with gifted Education Plans (EP) do not need to be retested when entering middle school.
- Students will be placed in Gifted/Honors classes with Gifted Endorsed Teachers

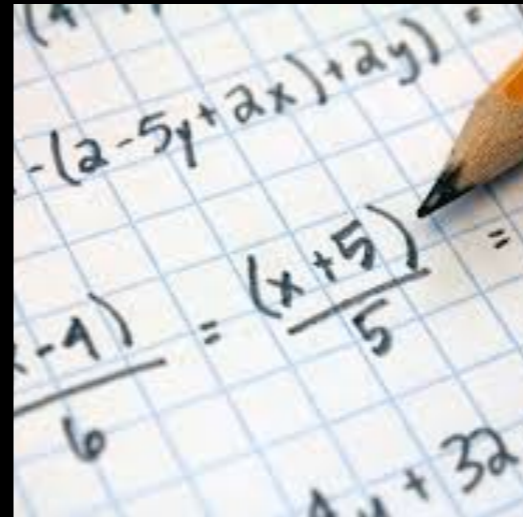


The Education Plan goals and objectives of gifted students can be met through the IB Middle Years Programme. Students will be placed in the highest level core subject courses and will have the opportunity to select numerous high school credit electives.

Accelerated Math Program

- We offer an Accelerated Math Program in Year 1 which combines the standards for grades 6-8 Math into one class.
- Successful completion of the Accelerated Math Program puts students on track for:
 - HS Credit Algebra I Honors - Year 2
 - HS Credit Geometry Honors - Year 3

Requirements for 2021-22 have not yet been set due to the cancellation of FSA exams in the Spring of 2020.



Year 1 students with outstanding consistent performance in mathematics will be given the opportunity to participate in our accelerated math program. Students will cover the middle school math standards in one year putting them on track for Algebra I Honors during Year 2 and Geometry Honors during Year 3.

High School Credit Courses

- Spanish I, II
- French I, II
- Algebra I Honors
- Geometry Honors
- Culinary Arts
- Physical Science Honors
- Digital Information Technology

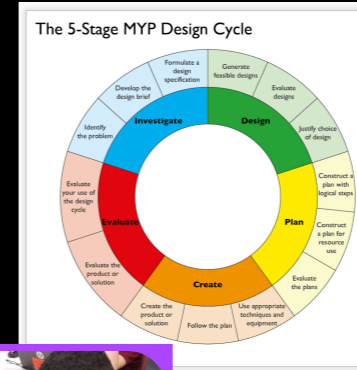
FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP		
A renewable scholarship that provides incentive for academically talented students to stay in-state for college. If qualifications are met, students must submit the Florida Financial Aid Application no later than August 31 after high school graduation. Awards are on first-come, first-serve basis. Must be a Florida resident to qualify.		
HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT REQUIREMENTS	FLORIDA ACADEMIC SCHOLARS	FLORIDA MEDALLION SCHOLARS
4-English (with substantial writing)	3.50 Weighted GPA	3.0 Weighted GPA
4-Math (at or above Algebra I)	1330 SAT or 29 ACT	1200 SAT or 26 ACT
3-Natural Science (two must have substantial laboratory)	100 Community Service Hours	75 Community Service Hours
3-Social Science	Award covers 100% tuition + fees + \$300 per semester	Award covers 75% tuition + fees
2-World Language (sequential, in same language)		

