

The IB at LHS

A brief look at the DP (Diploma Programme)

The Benefits of the DP

There are lots of programs that will help you get *into* college. The IB Programme, however, will provide you with the preparation and skills to be successful *throughout* college. This inquiry-based education provides you with an education that teaches you “how to think” versus “what to think.” Former LHS IB students have consistently shared the message that the IB Programme better prepared them for the rigors of college and beyond.

The DP and University Graduation Rates

According to data from the National Student Clearinghouse, a data source for students in postsecondary institutions in the United States (US), students who receive the IB diploma are 38% **more** likely to graduate from university with a degree than other students in higher-education institutions. Some **88%** of IB diploma students received a bachelor's degree within six years or less...compared to a rate of **58%** for all students.

What is the Diploma Programme?

- 11th and 12th students take academically demanding, college-level course work.
- It teaches you skills:
 - Critical, creative, reflective thinking
 - Time-management, organization, self-awareness
 - These skills help you be more successful in HS and beyond!
- A program and experiences that colleges like to see!

DP Course of Study

Full Diploma (6 courses) or Course (1-5 courses)

1. Language A: English
2. Language B: French, German or Spanish
3. History of the Americas
4. Sciences: Biology or Chemistry
5. Mathematics: Studies, SL, or HL, Further Maths HL
6. Other: Music, Business & Management, Music, 2nd Science or 2nd World Language

Full DP or IB Diploma Candidate

Course of Study

- Full Diploma Student takes 6 courses
 - 3 SL (Standard Level) Courses
 - 3 HL (Higher Level) Courses
- OR**
- 2 SL (Standard Level) Courses
 - 4 HL (Higher Level) Courses
- PLUS the DP Core:**
- Theory of Knowledge
 - CAS hours
 - Extended Essay

The DP Core

Theory of Knowledge

A philosophy-based course on how we learn

Extended Essay

A year-long research paper on a topic of your choice

Creativity, Activity and Service

Reflections on 150 hours dedicated to developing your interests and passions.

IB Diploma Candidate

Course of Study: Sample 1

Junior Year

Language A: SL

Language B: SL

Hist. Americas: HL

Chemistry: HL

Math: HL

Music: SL*

(TOK, CAS, EE)

Senior Year

Language A: SL*

Language B: SL*

Hist. Americas: HL*

Chemistry: HL*

Math: HL*

(TOK, CAS, EE)

*Test

IB Diploma Candidate

Course of Study: Sample 2

Junior Year

Language A: HL

Language B: SL

Hist. Americas: HL

Biology: HL

Math Studies: SL*

(TOK, CAS, EE)

Senior Year

Language A: HL*

Language B: SL*

Hist. Americas: HL*

Biology: HL*

Business Mgmt: SL*

(TOK, CAS, EE)

*Test

The DP and college credit

- Completing and testing in DP courses can provide you with college credit.
 - In Colorado, students who complete the IB Diploma are guaranteed at least 24 credits.
 - LHS students typically earn at least 30, a few have earned up to 60.
 - LHS website has equivalency scores

Cost of Testing 2015

Registration Fee: 164
Exam per subject: 113
Total: \$842*

12 credits at CSU:
\$6973

With an IB Diploma,
students earn a
minimum of 24 in-state
college credits.

24 credits at CSU:
\$9234

(On average LHS students
earn 30-40. We have had
students earn up to 60.)

* The cost of testing for students who
qualify for free and reduced lunch is
\$332.

Student Testimonials

- I like IB because...
 - “there is less regurgitation of facts, more application of knowledge.”
 - “the work in IB has a purpose.”
 - “IB learning is interactive.”
 - “there is a family-like community.”
 - “there is more personalized learning.”
 - “there are caring teachers, with whom you can develop a relationship.”
 - “it provides a sense of being globally connected.”

Questions?

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