IB Presentation

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What is IB?

• IB is a comprehensive program that better prepares our students for college while also giving them the opportunity to earn college credit.
• Includes 6 groups of content classes (some of which you are required to take to graduate)
• Divided into Higher Level and Standard Level classes. Higher Level classes are generally two years (junior and senior years) while Standard Level can be taken either junior or senior year.
• We have great success with IB, and we continue to improve each year in providing our students with the best possible education.
Differences between AP and IB

• Both programs allow you to take single courses.
• AP is not a comprehensive program while IB is.
• An IB score is the result of multiple tests while AP is the result of only one test. That is, IB emphasizes differentiation in testing. AP does not.
• Both programs have solid teachers.
• IB scores always result in higher pass rates.
• AP and IB are recognized by most institutions.
Group 1 – Language A

- Literature Higher Level
- For Group 1, all students will take Higher Level Literature.
Group 2 – Language B

- Spanish ab initio Standard Level
- Spanish Standard Level
- Spanish Higher Level
Group 3 – Individuals and Societies

- History of the Americas HL
- Psychology SL and HL
Group 4

- Biology SL and HL
- Chemistry SL and HL
- Physics SL and HL
Group 5

- Math Studies SL
- Mathematics SL and HL
Group 6

- Film SL and HL
- Visual Arts SL
- Music SL and HL
Sample Schedule 1 (Junior Year)

- Group 1 Literature HL
- Group 2 Spanish SL (is the only SL two-year program)
- Group 3 History of the Americas HL
- Group 4 Biology HL
- Group 5 Math Studies SL
- AP Government
Sample Schedule 1 (Senior Year)

- Group 1 Literature HL
- Group 2 Spanish SL (is the only SL two-year program)
- Group 3 History of the Americas HL
- Group 4 Biology HL
- Group 3 Psychology SL
- AP Calculus
Sample Schedule 2 (Junior Year)

• Group 1 Literature HL
• Group 2 Spanish SL (is the only SL two-year program)
• Group 4 Physics HL
• Group 5 Mathematics HL
• Group 6 Visual Arts SL
• AP Government
Sample Schedule 2 (Senior Year)

- Group 1 Literature HL
- Group 2 Spanish SL (is the only SL two-year program)
- Group 3 Psychology SL
- Group 4 Physics HL
- Group 5 Mathematics HL
Requirements?

- You must have a course in each group (1-5).
- The sixth course can be from group 6 or can be from any other group.
- Theory of Knowledge is a core component.
- Extended Essay is to be submitted senior year.
- Creativity, Action and Service hours are required.
Extended Essay

- A 4,000 word essay written on a research topic of your choice.
- You are assisted by a faculty member of your choosing.
- You are supported and guided through this process.
- This essay prepares students for college-level research and writing.
Creativity – Action - Service

• In short, these are community service hours. Many of these hours are based on activities in which you will already be engaged.
Theory of Knowledge

- An additional class that is required. We structure this to meet your needs.
Benefits of IB to Students

• Be encouraged to think independently and drive their own learning.
• Take part in programs of education that can lead to some of the highest ranking universities around the world.
• Become more culturally aware through the development of a second language.
• Be able to engage with people in an increasingly globalized, rapidly changing world.
Benefits of IB to Students

• Access to the most competent (and effective) teachers.
• Dedicated support for the scheduling of classes.
• Access to scholarships and other funding.
• Receive college credit. This translates to tuition dollars that you won’t have to pay.
Examples of Successes

- One student, Rigel Bacani, attending the university needed to take only one class in order to receive a minor in Spanish due to her receiving a 5 in Standard Level Spanish. She began college as a second semester sophomore due to her overall IB Score of 31 points.

- One student, Chase Cocking, attended the University of Tulsa majoring in Petroleum Engineering. He just graduated in May and recently received a contract with Alamo Pressure Pumping in Texas earning over $100,000 annually as his starting salary. He earned the minimum 24 points. He began as a second semester Freshman.
Examples of Success

• Students attending the University of Arizona receive a $5,000 scholarship on top of awarded credits for earning the IB Diploma.
• Students report that they feel better prepared for the university level due to their IB learning experiences.
• Students who do not successfully achieve the IB Diploma still report that they feel better prepared for the university level.