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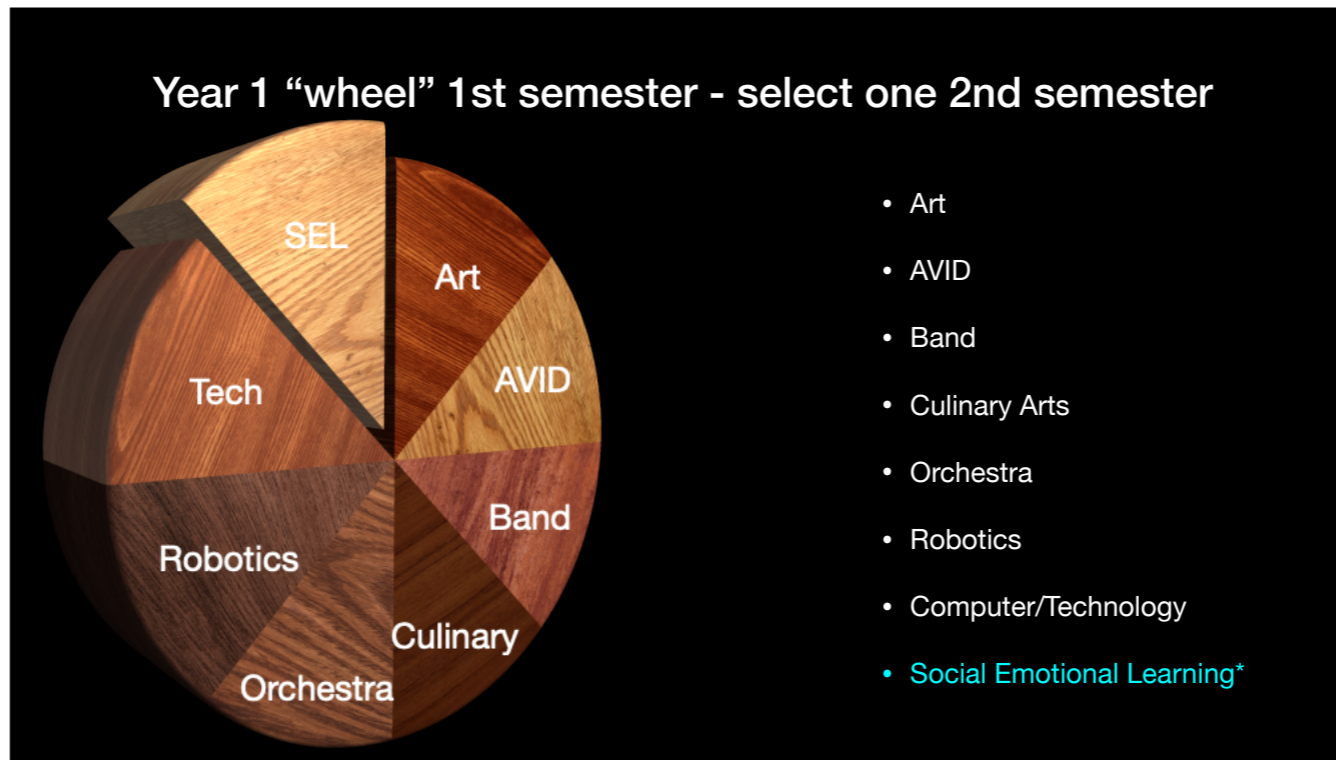
Schools with IB programs rank among the most successful in the world because they offer challenging and rigorous curriculum. At Walker, we offer our students a wide variety of high school credit courses. Successful completion of these courses count towards high school graduation requirements. In the state of Florida, earning an IB Diploma will qualify a high school graduate for the FL Academic Scholars award which covers 100% tuition + fees + \$300/semester.

STEM Courses

- Agriculture
- Business Keyboarding
- Computer Applications in Business
- Computer Science Discoveries - Coding
- Digital Information Technology
- Robotics



At Walker we have added some new STEM courses which offer an interdisciplinary approach to learning and incorporates the IB Design Cycle. STEM courses prepare students for future in-demand careers...and they engage students with hands on learning!



Year 1 (6th grade) students at Walker will have an opportunity to “sample” these STEM courses as well as AVID (advancement via individual determination) teaching them organizational skills and study skills, and social emotional learning to help with the transition into middle school and their teenage years. At the end of the 1st semester, the students will rank their elective preferences and will be assigned to one of the courses for the 2nd semester.

Year 1 A & B Days

- Health and Physical Education

- PE - all year



- Language Acquisition

- Spanish - 1 semester
- French - 1 semester

Year 2 & 3 - students select Spanish or French



Year 1 students have A and B days for Physical Education (PE) and Language Acquisition (World Language).

