

# Why IB?



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# *Denton ISD IB Heads of School*



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Calhoun Middle School



**Joel Hays**  
Denton High School

# 10 Reasons

Primary Years Programme

why the IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) is ideal for students to become active, lifelong learners

- It encourages students to inquire**  
The PYP fosters natural curiosity and learning in creative, supportive and collaborative environments.
- Understanding a complex and interdependent world**  
PYP students create meaning for themselves and build understanding through exploring real world issues.
- PYP students are confident communicators**  
PYP students learn to communicate in a variety of ways and in more than one language.
- Learning how to learn**  
PYP students work collaboratively with teachers and other students to plan, present and assess their own learning.
- It encourages international-mindedness**  
Collaboration and understanding of their own and other cultures are an important focus of the PYP – students learn how to be respectful and open-minded.
- Seeing things from different perspectives**  
PYP students use critical and creative thinking to develop knowledge, understanding and skills within and across subject areas.
- Students take action**  
PYP students believe they are able to grow and succeed. They make appropriate choices and take responsibility for their actions.
- Thinking about issues**  
Creative learning gives students the agency and responsibility to become active participants in their own learning, globalized and connected world.
- Caring and responsible citizens**  
Students can express ideas and opinions, and they can generate solutions that make a difference in their lives and the lives of others.
- It involves the whole school learning community**  
Together we celebrate our common humanity and the belief that education can help to build a better and more peaceful world.

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Middle Years Programme

why the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) encourages you to become a creative, critical and reflective learner

- Become a life-long learner**  
Learn how to learn using communication, respect, self-management, collaboration and critical thinking skills.
- Learn by doing and experiencing**  
Through the MYP community project you learn to serve the community and connect what you do in the classroom to "real life".
- The MYP encourages critical thinking**  
It teaches you to analyse and evaluate issues, generate novel ideas and consider new perspectives.
- Explore global challenges**  
The MYP helps you increase your understanding of the world by exploring globally significant ideas and issues.
- Learn for understanding**  
Not just to memorize facts or topics and prepare for exams.
- Train yourself to:**
  - organize and plan your work
  - meet deadlines
  - concentrate
  - manage time
  - persist
  - think positively.
- Subjects are not taught in isolation**  
You are encouraged to make connections between subjects.
- It empowers you to develop your talents**  
Feel empowered to prove what you know and earn the MYP certificate or MYP course results.
- It prepares you for future education**  
Prepare yourself for the IB Diploma Programme or IB Career-related Programme delivered by IB World Schools globally.
- It assesses more than examination techniques**  
Learn to understand, not just memorize facts or topics and prepare for exams.
- Graduates are globally minded**  
Language classes encourage an international mindset, key for increasingly globalized societies.
- It's an international qualification**  
The DP is recognized globally by universities and employers.
- It encourages breadth and depth of learning**  
You are able to choose courses from six subject groups and study subjects at different levels.

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Diploma Programme

why the IB Diploma Programme (DP) is ideal preparation for university

- It increases academic opportunity**  
Research shows that DP graduates can match more likely to be enrolled at top higher education institutions than entrants holding other qualifications.
- IB students care about more than just results**  
Through creativity, service, service (CAS) you learn outside the classroom and develop emotionally and ethically as well as intellectually.
- It encourages you to become a confident and independent learner**  
For example, the extended essay requires independent research through an in-depth study.
- It's an international qualification**  
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- Subjects are not taught in isolation**  
Theory of knowledge (TOK) classes encourage you to make connections between subjects.
- DP students have proven time management skills**  
Take good study habits and strong time management to further education and the working world.
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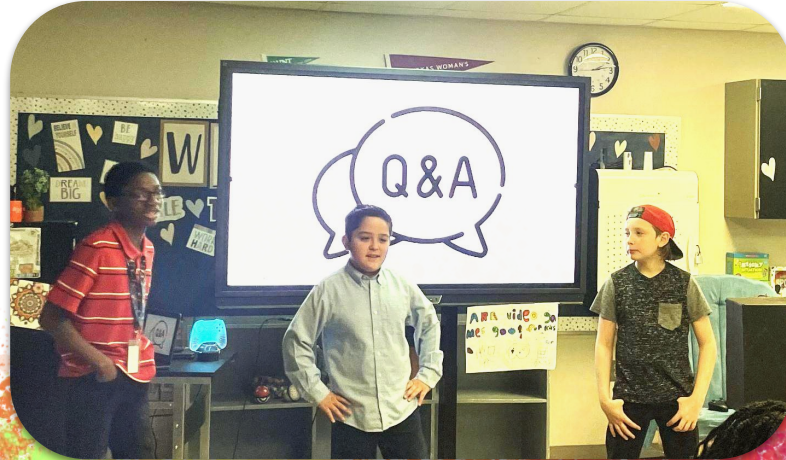
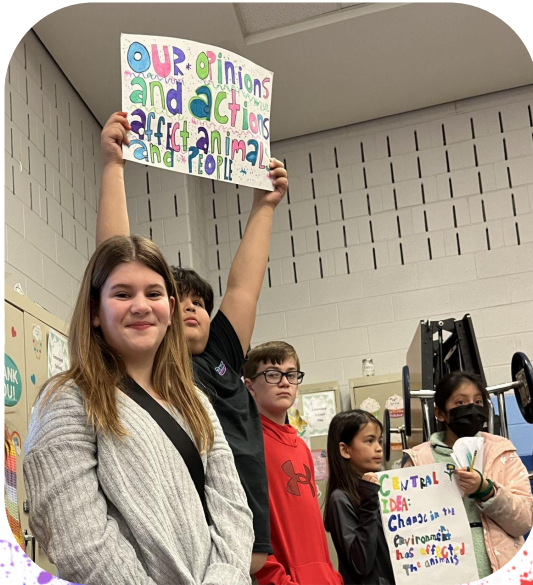
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DP





