

What is the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program?

The International Baccalaureate (IB) is an internationally recognized college prep program through which secondary students complete a comprehensive curriculum of rigorous study.

- The IB Diploma Program provides a comprehensive curriculum covering six academic areas.
- IB offers excellent college preparatory experiences and opportunities to earn college credit.
- IB emphasizes learning to think critically, write clearly and precisely, and analyze complicated situations.
- The IB Diploma is a two-year commitment to a rigorous program at Champlin Park High School.

What is required for the IB Diploma Program?

During the junior and senior years, students study required courses in English, social studies, science, math, world language, and IB electives such as music, business management, or psychology. Champlin Park offers these IB Classes: SL=Standard Level HL=Higher Level

Group 1 English A1: Language and Literature HL

Group 2 Language B:

Spanish SL/HL, French SL/HL, German SL/HL
Spanish Ab Initio, French Ab Initio

Group 3 Individuals & Societies:

History HL

Group 4 Experimental Sciences:

Biology SL/HL, Chemistry SL/HL

Group 5 Mathematics:

Math Studies SL, Mathematics SL,
Mathematics HL

Group 6 Arts and Electives: Music SL/HL,

Business Management HL, Psychology SL

Additional requirements are:

- The Theory of Knowledge Course.
- An extended essay of independent research no longer than 4000 words.
- Creativity, Action, and Service (CAS) encourages students to share their talents with others in areas such as theater, sports, and community service activities.
- IB students complete class papers and projects throughout the school year and take final exams in May.

Additional Features of the IB Program:

- Requires study across a broad and balanced range of knowledge domains including languages, humanities, science and technology, mathematics and the arts.
- Draws on content from cultures across the world.
- Gives special emphasis to language acquisition and development.
- Provides opportunities for engaging in interdisciplinary learning.
- Provides students with opportunities for individual and collaborative learning.
- Many colleges and universities have a high regard for IB Diploma Program graduates because of the comprehensive nature of the program.

Who can apply for the IB Diploma Program?

The program is for 11th and 12th graders. Students who are not in the Champlin Park attendance area must be prepared to transfer to Champlin Park to attend the IB Diploma Program. Transportation to Champlin Park will be the responsibility of the family, guardian, or student. District transfer applications are due Jan. 15.

How can I prepare for the IB Program?

Start by taking advanced courses in 9th and 10th grade. Here are suggested courses:

H = honors

Language Arts:

- English 9 (H)
- English 9 AVID (H)
- English 10 (H)
- English 10 AVID (H)
- English/Social Studies Block 10 (H)

Mathematics:

- Advanced Algebra leads to IB Math Studies.
- Advanced Algebra (H) leads to IB Math Standard Level SL.
- Precalculus (H) leads to IB Math HL.

Social Studies:

- U.S. Government 9 (H)
- A.P. US History 10 (H)
- English/Social Studies Block 10 (H)

Science:

- Physical Science 9 (H) or Physics 9 (H)
- Chemistry I or Chemistry II (H)

World Language:

- Completion of Level III Spanish, French or German by the end of 10th grade.
- A beginner IB language course is also available for those not having world language prior to 11th grade.

Music:

- Must audition for Level III Band, Choir, or Orchestra at the end of 10th grade.

Is it worth it?

News from our graduates!

"IB gave me an edge over other students. I find that I am more prepared, a more effective writer, and am able to think more analytically. IB was BY FAR the best decision I made in high school."

--Katie, Notre Dame

"With the 32 credits that the U of M gave me for my IB diploma, I was able to apply and get accepted into the mechanical engineering upper division a year before my peers. The greatest skill that I learned in IB is how to write essays and reports, especially ones with a different perspective. I did not realize this until I took several writing intensive courses and witnessed how much other people struggle with even basic writing. Regardless of the major or career, the ability to write well will always be necessary."

--Andrey, U of M—Twin Cities

"I'm participating in the Honors program at school, and one of the requirements is to participate in a colloquium discussion each semester... Being in the IB program really improved my ability to conduct a meaningful discussion. It was really nice knowing what to expect in at least one aspect of my first year of college."

--Jessi, U of W—Stout

"The IB Program has helped me immensely with my classes. I know how to study and take notes that will actually be useful later down the road, and I am able to participate in class discussions extensively. I am able to articulate my thoughts well enough to convey what I am trying to say, which is always helpful. . . Finally, and probably most importantly, I am able to analyze material at a college level without having to spend a lot of time doing so."

--David, U of M—Twin Cities (Honors Program)

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

CHAMPLIN PARK HIGH SCHOOL

A two-year, college preparatory program for 11th and 12 graders featuring:

- Comprehensive curriculum
- Focus on higher level critical thinking skills.
- Extensive instruction on writing, problem solving and research.
- Learning through seminar and completion of projects.



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