Sample Year 1, Semester 1: A/B Schedules

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8A	8B
Jose	Reading	ELA	Wheel	Lunch	WH	Math	Science	PE	French
Rachel	Reading	ELA	Wheel	Lunch	WH	Math	Science	PE	Spanish
Kia	Reading	ELA	Wheel	Lunch	WH	Math	Science	French	PE
Michael	Reading	ELA	Wheel	Lunch	WH	Math	Science	Spanish	PE

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Wk1	A	B	A	B	A
Wk 2	B	A	B	A	B

Every other day throughout Year 1, students will attend PE. Half of the students will start A days with Health and Physical Education, the other half of the students will start with Language Acquisition. On the Language Acquisition day, students will take Spanish or French for half of the year. The second half of the year they will take the other language.

Arts Recognition

- **Band:** 5 All State, 53 Superior Solo and Ensemble
- **Orchestra:** 1 All State, 4 All County; 32 Superior, 28 Excellent Solo and Ensemble, MPA Superior Year 3 orchestra, MPA Excellent Year 2 orchestra
- **Art:** 1 National, 2 State, and 8 County Winners; PTSA Reflections Art Awards

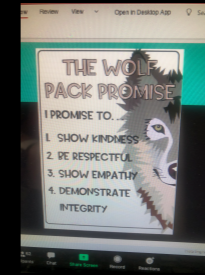


Walker has many points of pride including numerous recognitions in the Arts! Arts stimulate young imaginations, challenge perceptions and develop creative and analytical skills.

Positive Behavior Program

Wolf Bucks

- Monthly Raffle
- MakerSpace Seasonal Celebrations
- Spend Wolf Bucks in the classroom
- Spend Wolf Bucks during lunch:
 - Time at the Park
 - Selecting Music in the Cafeteria
 - Shopping at the Wolf Buck Store



The social and emotional well-being of students and staff is a barometer of a healthy school, and thus is fundamental to ensuring a conducive environment for effective teaching and learning. Students earn “Wolf Bucks” throughout the school day by following the “Wolf Pack Promise” to show kindness, be respectful, show empathy, and demonstrate integrity.

Clubs & Programs

- Art
- Lettering/Caligraphy
- Agriculture
- National Junior Honor Society
- Future Business Leaders of America: **3 National Qualifiers**
- Student Council
- Model United Nations
- Special Olympics: Track & Field, Soccer; Peer Program for Inclusion
- Chess: **FL State Championship - 4th place**



Participating in clubs allows students to broaden their network of diverse friends with common interests.

Sports



There are five sports seasons for boys and girls. Basketball , Track, Volleyball, Flag Football, and Soccer.