# PYP Newton Rayzon





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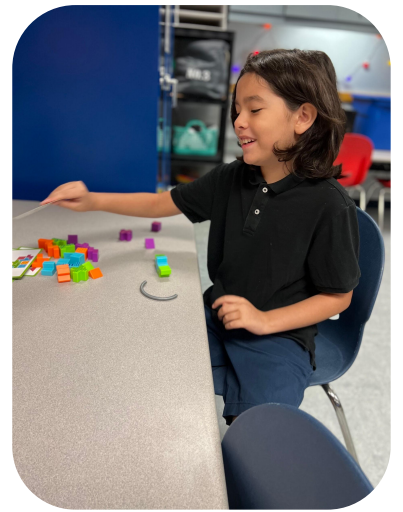
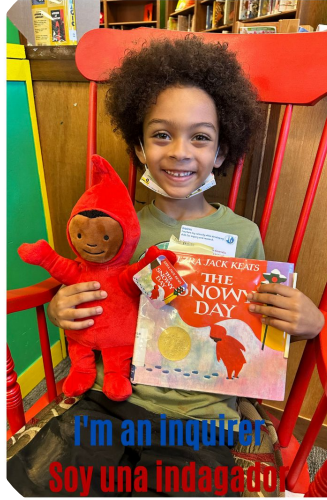


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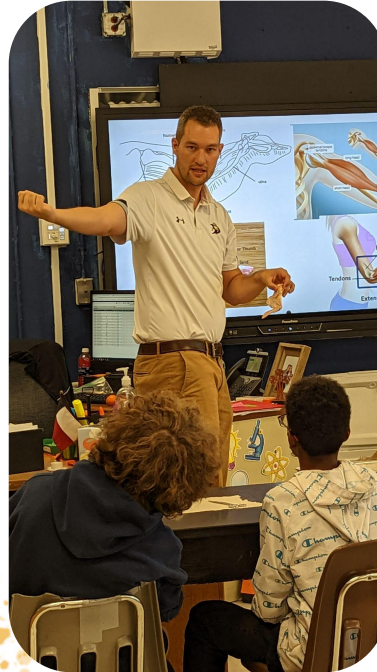


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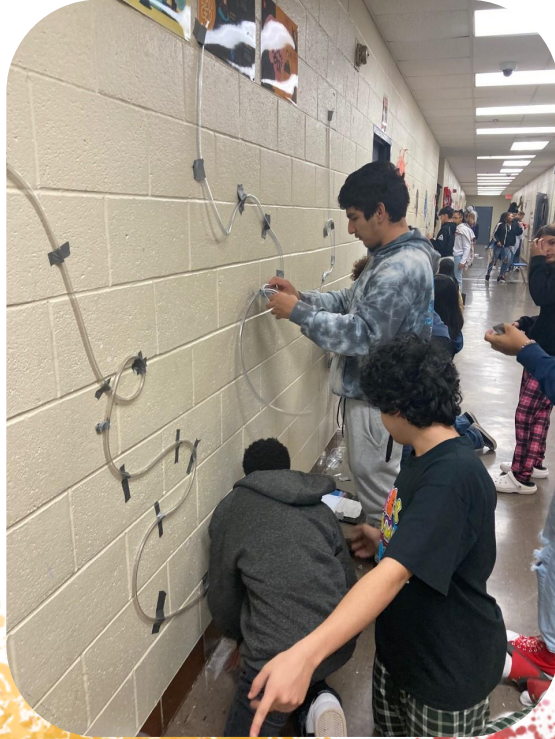


