

# The IB at LHS

A brief look at the MYP (Middle Years Programme) and DP (Diploma Programme)



# Our Perspective

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

# What is the IB?

- IB Stands for International Baccalaureate
- It is a K-12 program of study.
  - PYP - Primary Years Programme
    - Grades: k-5
  - MYP - Middle Years Programme
    - Grades: 6-10
  - DP - Diploma Programme
    - Grades: 11-12



# IB Mission Statement

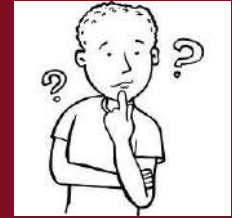
The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

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. (IB Mission Statement. Web. International Baccalaureate. 27

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# The IB Learner Profile



- The IB puts its mission statement into action via the IB learner profile.

- Principled
- Open-minded
- Caring
- Risk-takers
- Balanced
- Reflective

- As IB learners, we are...

- Inquirers
- Knowledgeable
- Thinkers
- Communicators



# What is the MYP?

- It is a way for students to understand what they are learning.
  - Subject areas are
    - viewed through the Areas of Interaction
      - Approaches to Learning, Human Ingenuity, Environments, Health and Social Education, Community and Service
    - Interconnected
    - Taught thematically



# How can the MYP help my student?

- It can prepare your child for more advanced work in 11th and 12th grades.
- It teaches your child valuable skills:
  - Critical, creative, reflective thinking
  - Time-management, organization, self-awareness
    - These skills help your child be more successful in HS and beyond!
- A program and experiences that colleges like to see!

# The MYP at LHS

- Students are grouped in a cohort.
- They complete Service Learning.
  - 3 experiences in 9th grade
    - Opportunities right here at LHS
      - Care closet, recycling, garden
  - 5 experiences in 10th grade
- They do a personal project in 10th grade
  - In an area of the student's choosing.
    - Music composition, art scrapbook, wood turning, created a computer, fashion design, and others.



# What is the DP?

- 11th and 12th students take academically demanding, college-level course work.
- It teaches your child skills:
  - Critical, creative, reflective thinking
  - Time-management, organization, self-awareness
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# DP Course of Study

- Full Diploma or Course Student
  - Language A: English
  - Language B: French, German or Spanish
  - History of the Americas
  - Sciences: Biology or Chemistry
  - Mathematics: Studies, SL, or HL
  - Other: Music, Business & Management, Music, Further Maths, 2nd Science or 2nd World Language

# The DP and college credit

- Completing and testing in DP courses can provide your child 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

# 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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