

# Pedro Menendez High School

## Parent/Student Survival Guide

### What does the IB Diploma Programme at PMHS look like?



<u>9th/10th Grade</u>	<u>11th/12th Grade</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English (Pre-IB)</li> <li>• Spanish (Pre-IB/Optional)</li> <li>• World History (Pre-IB)</li> <li>• Biology/Chemistry/Physics/ Anatomy and Physiology (Honors and Pre-IB)</li> <li>• Geometry/Algebra II/Math Applications-Statistics/Math Analysis-Calculus (Honors, Pre-IB/IB)</li> <li>• Inquiry Skills</li> <li>• Humanities/Elective/Academy Course</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English: Literature (HL)</li> <li>• Spanish B/Ab. Initio (SL/HL)</li> <li>• History of Americas (HL)</li> <li>• Biology/Physics/Environmental Systems (SL/HL)</li> <li>• Math Applications-Stats/Math Analysis-Calc (SL/HL)</li> <li>• Psychology (SL/HL)/Business Management (SL)</li> <li>• Visual Arts/Dance (SL/HL)</li> <li>• Elective/Academy Course</li> <li>• Theory of Knowledge (TOK)</li> <li>• <i>Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)</i></li> <li>• <i>Extended Essay (EE)</i></li> </ul>

\*CAS and EE are core components that are completed in the 11th and 12th grade years through TOK

### Why do IB at PMHS?

- The IB Diploma Programme is regarded as the most rigorous academic program in the world!
- IBDP carries the most weight in college acceptance!
- Opportunity to earn up to 50 college credits!
- Scholarship money awarded to IBDP candidates!
- 100% Bright Futures awarded to IB Diploma Recipients
- Learn college success skills—writing ability, speaking ability, time management
- Development of a well-rounded student (CAS, TOK, EE, IB Learner Profile)
- Support from your IB “Family” at PMHS
- IB Bilingual Diploma Option
- Ability to take individual IB courses as Certificate Courses

### Questions/Comments? Contact us!

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# So how do I get the IB Diploma?



**To earn the IB Diploma, students must earn a total of 24 points. This can be done in a variety of ways.**

- DP Candidates must study **six subjects**, plus the three core subjects—EE, TOK, and CAS.
- Each subject is graded 1-7, with 7 being the highest grade.
- These grades are also used as points (that is, 7 points for a 7, 6 points for a 6, and so on) in determining if the diploma can be awarded.
- **TOK** and the **EE** are graded A-E, with A being the highest grade. These two grades are then combined in the diploma points matrix to contribute between 0 and 3 points to the total.
- **CAS** is not assessed but must be completed in order to pass the diploma.
- The overall **maximum** points from subject grades, TOK, and the EE is therefore **45**:  $((6 \times 7) + 3)$ .
- The **minimum** threshold for the award of the diploma is **24** points. If a candidate scores less than 24 points, the diploma is not awarded.
- Candidates who take the diploma in multiple languages may be eligible for a **bilingual diploma**.

**Additional Requirements:**

- CAS requirements have been met.
- There is no “N” awarded for TOK, the EE, or for a contributing subject (N = not assessed).
- There is no grade “E” awarded for TOK and/or the EE (E = Failing condition).
- There is no grade “1” awarded in a subject/level.
- There are no more than **two** grade “2” awarded (SL or HL).
- There are no more than **three** grade “3” or below awarded (SL or HL).
- The candidate has gained **12** points or more on **HL** subjects (For candidates who register for four HL subjects, the three highest grades count).
- The candidate has gained **9** points or more on **SL** subjects (Candidates who register for four HL subjects/two SL subjects must gain at least 5 points at SL)
- The candidate has not received a penalty for academic misconduct from the Final Award Committee.

**Sample IB Diploma**

*Earned  
May 2018*

Subject Details		Subject
Grade		
D		MAY 2018 - ENGLISH A EE in ENGLISH
5		MAY 2018 - ENGLISH A: Literature HL in ENGLISH
6	←	MAY 2018 - SPANISH B SL in SPANISH
3		MAY 2018 - HISTORY AMERICAS HL in ENGLISH
→ 2		MAY 2018 - PHYSICS SL in ENGLISH
4		MAY 2018 - MATH STUDIES SL in ENGLISH
4		MAY 2018 - DANCE HL in ENGLISH
D		MAY 2018 - THEORY KNOWL. TK in ENGLISH

*The IB Diploma is unique in that students can have areas of strengths and weaknesses in certain subject areas and still achieve the diploma.*

Want to know how your IB Exams translate to college credit? What DE courses earn what college credit? Search “**FLDOE Credit-by-Exam Equivalencies**” or visit the link here: <https://tinyurl.com/y2vmx5az>

Want to learn more about Florida Bright Futures Scholarships? Search “**FL Bright Futures Handbook**” or visit the link here: <https://tinyurl.com/y28mlde8>

Merit Recognition Program	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/SAT®)		Service Hours	Bright Futures Award
	2020-21	2021-22		
International Baccalaureate (IB) - Curriculum	29/1330	29/1330	100 hours	FAS
	25/1210	25/1210	75 hours	FMS

*\*Students who earn the IB Diploma automatically qualify for the highest Bright Futures FAS Award regardless of SAT or ACT score.*