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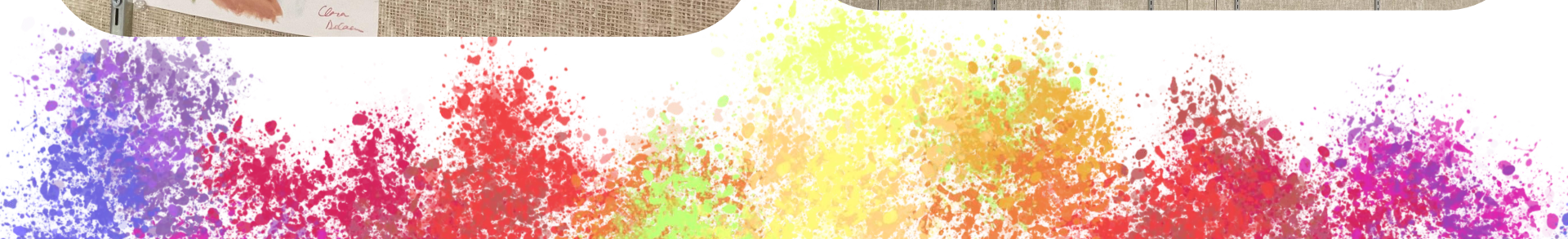


# MYP Denton High





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# DP Denton High



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*Featured Aggie Woman*



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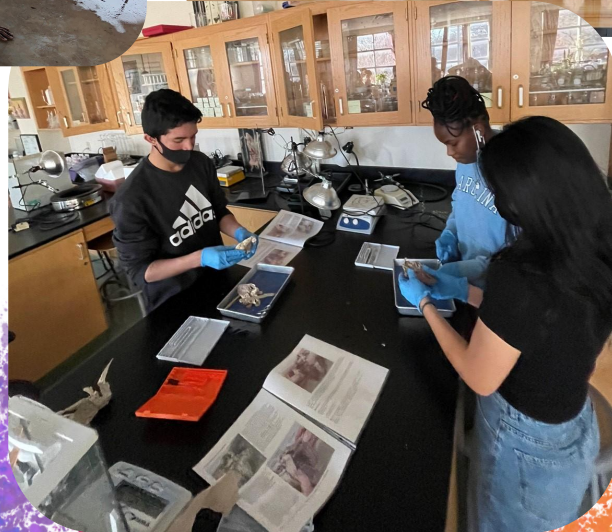
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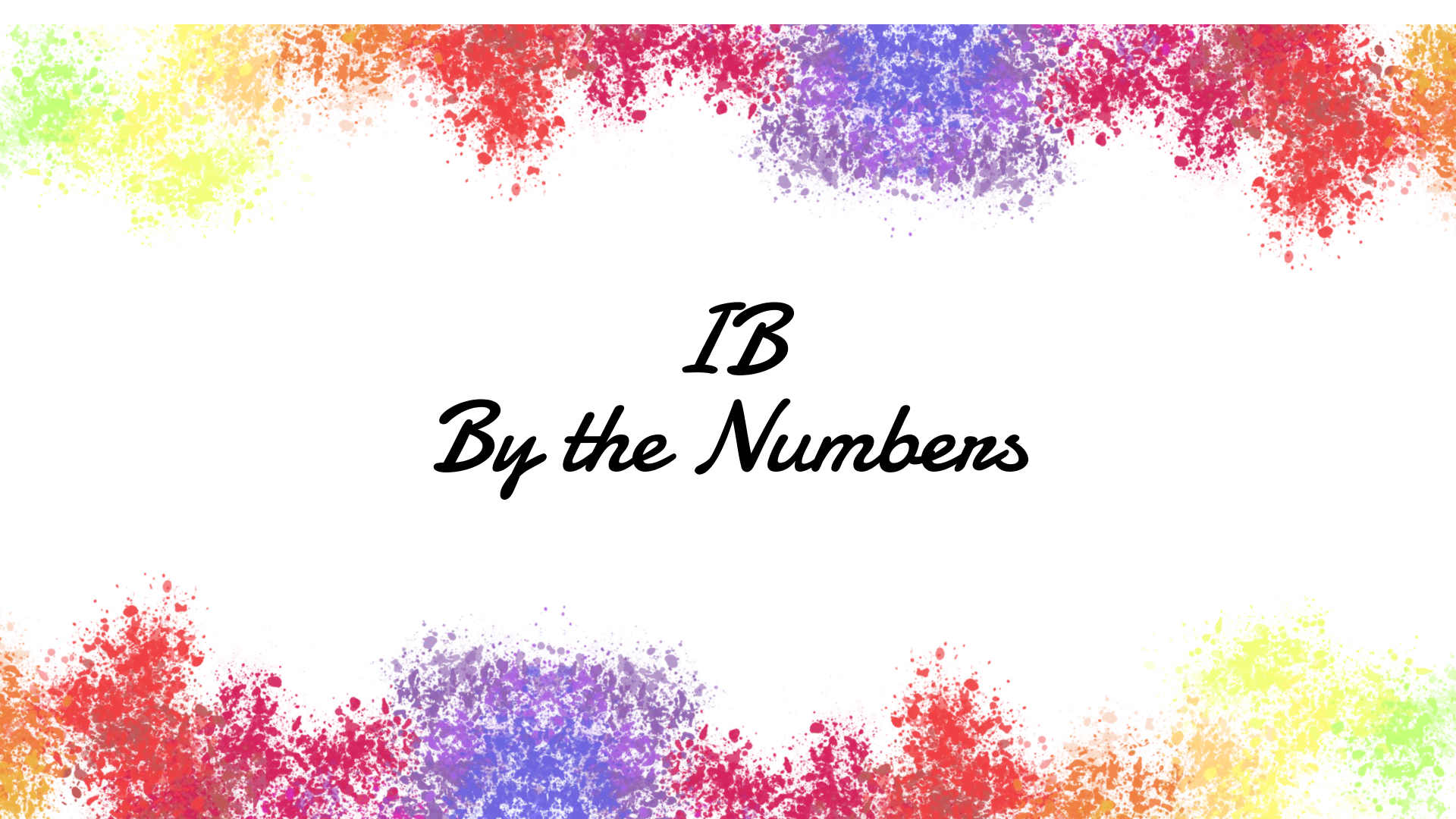