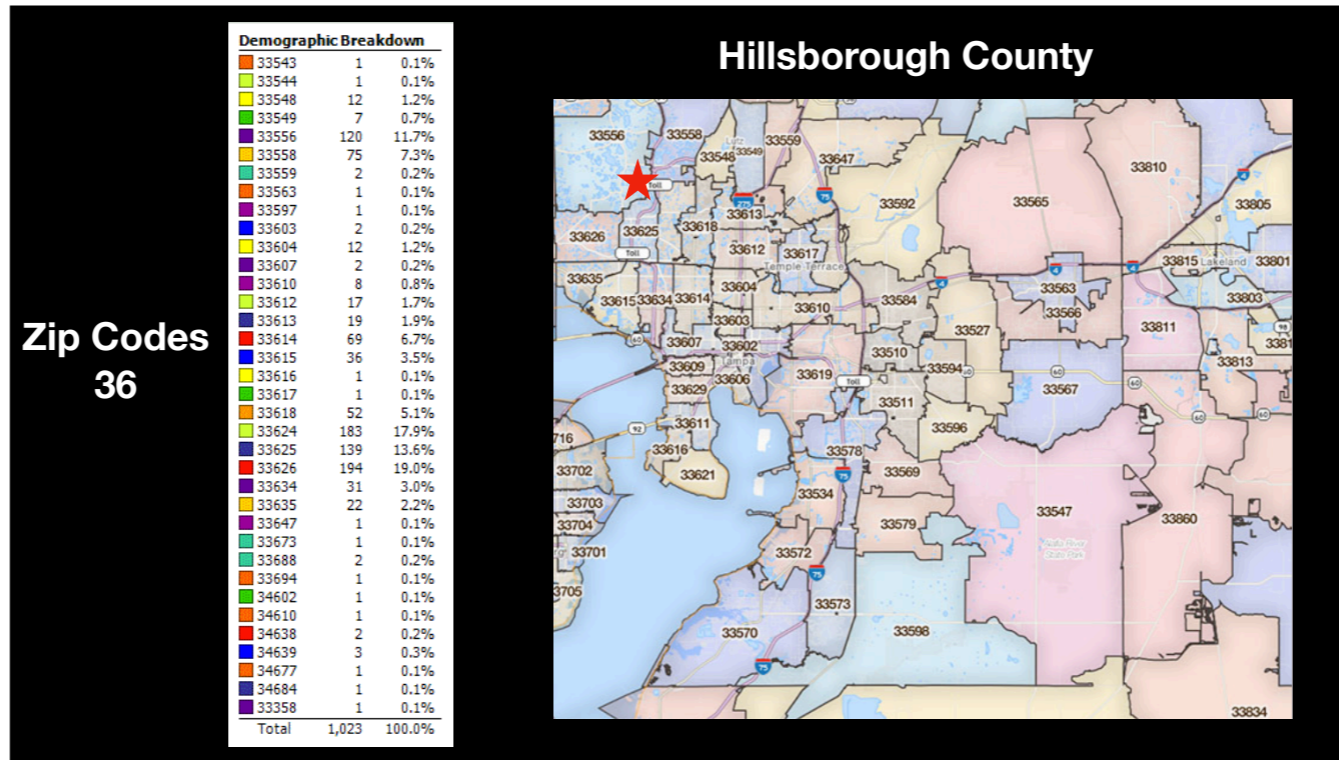
Walker Middle Magnet School believes that our uniform policy promotes a positive learning environment and contributes to school spirit and safety. The Student Uniform shall consist of the following:

Tops - White, Forest Green and Burgundy collared polo shirts

Bottoms - Khaki/beige and black

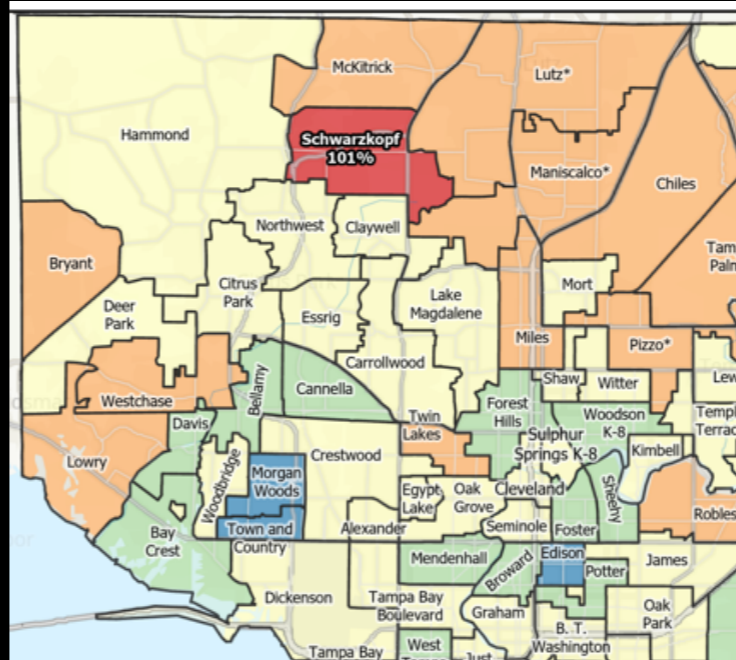
Friday Dress - Official Walker spirit shirts may be worn on Fridays

Face Coverings - Anyone on campus will be required to wear a face covering. Face coverings must adhere to the dress code and should not be disruptive to the learning environment.



