



International Skills Diploma Seal



Objectives

- The International Skills Diploma Seal is awarded to graduating high school students who complete an **international education curriculum** and engage in **extracurricular activities and experiences** that foster the achievement of global competencies.
- In today's global marketplace, it is important for **students** to acquire the interdisciplinary skills they need to be **globally competent and competitive**.
- It is a signal to **employers** and **higher education institutions** that a student is prepared to participate in the global economy.

Course Requirements

Coursework in the following areas (8 credits total)

World Languages

- At least 3 credits in the same world language

International Focus Courses

- At least 4 credits in courses determined by the Georgia Department of Education to have an international focus
- Courses offered at SMHS are listed on the following slide

International Focus Courses

- British Literature (12th grade)
- AP English Literature
- World Literature (10th grade)
- World History
- AP World History
- Economics (1/2 credit)
- AP Human Geography
- Sociology (1/2 credit)
- AP European History
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Art History
- AP Environmental Science
- Entrepreneurship: Building a Business
- Legal Environment of Business
- An additional world language course

Additional Requirements

- At least **four extracurricular activities and experiences** with global themes and/or in global contexts
(e.g. exchange programs, international clubs, language clubs or travel abroad)
- **Twenty hours of community service** involving a global/cross-cultural public service project
- **Capstone Project** on the knowledge gained in the courses and activities listed above. The project can be a tri-fold board display or a slideshow. It will be presented to an evaluation committee, the members of which will ask questions of the student, as needed.

Application Procedure

- **February 25th** - Deadline to complete online application
- **March 2nd** - Students are notified if they met criteria in order to move forward
- **March 9th** - Deadline for verification of extracurricular activities and community service activities
- **March 23rd** - Deadline to complete Capstone Project
- **March 26th - 30th** - Capstone Projects reviewed and adjusted as needed
- **April 11th or 12th** - Capstone Projects will be presented to the evaluation committee
- **April 15th** - Students that are chosen to receive the seal will be notified via email