# DP Denton High





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*IB*  
*By the Numbers*

# Denton High School Testing

IB Testing Statistics	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Registered for session	6	9	27	55	86	105	123	175	176	151	136	119	98
Diploma candidates registered in a session	0	7	3	28	27	20	32	44	56	41	41	21	19
Candidates who successfully passed the diploma	0	3	0	15	15	7	17	25	18	21	29	18	16
Diploma earning rate (%)	0	43	0	54	56	35	53	57	32	51	71	86	84
Total Tests	16	61	58	252	283	283	370	518	567	465	449	295	257





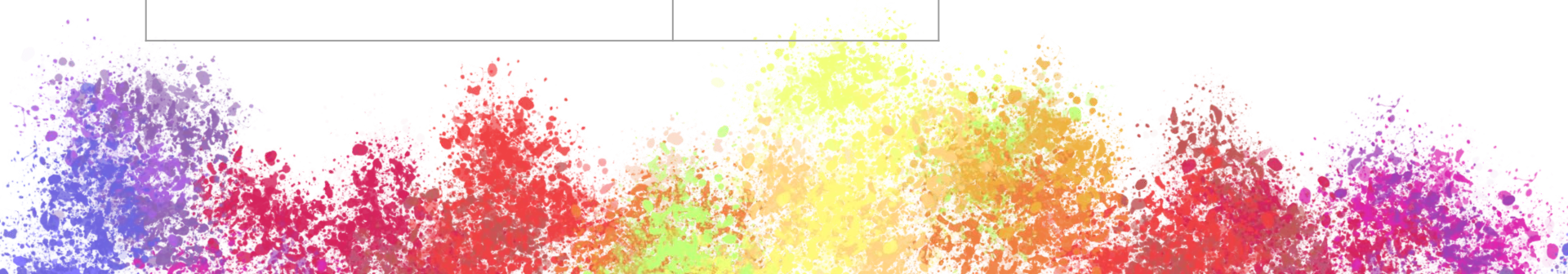
# *Denton High School - Access to Courses*

HS 101 with IB Design concepts	513 students
Enrolled in one IB course	241 students



# *MYP Calhoun Enrollment*

<b>Sixth Grade</b>	<b>276</b>
<b>Seventh Grade</b>	<b>222</b>
<b>Eighth Grade</b>	<b>262</b>



# *PYP Newton Rayzon Enrollment*

Pre-Kindergarten	33
Kindergarten	98
First Grade	99
Second Grade	106
Third Grade	87
Fourth Grade	104
Fifth Grade	110



# *PYP Bonman Enrollment*

Pre-Kindergarten	32
Kindergarten	69
First Grade	68
Second Grade	76
Third Grade	60
Fourth Grade	66
Fifth Grade	80







*Questions?*