

Advanced Studies  
South Forsyth  
High School

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# Why Colleges Like AP and IB Programs

Common curriculum throughout the nation/world.

Professional development institutes and seminars for teachers in the program.

Standardized assessments each year that are the same for all students.

# Benefits of the AP and IB Programs

## For Colleges and Universities

- Students are better prepared.
- Students are placed in the appropriate courses.
- Improves high school and college articulation.
- Improves the chance that a student will graduate from college within four years.

# Benefits of the AP/IB Programs

## For High Schools

- Improves quality of the curriculum.
- Keeps students motivated and challenged.
- Enables teachers to present advanced content.
- Provides educators with nationally or internationally normed feedback.

# The Rewards of AP and IB

Prepares students for success in college by taking college-level courses while still in high school.

- Students explore advanced topics -- study in greater depth.
- Students develop advanced skills -- form disciplined study habits.
- Students build confidence in capability to succeed in college.

# The Rewards of AP and IB

Opportunity to earn college credit or advanced placement

- Possible tuition \$\$\$ savings
- Flexibility in college course choice
- Early entry to graduate/professional schools
- Early access to higher level coursework in college

# What Counts in College Admissions?

Student's grades in college prep classes

Strength of curriculum

Admission Test Scores

Overall GPA

Admissions essays

# What is AP?

A challenging set of academic courses based on college-level curricula.

Rigorous end-of-course examinations graded against national standards.

Students will meet both College Board curriculum requirements as well as Georgia's.



# AP and College Success™

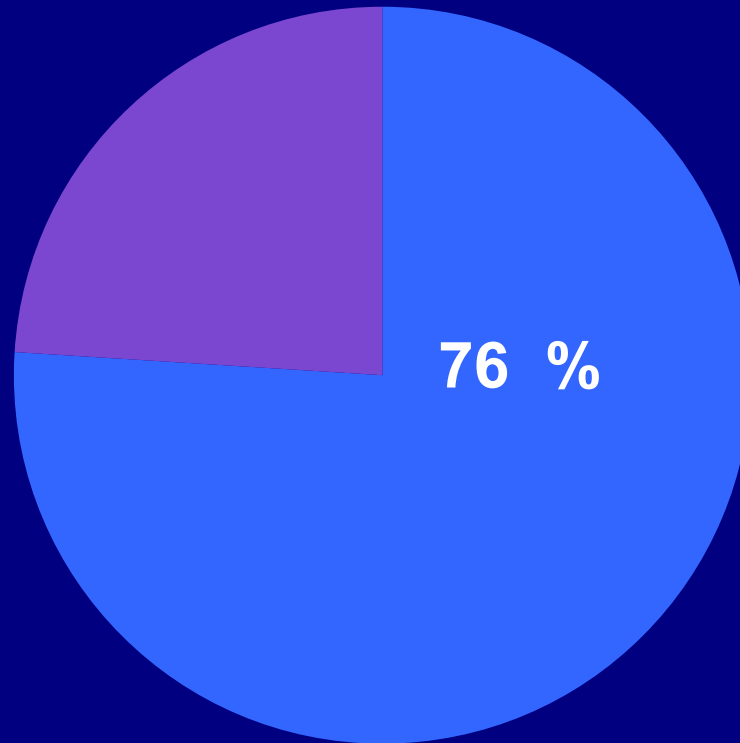


Students who take AP® courses and exams are much more likely than their peers to complete a bachelor's degree in four years or less.

**Source: College Board (2008)**

# 2012 AP Testing Data

Percent Earning College Credit



May 2012 – 1258 AP Exams Given

# Number of AP Course Offerings

English – 2

Science – 4

Math – 3

Foreign Lang.- 5

Social Studies - 7

Fine Arts - 5

Total 25

# Freshman AP Courses

Social Studies –AP Human Geography

# Sophomore AP Courses

Social Studies – AP World History, AP Human Geography

Science – AP Environmental Science (with Chemistry as a co-requisite), AP Computer Science

Core Elective – AP Psychology

# Junior AP Courses

English – AP Language

Math – AP Statistics, AP Calculus

Science – AP Chemistry, AP Biology, AP  
Environmental Science, AP Physics, AP  
Computer Science

Social Studies – AP US History, AP European  
History

Foreign Language – AP French, AP Spanish, AP  
German, AP Latin

Core Electives – AP Psychology, AP Music  
Theory, AP Studio Art

# Senior AP Courses

English – AP Literature

Math – AP Statistics, AP Calculus

Science – AP Chemistry, AP Biology, AP  
Environmental Science, AP Physics, AP  
Computer Science

Social Studies – AP European History, AP  
Government, AP Macroeconomics

Foreign Language – AP French, AP Spanish, AP  
Spanish Literature, AP German, AP Latin

Core Electives – AP Psychology, AP Music  
Theory, AP Studio Art

# AP Contacts

## AP Central

<http://apcentral.collegeboard.com>

## Colleges' AP Credit Policies

<http://apps.collegeboard.com/apcreditpolicy/index.jsp>

## AP Student Resources

[www.collegeboard.com/?student](http://www.collegeboard.com/?student)

## AP Parent Resources

<http://www.collegeboard.com/parents/>



# What is IB?

A challenging set of academic courses based on college-level curricula, with connections between the subjects.