As a magnet school, Walker attracts students from across Hillsborough County. We currently have over 1,000 students coming from 36 different zip codes.

Elementary Schools in Walker's Magnet Transportation Zone



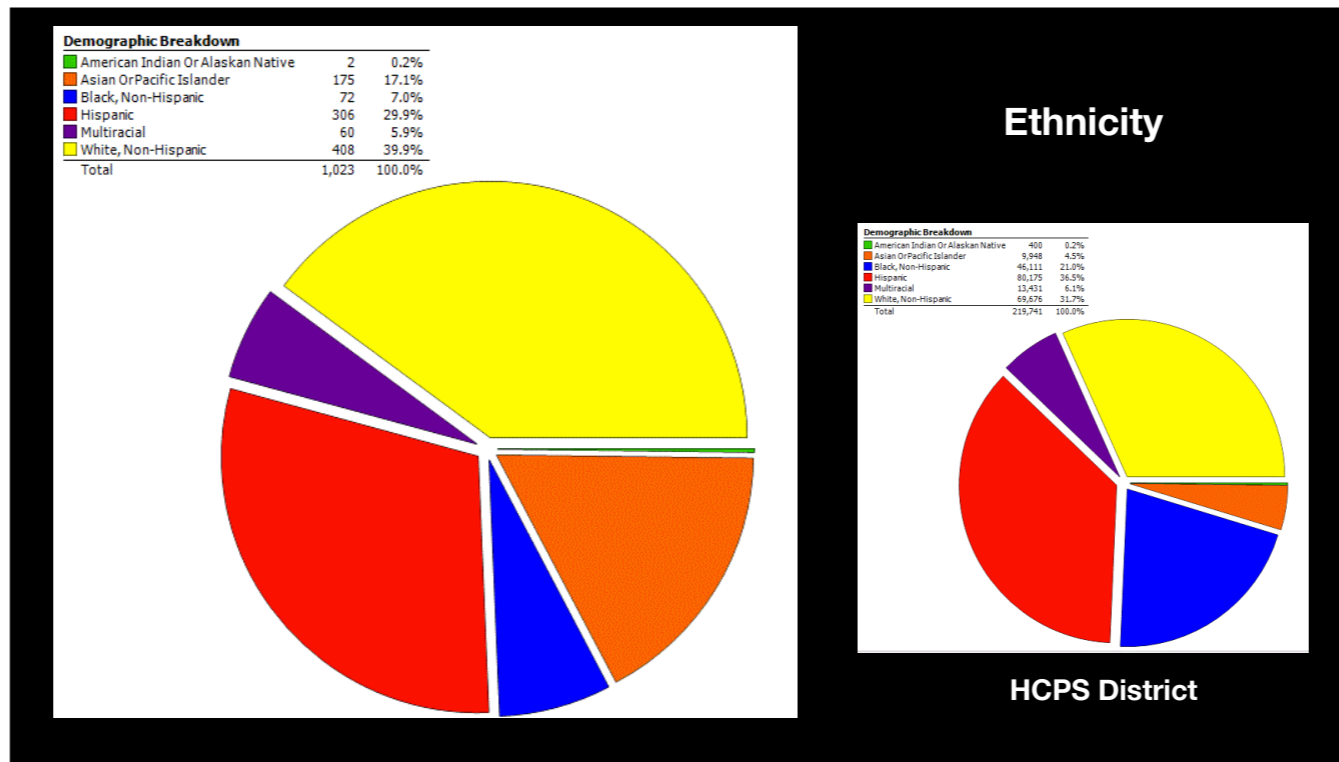
Most of our students attended elementary school in the northwest area of the county. Free bus transportation is available from the school district. Many parents in this zone and outside choose to drive to school.

