

IB and College Recognition

The Mid-Atlantic Association of IB World Schools worked diligently towards the 2009 passage by the Virginia legislature of Code of Virginia § 23-9.2:3.8 (better known as SB 209 in the 2010 General Assembly) which requires public colleges and universities in Virginia to fulfill certain obligations regarding credit policies for International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement courses.

In accordance with the legislation, by May 31, 2011, public colleges and universities in Virginia MUST:

- Outline conditions necessary to grant IB and AP credit, including minimum required scores on examinations for courses
- Identify the specific course credit or other academic requirements a student satisfies by successfully completing an IB Diploma
- Make policies for granting credit for standard and higher level IB courses comparable to those for AP courses
- Report adopted policies to the State Council of Higher Education and publicize such policies on the institution's website

As students consider their postsecondary options, please ask public Virginia institutions about their compliance with the Virginia law. Students have a right to credit at these institutions. It is also their right to ask about these institutions' compliance with the law and make an informed decision. We strongly encourage students and parents to ask about credit for success on standard level IB exams and for the IB Diploma.

For more information on college credit in various states' university systems, please visit www.ibo.org