Rigorous end-of-course examinations graded against world standards with both internal (school based) and external assessment.

Students will meet both IBO curriculum requirements as well as Georgia's.

Students also complete additional components beyond the school curriculum designed to develop their skills in communication.

# AP or IB, that is the question...

## AP

## IB

- Classes stand alone
- Externally assessed
- Grading scale 1-5
- 3 is a “passing” score
- Large selection of classes
- Can pick and choose subjects to take by preference

- High rigor
- Quality point adjustment to GPA
- College level coursework/curriculum
- Potential college credit
- College recognition of challenge

- Interdisciplinary
- Internally and externally assessed
- Grading scale 1-7
- 4 is a “passing” score
- Specific curriculum requirements across the disciplines
- Develops whole student (CAS, EE, TOK)

# Additional Information

Students who are in the IB program can take certain AP classes should their schedules permit. Also, some IB students may opt to take AP tests even though they did not take the AP course (AP Literature).

IB Success rates correlate well with AP for college success.

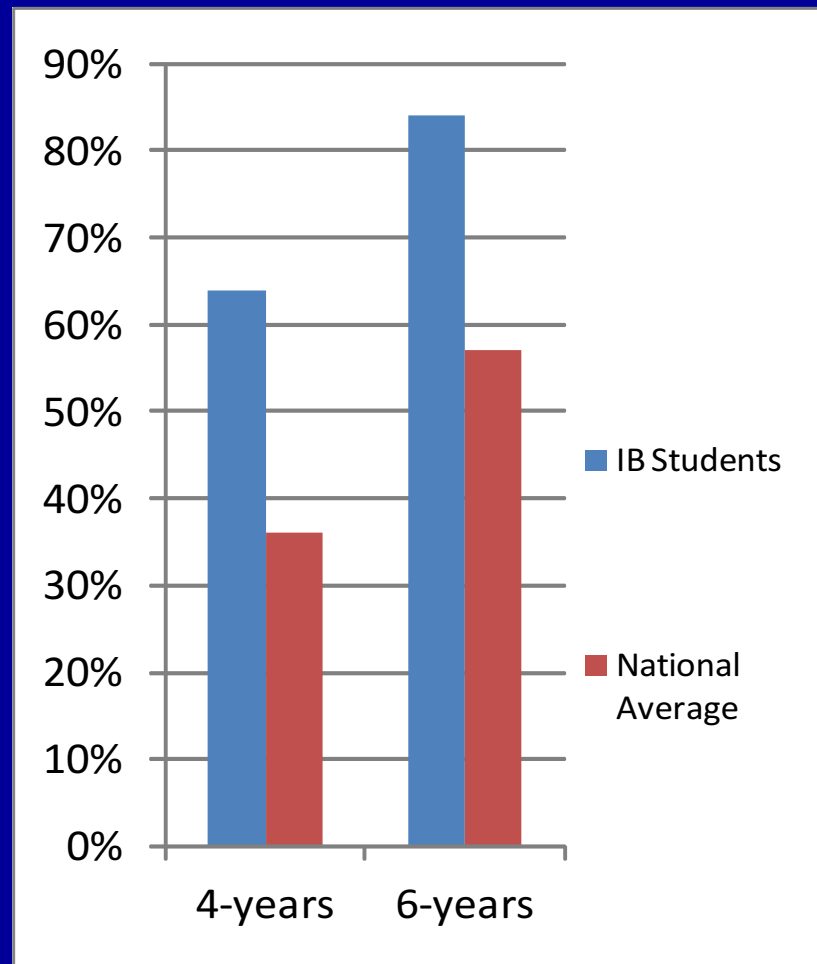
IB Diploma recipients can receive additional college credits in some states and with some universities (24 hours of credit)

# IB Students Graduate from College at Higher Rates



Diploma Programme

The 2011 study of IB students' experiences after high school found that IB students graduated from college at higher rates, with 81% of IB students graduating within 6 years of enrolling full-time at a 4-year institution, compared to the national average of 57%.



# International Baccalaureate

## Assessment Pass Rate

Year	Number of diploma courses offered	Average number of diploma candidates
2001-2012	18 currently	50-80

## Diploma Pass Rate

Year	SFHS	Georgia	USA	World
2008-2012	89%	57%	67%	78%

## Comparison

# IB Contacts

International Baccalaureate

<http://ibo.org>

IB F.A.Q. for the Diploma Program at SFHS

<http://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/sfhs/site/default.asp> under  
Curriculum link

# 2013-14 Course Registration

Teachers will make recommendations for student course placement in January.

Student scheduling will begin in February, after teacher recommendations are made.

Students wishing to take an AP Course without a teacher recommendation must complete a Waiver Form. This form will be electronic and is due on or before April 12<sup>th</sup>.

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