



International Skills Diploma Seal

Villa Rica High School's ISDS Club

What is ISDS?

International Skills Diploma Seal (ISDS) is an honor club program whose graduates receive an embossed seal on their high school diploma and an honor cord signaling successful completion of the program.

This is a state program coordinated by the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) World Languages and Global Workforce Initiatives department. You can learn more about about this distinguished program by visiting:

[GA DOE's Curriculum & Instruction > International Skills Diploma Seal website](#)

Why ISDS?

In today's global marketplace, it is important for students to acquire the interdisciplinary skills they need to be globally competent and competitive. 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. It is a signal to employers and higher education institutions that a student is prepared to participate in the global economy.

Who can join ISDS?

Any student who is enrolled in any level of French, Spanish or ESOL at Villa Rica High School can join ISDS!

The club is open to students in all grade levels 9th - 12th.

Students must be passing all classes to be eligible to go on school Field Trips.

How much does ISDS cost?

The cost to be in ISDS is free! There are no yearly fees or dues.

Many of the activities we do are completely free of charge and happen here at Villa Rica High School during the school day and after school.

We take Field Trips off campus about twice a semester.

When we do take a Field Trip, the costs and pricing information for each trip will be shared well in advance so that students can make necessary arrangements.

Students are not required to participate in every Field Trip/Extracurricular Activity/Community Service Project that is offered.

What are the requirements to be in ISDS?

In order to *earn the seal on your high school diploma and receive the honor cord* at graduation the ISDS student must fulfill these following requirements by **March of their Senior Year**.

- 3 credits in the same world language and/or ESOL (i.e., French I, French II, and French III)
- 4 credits in approved courses determined to have an international focus (i.e., World History)
- 20 hours of community service with the club (these hours have a global or international focus)
- 4 extracurricular experiences (such as Field Trips w/ ISDS, international travel, etc.)
- 1 Senior Capstone Project Presentation, completed in the spring of the students' senior year

Our club exists to facilitate an international education curriculum and to ensure that students are meeting target benchmarks and goals for fulfillment of the above requirements, as set forth by GaDOE.

Our club meets monthly for a pulse check with students, to ensure students are properly documenting and fulfilling requirements, and to share news and updates regarding Field Trips and community service projects.