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Harding High School is located on the southeast side of St. Paul, just a few blocks north of I-94 and White Bear Ave. We are an extremely diverse, comprehensive 9-12 high school of over 2,000 students. 84% of our students receive free/reduced lunch. Our student body is approximately: 55% Asian, 20% African-American, 15% Caucasian, 10% Hispanic, and 1% Native American. Students have a wide range of programs from which to choose—from IB to graphic arts to everything in-between.

International Baccalaureate Program

We encourage all students to take at least one IB class during their four years at Harding. There are no entrance exams or applications for the IB program. All of our IB teachers are IB-trained as well as several of our teachers who do not currently teach IB classes.

Our first year of IB testing was 1995, and our first class of Diploma candidates graduated in 1997. Our IB testing numbers have steadily increased to a record number in 2009: 252 students took 593 tests, with 19 candidates striving to earn the IB Diploma.

We offer the following IB testing options:

Group 1: Language A1

English A1 HL

Group 2: Second Language

French B HL/SL/AB

Japanese B HL/SL/AB

Spanish B HL/SL/AB

Group 3: Individuals & Societies

History of Americas HL

Economics SL

Philosophy SL

Group 4: Experimental Sciences

Chemistry HL/SL

Physics HL/SL

Biology HL/SL

Group 5: Mathematics / Computer Science

Math HL/SL

Math Studies SL

Computer Science SL

Group 6: The Arts

Theatre HL/SL

Music HL/SL

Visual Arts HL/SL

We offer the following academic programs:

AVID

IB Student Mentoring

IB Diploma Candidate Banquet

IB Diploma Advisory

Annual Pizza Party for all IB test-takers

Academic Quiz Bowl Competition

French and Japanese Language Competitions

Music Listening Contest Competition

Math Team

Science Bowl Competition

A partial listing of the colleges that our Harding IB graduates have attended:

Graduates of the Harding's IB program are practicing medicine and law. They are working as educators, journalists, and working for major corporations. They are working on post-graduate degrees and completing post-doctoral projects.

Nearly all IB graduates continue their education in college. Some of the colleges that Harding's IB alumni have attended are Carleton College, Tufts University, M.I.T., University of Minnesota, Macalester College, Hamline University, Augsburg, University of St. Catherine's, Dartmouth, Hamilton, Stanford, University of Wisconsin, Barnard, Brown (RI), Lawrence University, University of Illinois, Tuskegee, Duke, Milwaukee School of Engineering, Michigan, Bates and many, many more.