



The Hoosier International Baccalaureate World Schools Association

Indiana has 19 authorized International Baccalaureate World Schools and three schools in the authorization process. The Department of Education appointed Sarah Fronczek as the state IB program coordinator. Sarah began working with each school individually and in the fall of 2007 Carmel High School hosted a meeting for all IB teachers, administrators, and coordinators to meet and discuss IB. Sarah then continued this tradition during the fall of 2008. At this meeting it was discussed that Indiana needed to create their own association for IB and became the 28th IB association. Ben Davis High School offered to host a meeting of all IB schools and discuss the creation of what is now called the Hoosier International Baccalaureate World Schools Association (HIBS).

On December 4, 2008 the following schools sent representatives to meet and establish the HIBS association:

- Ben Davis High School
- Benjamin Bosse High School
- Carmel High School
- Chesterton High School
- Fishers High School
- Goshen High School
- International School of Indiana
- Lawrence North High School
- North Central High School
- Valparaiso High School
- Northridge High School

The following schools responded in favor of establishing this organization but were unable to attend on December 4, 2008:

- Guerin Catholic High School
- Lawrence Central High School
- Northwest High School (IPS)
- Signature School INC.
- South Side High School
- Center for Inquiry

During the meeting on December 4, 2008 with a majority vote in favor of starting HIBS association a constitution was also agreed upon. An executive board and committee chairpersons were established. The executive board is as follows:

- President- Bridgette Joseph- Ben Davis High School
- VP- Shelly Wilfong- Goshen High School
- Treasurer- Valerie Piehl- Fishers High School
- Secretary- Melody Coryell- Lawrence North High School
- VP:PYP- TBA
- VP: MYP- Michael Urquhart- International School of Indiana
- VP: DP- Debra Fray- Valparaiso High School
- State Representative- Sarah Fronczek- Department of Education

The Committee Chairpersons are as follows:

- Professional Development Director- Nancy Moore
- Webmaster- Becky Gierke
- University and College director- Amy Bonenberger
- Director of Legislative Initiatives - Mitchell Charbraja
- Educational Experience Liason- Phil Eddy

The HIBS association established the following Mission Statement and Objectives:

Mission Statement:

It is the mission of the Hoosier International Baccalaureate Schools (HIBS) to promote the values, ideals, and expansion of the International Baccalaureate Programs and to support existing and prospective Indiana International Baccalaureate World Schools.

Objectives:

The specific objectives of the organization shall be:

1. To support the goals and objectives of the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) and International Baccalaureate North America (IBNA).
2. To provide support for IB programs in Indiana. These include any school that offers the Primary Years Program (PYP), the Middle Years Program (MYP), or the Diploma Program (DP).
3. To facilitate communication among all IB schools in Indiana.
4. To provide a liaison with the Indiana Department of Education.
5. To provide a liaison with post-secondary institutions.
6. To promote special recognition of the IB Diploma by the Indiana Department of Education and by the universities.
7. To provide a liaison with other International Baccalaureate sub-regional groups.
8. To support professional development and training among IB schools in Indiana.
9. To promote and sponsor IB staff and student activities.
10. To promote research into the benefits of the IB program and IB examinations.
11. To act as a clearing house for information concerning, and in support of, new IB schools, as well as continuing IB schools.
12. To pursue grant writing and corporate funding when necessary for specific projects.

The next meeting of HIBS executive board will be February 4, 2009 at Valparaiso High School. The next Bi-Annual HIBS General meeting will be on February 9, 2009 at Ben Davis High School.