

## Edison High School receives International Baccalaureate authorization

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Edison High School has received authorization to begin offering the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme beginning in September 2010. The IB Programme is an international educational program that is designed to increase all students' learning with a global perspective.

Authorization to become an IB World School is an intensive process that typically takes two years and includes site visits by an IB team to assure high standards of excellence. Students at Edison may choose to enroll in IB courses in order to gain an IB certificate or an IB diploma in addition to their high school diploma. Most colleges and universities award college credit for IB courses or approved IB exam scores.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for our students, our teachers and our community," said Associate Superintendent Brenda Cassellius. "In the fall of 2008, Edison was one of two schools that received a 'fresh start' to improve the academic program and school climate. Now, Edison has qualified to deliver a world-class educational program that is internationally renowned. The hard work and dedication of our teachers and the support of our community has been remarkable and has enabled us to move forward with innovation."

Edison joins five other Minneapolis Public Schools in offering an authorized IB Programme. They include Elizabeth Hall International Elementary and Whittier International Elementary offering the IB Primary Years Programme; Northeast Middle School offering the IB Middle Years Programme; Patrick Henry High School and Southwest High School offering the IB Diploma Programme; and North High School and Roosevelt High School offering the IB Career Certificate as members of a world-wide pilot program.