

What's next?

Scholars Class of 2024

Hello!

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What is IB?

- An international organization founded in 1968.
- Mission: The IB aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect
- Teachers receive special training and students worldwide are evaluated according to the same high standards.



IB Vocabulary

- IB = International Baccalaureate
- DP = Diploma Programme, rigorous courses culminating with exams, 11-12
- MYP = Middle Years Programme, includes all 9th & 10th at IHS, a way of learning and approaching the world, emphasizes development along the Learner Profile



IB Vocabulary

- Learner Profile = Attributes for successful lifelong learners
- Scholars = 9th & 10th graders taking on advanced/accelerated classes with the goal of taking DP courses
- All Scholars and DP courses are UC a-g approved

Why be IB?

A world-class curriculum challenging students to apply what they learn.

IB grads are better prepared for college, more likely to be accepted, and more likely to complete their degrees on time.

Our alumni affirm the value of their IB educations.

It takes 24/45 points to get an IB Diploma. UCs award 30 quarter/20 semester units to those earning 30+ points.



How does IB work?

Grades 9 & 10

All are part of the MYP, but Scholars are accelerated in anticipation of taking DP courses. 9th is a time of rapid growth and adjustment. Courses build in 10th, plus there is the Personal Project.

Grade 11

You'll have the choice of pursuing a full IB Diploma schedule or taking a blend of IB, AP and college prep courses. You may also choose to add the Core of TOK, CAS and the EE.

Grade 12

During the second year of DP courses, you'll apply to college and finish Internal Assessments and any Core pieces. IB Exams happen in May. IB grades (IAs + exam scores) may qualify you for college credits.

Service Learning

Contributing your time and talents to others benefits them and you. Scholars are expected to document 20 hours of service over grades 9 & 10 combined. Even with social distancing, you've found many ways to serve. Keep building on the ideas you developed during Scholars English 9. We have a [service learning site](#) with far more information and links for submission.

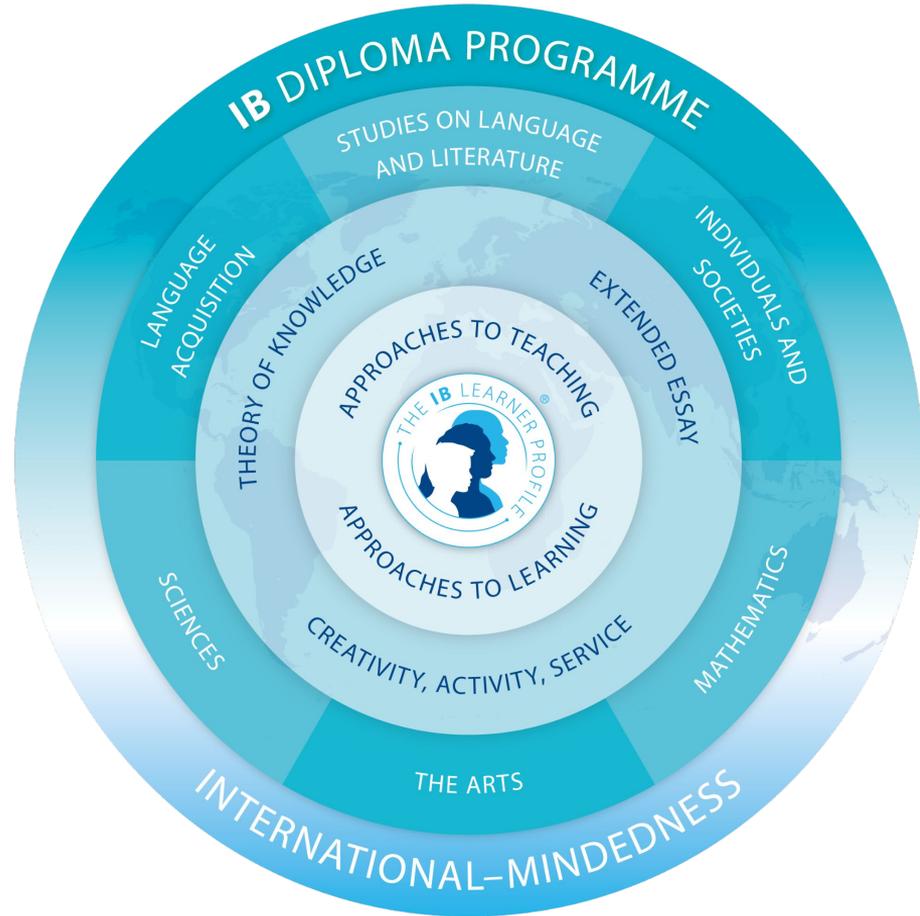
Personal Project

The culminating piece of the MYP is the Personal Project. You'll pursue a passion by choosing what to research, carrying out your plan, and then reporting out. Though it's independent, significant support (and some deadlines) will happen through classes. Besides building skills to be used later in CAS and the EE, the Personal Project may serve as an accomplishment to note on college applications.



Diploma Programme

Earning an IB Diploma requires courses from 5 or 6 subject areas plus completing the Core of Theory of Knowledge class; Creativity, Activity & Service projects; and the Extended Essay.



Course offerings

Group 1: English Language & Literature

Group 2: Spanish, French and Mandarin

Group 3: History of the Americas and Information Technology in a Global Society

Group 4: Chemistry and Biology

Group 5: Math Applications, Math Analysis

Group 6: Theatre (or a second from Group 3 or 4)

Students not pursuing an IB Diploma may choose from these courses, plus AP and college prep classes.

Balance

Goal: become a well-rounded Tiger

- Good time management is needed. Getting rest and free time are important, too!
 - Make short term and long term plans
 - Focus on work without distractions
 - Schedule in your breaks
 - Include some extra-curricular activities
 - Try, use your resources, and know when to ask for help
- Students are encouraged to help each other, in positive ways.
- Violations of our Academic Honesty Policy often result from prioritizing grades over learning and/or poor time management.
- Balance is essential both for your present happiness and your future success.



Family support

- Acknowledge the stresses of adolescence + high school + a rigorous program.
- Be supportive but not intrusive and maintain reasonable expectations.
- Encourage students to reach out before they get too far behind.
- Keep up with what's happening by reading emails, checking websites, and attending the monthly IB Committee meetings.



College Planning

It's never too early!

- School breaks are great times to visit colleges, both virtually and in person.
- Attend college fairs and workshops regarding financing college.
- College Board Big Future

Sophomore year

- Do the PSAT in the fall and then do test prep through collegeboard.org and Khan Academy sites.
- If in Math III/III+, consider trying the SAT over summer.
- Start doing some college, major & careers exploration.



College Planning

Junior year

- Everything from the last slide...
- Start making your list of majors and colleges of interest.
- Take the SAT for the first time in spring.
- Begin Service Academy applications, if desired.

Senior year

- Make visits, real or virtual.
- Repeat the SAT and ACT, if desired.
- Start writing application essays over the summer.
- Request letters of recommendation.
- Discuss money & do FAFSA.

COVID-19



Are we behind due to the pandemic?

- We have time! Your teachers will plan to help fill in any gaps and keep making forward progress.
- It wasn't just us! Colleges are fully aware that you've been impacted, and you'll let them know about the full year of distance learning, etc., when you apply.
- The admissions landscape has changed rapidly, including many more universities going test-optional or test-blind. Keep your options open by taking the tests when available, in case.

Questions?

The slides plus questions & answers will be posted to our website this week.