



# Benito Juárez Community Academy

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## Why study at Juárez High School?

Over the last several years, Benito Juárez Community Academy has become a premier neighborhood school in Chicago. Our school has a lot to offer: a safe and nurturing environment, honors and AP courses, CTE academies, and now the well-known IB program.

In addition, Juárez offers over 60 sports and clubs from which students can choose, and with a well-developed service learning program, hands-on learning through experience has never been easier for our students.



## What is IB?

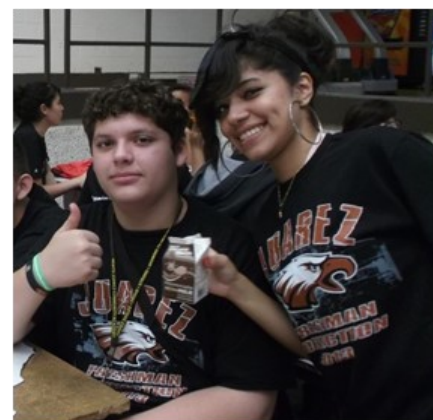
IB stands for International Baccalaureate, an international organization that helps schools like ours establish academically challenging and balanced programs that prepare students for success in college and life beyond.



## Why get an IB education?

An IB education...

- offers breath & depth—an IB student is more likely to be admitted to the best universities
- encourages learning through direct experience
- is recognized by many universities
- creates independent learners & strong writers
- cultivates an international mindset
- develops strong time management skills, key indicators of college success
- encourages critical thinking and promotes connection between subjects



## The IB Learner Profile

The IB learner profile provides a vision of education. It is a set of ideals that inspire and motivate the work that we do at Juárez.

IB students strive to be:

- Inquirers
- Knowledgeable
- Thinkers
- Communicators
- Principled
- Open-minded
- Caring
- Risk-takers
- Balanced
- Reflective



## The Programs

### Middle Years Programme (MYP )

Designed for students in the 9th and 10th grades, the MYP provides a framework of learning which encourages students to become creative, critical, and reflective thinkers. The MYP encourages students to make connections between their studies in traditional subjects and the real world. It also prepares students to undertake IB 's most rigorous and well-regarded program, the Diploma Programme.

At Juárez, students will explore significant concepts in seven different subject groups that are also interconnected through six global contexts. In addition, 10th grade students will undertake a personal project, a chance to learn to manage and direct their own inquiry and further develop the skills they have learned through the MYP.

### Diploma Programme ( DP )

Designed for highly motivated students in the 11th and 12th grades, the DP is an academically challenging and balanced program of education with final examinations that prepares students for success at university and life beyond.

DP graduates are better prepared for college courses and are statistically more likely to attend and complete university studies than their peers. The program has gained tremendous recognition and respect from the world ' s leading universities

At Juárez, students will study for two years Language and Literature, Spanish or French, History, Biology, Mathematical Studies, and Arts. In addition, all students will complete an extended essay, a Theory of Knowledge course, and will participate of a program that will enhance their creativity, action, and service skills.

### Measuring Outcomes

To measure what students have learned and monitor their progress, IB teachers use a range of assessment strategies including formative assessments that provide ongoing feedback that can be used by instructors to develop their teaching and by students to identify their strengths and weaknesses, and target areas of improvement.

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