Walker's school hours are 8:30am - 3:25pm. Like all schools in Hillsborough County, we dismiss one hour early on Monday at 2:25pm. Walker's fee based H.O.S.T. program before school starts at 6:15am and after school until 6:00pm.

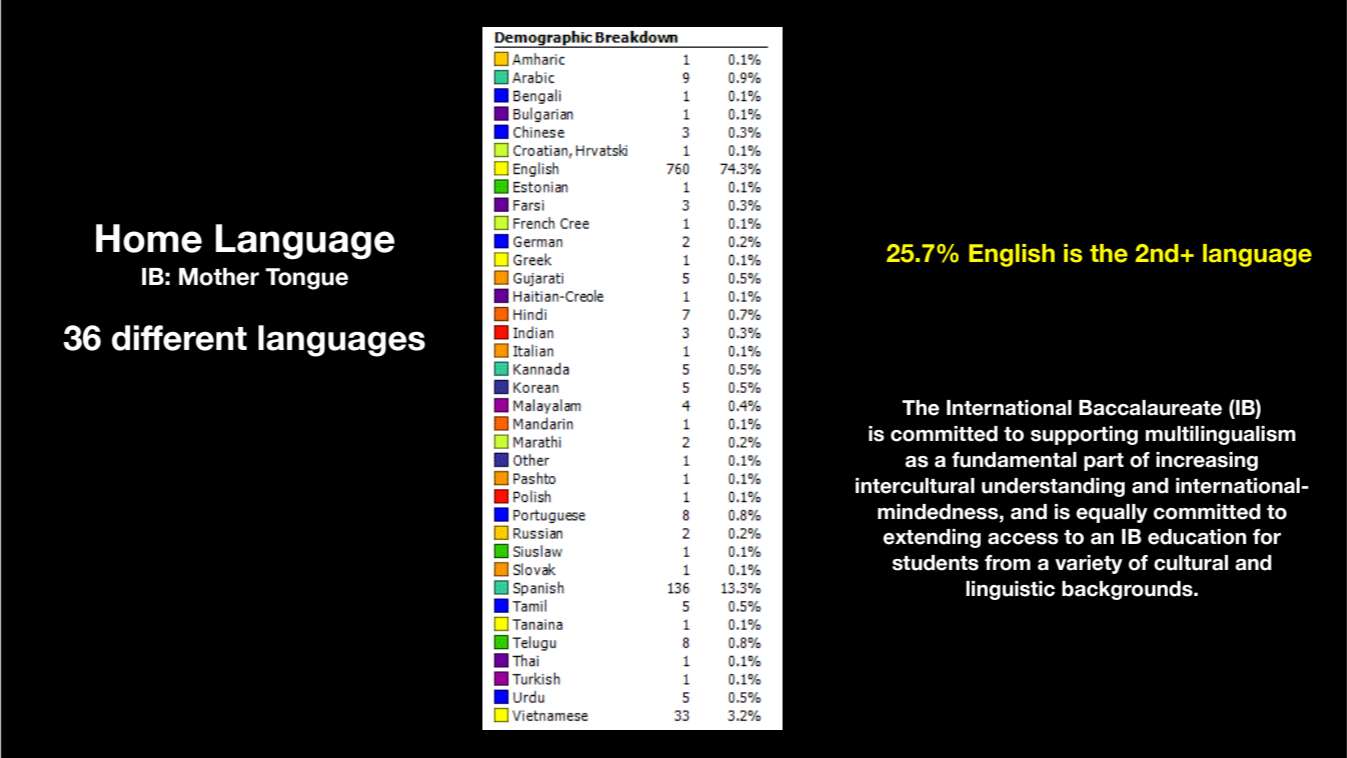
Magnet Pillars



Magnet schools offer students opportunities to discover, explore, and refine their talents and interests while focusing on excellence in academics and “connect kids to the real world.” Walker Middle Magnet is a member of Magnet Schools of America and incorporates the 5 Magnet Pillars - the top focus is on Diversity. Diversity is a cornerstone to offering students a global educational experience.



