

*Programs of Choice*

# Collegiate Academies

## Academic



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High-achieving students who want a head start on college have the opportunity to earn college credits while learning to become confident, thoughtful, and collaborative lifelong learners. Both AP Capstone and International Baccalaureate pathways expand students' horizons and provide an invaluable high school education experience.

# Program Descriptions

## Arlington Heights High School

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### AP Capstone Academy

AP Capstone is a diploma program from College Board that equips students with the independent research, collaborative teamwork, and communication skills that are increasingly valued by colleges. AP Capstone is built on the foundation of two AP courses – AP Seminar and AP Research – that complement other AP courses.

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional exams of their choosing will receive the AP Capstone Diploma. Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research but not on four additional AP exams will receive the AP Seminar and Research Certificate. AP Seminar is also a stand-alone option; however, it is ideally the first of a two-course sequence.

- » AP Capstone research and presentations have been used to successfully earn full ride college scholarships.
- » AP Capstone students have been invited to present their research and presentations at college conferences in their field of research.
- » Many AP Capstone students continue their research in college by majoring in the field of study that they pursued in Capstone.
- » Many colleges actively recruit Capstone students.
- » Some students report that their SAT scores rose over 100 points after taking the AP Seminar course.

## Western Hills High School

### International Baccalaureate Academy

Students enrolled in the International Baccalaureate World School at Western Hills High School enjoy smaller classes with other academically driven students. They remain within the cohort of IB students all four years of high school, which allows them to develop a sense of security and form life-long bonds. IB courses fit a student's abilities – not the other way around. IB students have the opportunity to participate in rigorous education across six subject areas: English Language Arts, World Language, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Fine Arts. Our IB program provides opportunities to earn more than college credit. Students learn what it takes to be successful at college, how to meet deadlines, how to stay organized, and how to complete multiple assignments while enjoying a traditional high school experience.

- » Every Western Hills valedictorian since 2013 has been an IB student, and IB students have been accepted to top tier universities including, Rice, Cornell, MIT, St. Edward's, Harvard, and Duke.
- » 79% of students who participate in IB in high school complete a four-year degree, compared to the national average of 39%.
- » IB students typically earn advanced credits in college and take on leadership roles.
- » University admissions officials recognize and respect students' IB credentials.

