



International[®]
Baccalaureate

**Foothill High School
IB Diploma Programme**

The unique benefits of the DP

Organization: What is the IB mission?

Mission:

The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

Learner Profile:

IB learners strive to be:

Inquirers

Knowledgeable

Thinkers

Communicators

Principled

Open-minded

Caring

Risk-takers

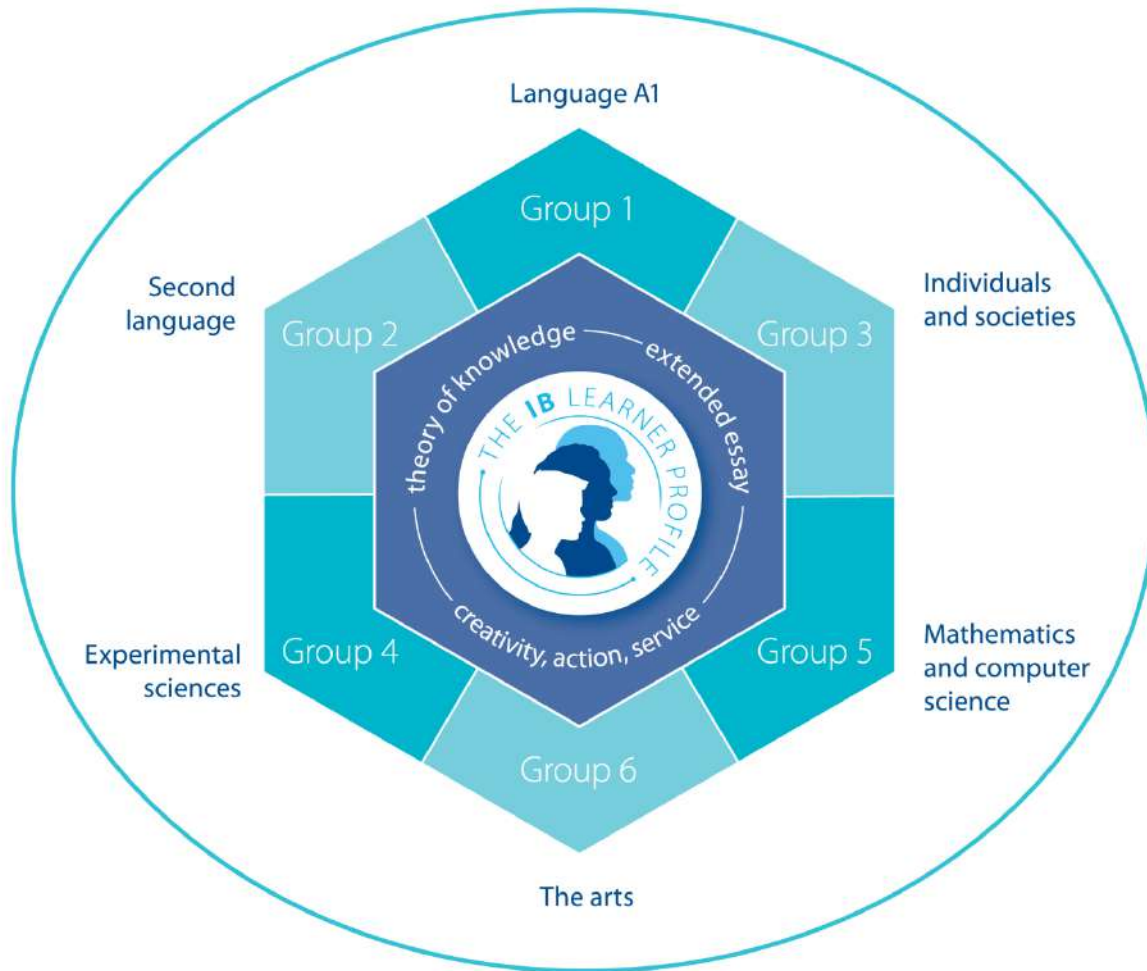
Balanced

Reflective

IB programme promotes the education of the whole person, emphasizing intellectual, personal, emotional and social growth through all domains of knowledge.

Contents: What does the Diploma Programme curriculum contain?

The curriculum contains six subject groups and a core of three parts.



The Programme is a two-year course of study.

Candidates must study

- One course from Groups 1-5, with an elective from Group 6 or any other Group.
- At least three subjects at higher level (HL) - two coming from Group 1 and 3 (240 hours each).
- three subjects at standard level (SL) (150 hours each).
- all three parts of the core.

Contents: What does the IB Diploma Programme core curriculum contain?

There are three core requirements

1. The extended essay:

- 4,000 words
- Offers the opportunity to investigate a research question of individual interest
- Familiarizes students with the independent research and writing skills expected at university



2. 150 hours of Creativity, Action and Service (CAS):

- Encourages students to be involved in artistic pursuits, sports and community service
- Educates outside the classroom
- Develops the learner profile



3. Theory of knowledge:

- Interdisciplinary
- Explores the nature of knowledge across disciplines
- Encourages an appreciation of other cultural perspectives



Assessment: What is special about IB assessment?

- Diploma Programme assessment includes both final examinations and internal assessment undertaken by the teacher to IB criteria and then externally moderated by the IB.
- All IB examiners are 'quality checked' through a process of moderation.
- Results are published on 5 July for the May examination session.
- The diploma is graded over 45 points giving ample scope to differentiate student ability
- Marks awarded for each course range from 1 (lowest) to 7 (highest).
- Diploma is awarded to students who gain at least 24 points.

University recognition: How well do universities recognize the IB diploma?

The IB diploma is widely recognized by the world's leading universities.

The IB works closely with universities in all regions of the world to gain recognition for the IB diploma:

- Direct online access for university admissions officers and government officials to syllabuses and recent examination papers
- A database of university admission policies on www.ibo.org
- Recognition in over 100 countries
- Recognition by over 2,000 universities
- Some universities offer scholarships and advanced placement for IB students

Foothill High School: What is special about our IB program?

Over the past ten years, our program has experienced great success. 91% of the Foothill High School candidates who attempt the diploma succeed in earning it; whereas, the average rate in North America is 75%.

Our program is designed around a particularly rigorous curriculum, yet students still average a 96.4% test pass rate. In 2010, *US News and World Reports* ranked our program as the fourth highest scoring IB school out of 684 other schools.

The most frequently asked question about IB:

“What is the difference between an IB and an Honors/AP schedule over the course of four years?”

IB

9th grade

World History Honors

10th grade

Euro AP, Chem. Honors

11th grade

Eng. A1 HL1, ToK

12th grade -

Eng. A1 HL 2

History of Americas HL

Math SL

Bio HL

ToK

AP

9th grade

World History Honors

10th grade

Euro AP, Bio. AP or Chem. Honors

11th grade

Eng. 3 Honors

12th grade

Eng. AP

AP Economics/Civics Honors

Calculus AB

Calculus BC or Stats AP