Magnet Schools, through recruitment and lotteries, strive to have student populations that are reflective of the community. Walker’s ethnic demographic is very diverse and is similar to the diversity of the entire school district. Culturally competent educational environments model empathy, respect, and working collaboratively with a variety of persons.



Walker also has diversity in the “Mother Tongue”, the language spoken in the home. Walker families speak 36 different languages. For more than 25% of our families, English is their 2nd or 3rd language!



Fall Application Period

	Application Period START Date	Application Period CLOSE Date	Results Available for Families
Elementary, Middle, & High School	11/2/2020 @ 5 PM	12/11/2020 @ 11:59 PM	Late January 2021

Marketing and Information Events

Event	Date	Time	Key Information
STEMtastic <i>Learn about the many exciting STEM Magnet and Attractor Programs in the district.</i>	10/8/2020	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Schools will present information and conduct activities/experiments for families throughout the event time.
Magnet: Vision 2020 Kickoff! <i>Learn from the Magnet Office about all Magnet Schools and Programs and get info on the application process.</i>	10/15/2020	5:30 PM-6:30 PM	Families who attend through the live virtual sessions will be able to ask questions and make comments through the chat function.
HCPS Magnet and CTE Expo <i>Experience what every Magnet School and many Career and Technical Education programs in the district have to offer!</i>	11/5/2020	5:30 - 7:00 PM	Safety is important, so camera and microphone functions for participants will be turned off.
Magnet: Vision 2020 Info Session <i>Learn from the Magnet Office about all Magnet Schools and Programs and get help with your applications.</i>	11/12/2020	5:30 PM-6:30 PM	All presentations will be recorded and posted on a dedicated channel for easy viewing following the event—you won't miss a thing!
Magnet: Vision 2020 Exploration Nights <i>Magnet Leads, teachers, and administrators from each Magnet School will give presentations on their programs and answer questions; the Magnet Office will provide info and help with the application process too!</i>	11/19/2020 12/3/2020	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Families will need to register for each event through the link found on the district Magnet and School Options Website.

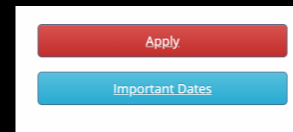
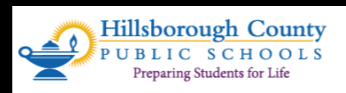
For more information contact the Choice Information Line at 813-272-4692
To register for any of the events above or to find information on Magnet Schools, visit www.sdhc.k12.fl.us, search Magnet, and click on What is a Magnet School or click the QR code!

There are many educational Choices in Hillsborough County Public Schools - if you want to learn more about those choices you can visit the school district website and register for additional informational sessions.

https://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/departments/95/hillsborough-choice-options/about/?utm_source=family-resource&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=page_config&utm_content=resourceLink

Choice Application Window

November 2, 5:00pm - December 11, 11:59pm



Student Number (lunch #)
last 4 digits of SS#
Birth date

To attend a magnet school you must apply. Hillsborough County Public Schools utilizes a random race-neutral weighted lottery process to ensure equitable access. https://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/docs/00/00/02/21/Lottery_Parameters_Updated_MagnetOct2017.pdf The choice application window opens on November 2 at 5:00pm and closes on December 11 at 11:59pm. You will need your child's student number, last 4 digits of their social security number and their birth date. Families will be notified of the lottery results at the end of January 2021.

The district Office of Student Planning and Placement is here to help. Call with questions at (813) 272-4692, 7 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday thru Friday.



Questions?

Email: josephine.corder@hcps.net

Register for a Zoom Information Session: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094eadab2aa13-learn3>

Thank you for your interest in Walker Middle Magnet IB World School!

If you have any questions, please email Walker's IB MYP Coordinator /Magnet Lead

josephine.corder@hcps.net or register for one of our #ThinkMagnetThursday Zoom information sessions <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094eadab2aa13-learn3>