The Cooper Experience

Cooper High School prepares students through the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IBMYP), Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program and the IB Diploma Programme for responsible citizenship in a global community.

IBMYP provides students with a broad base of knowledge, an international perspective and higher order critical thinking skills. It is school-wide for all students in 9th and 10th grades, with an honors component for interested students. Students are offered a continuous IB path from kindergarten through grade 12 via Lakeview, Robbinsdale Middle School and Cooper.

What distinguishes the IBMYP is its unique core: six global contexts, Approaches to Teaching and Learning Skills, Action and Service, and Key and Related Concepts. The program culminates in the 10th grade Personal Project, where students explore a topic of interest to them and produce a product of their choosing.

AVID is a college readiness elective course designed to help students in the academic middle—especially those who will be the first in their family to attend college—prepare for and succeed in college. AVID supports research-based methods for instruction and motivation to succeed. Teachers use AVID strategies building-wide at Cooper. There are currently 2 sections of AVID in grades 10-12 and 3 sections in grade 9. Students are encouraged to apply to AVID.

Outstanding Curriculum

Following IBMYP, the curriculum in grades 11 and 12 is based on state standards, a variety of elective choices, and college-level course offerings in the IB Diploma Programme in the following areas—English, History, Business and Management, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, French and Spanish, and Math (three levels available).

After School Activities

CHS offers many extra-curricular activities—from Anime to Improv to theatre to culture clubs. In addition, CHS offers a wide range of athletics including football, soccer, track and field, lacrosse, basketball, wrestling and more. All students are eligible to participate, and after-school activities transportation is available.