

Fall IB Orientation Diploma Program



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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 programs of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programs encourage students across the world to become *active, compassionate and lifelong learners* who understand that *other people, with their differences, can also be right.*

The Learner Profile



How is the DP different from other pre-university academic programs?

- DP is a comprehensive and balanced 2-year curriculum and assessment system
- Assessments (internal and external) are done throughout the 2 year program
- Requires students to study six subjects and core components both years (11&12)
- Students explore the connections between the six subjects and from an international perspective
- Students will...
 - Reflect
 - Pursue one subject in great detail through independent research
 - Apply knowledge and skills through community outreach

- Assessments are done throughout the 2 year program
- Work is assessed by the teachers who created the assessments as well as by outside examiners
- Moderation ensures that student work is assessed using a common standard and it is applied equally to the work of all students.

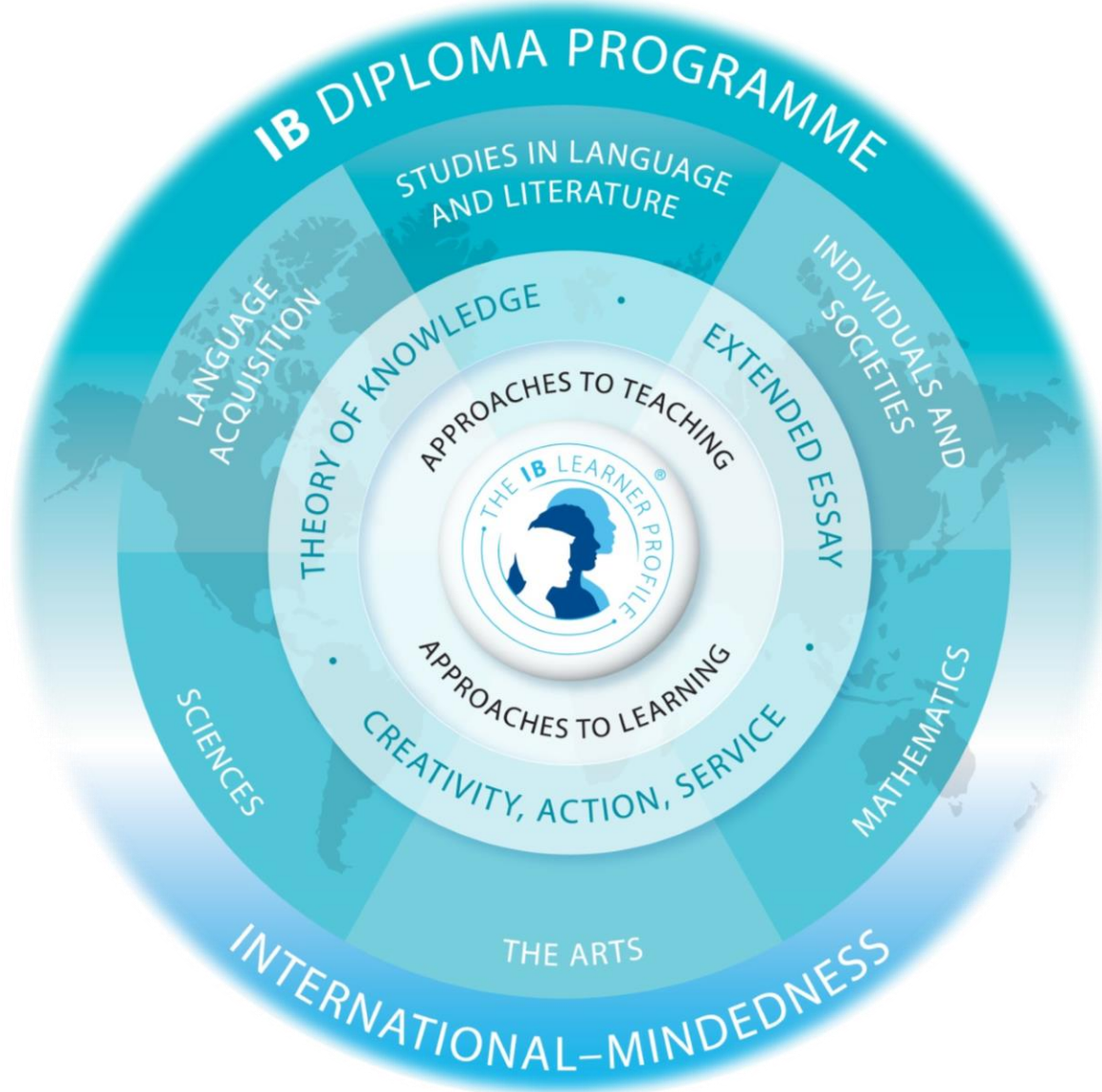
The DP provides students with...

- ✓ A broad and balanced, yet academically challenging, program of study
- ✓ The development of critical-thinking and reflective skills
- ✓ The development of research skills
- ✓ The development of independent learning skills
- ✓ The development of intercultural understanding
- ✓ A globally recognized university entrance qualification

The IB Diploma is recognized by colleges and universities around the world as a superior education, preparing students to succeed at post-secondary institutions



The Curriculum Framework



Grade 11, year 1

- **Studies in Language & Literature:** English 11
 - **Language Acquisition:** French B, Spanish B
 - **Individuals & Societies:** History of the Americas
 - **Sciences:** Biology and/or Chemistry
 - **Mathematics:** MYP Extended Math or **Math: analysis & approaches SL or **Math: applications & interpretations SL
 - **The Arts/Electives:** Visual Art
Theatre Art
**Psychology SL
Chemistry
- **=sit for exam as juniors

Grade 12, year 2

- **Studies in Language & Literature:** English 12 (HL)
- **Language Acquisition:** French B or Spanish B (SL or HL)
- **Individuals & Societies:** World Topics (SL or HL)
- **Sciences:** Biology (SL or HL) OR Chemistry (SL or HL)
- **Mathematics:** Math: analysis & approaches SL or Math: applications & interpretations SL
- **The Arts/Electives:** Visual Art HL
Theatre Art SL or HL
Chemistry SL or HL

The Core



Creativity, Activity, Service

- Graduated involvement that focuses on the learner outcomes
 - Middle School: counted hours
 - HS MYP: two experiences per year
 - DP: three short-term goals & one long term project
- Goals must address all outcomes and each of the three categories -- creativity, activity, service – must be represented at least once
- Students must also have a cooperative project during grade 11
- Current activities such as sports, music lessons, Boy Scouts count; there must be a new goal/rationale behind the activity.



ManageBac



- Online subscription service to manage CAS
- Communication tool between student and CAS coordinator (Mrs. Harper)
- Efforts must be documented on this platform

Theory of Knowledge



- Two-year course, 100 hours
- Centered around discussions of the eight ways of knowing:

sense perception

language

reason

emotion

faith

memory

imagination

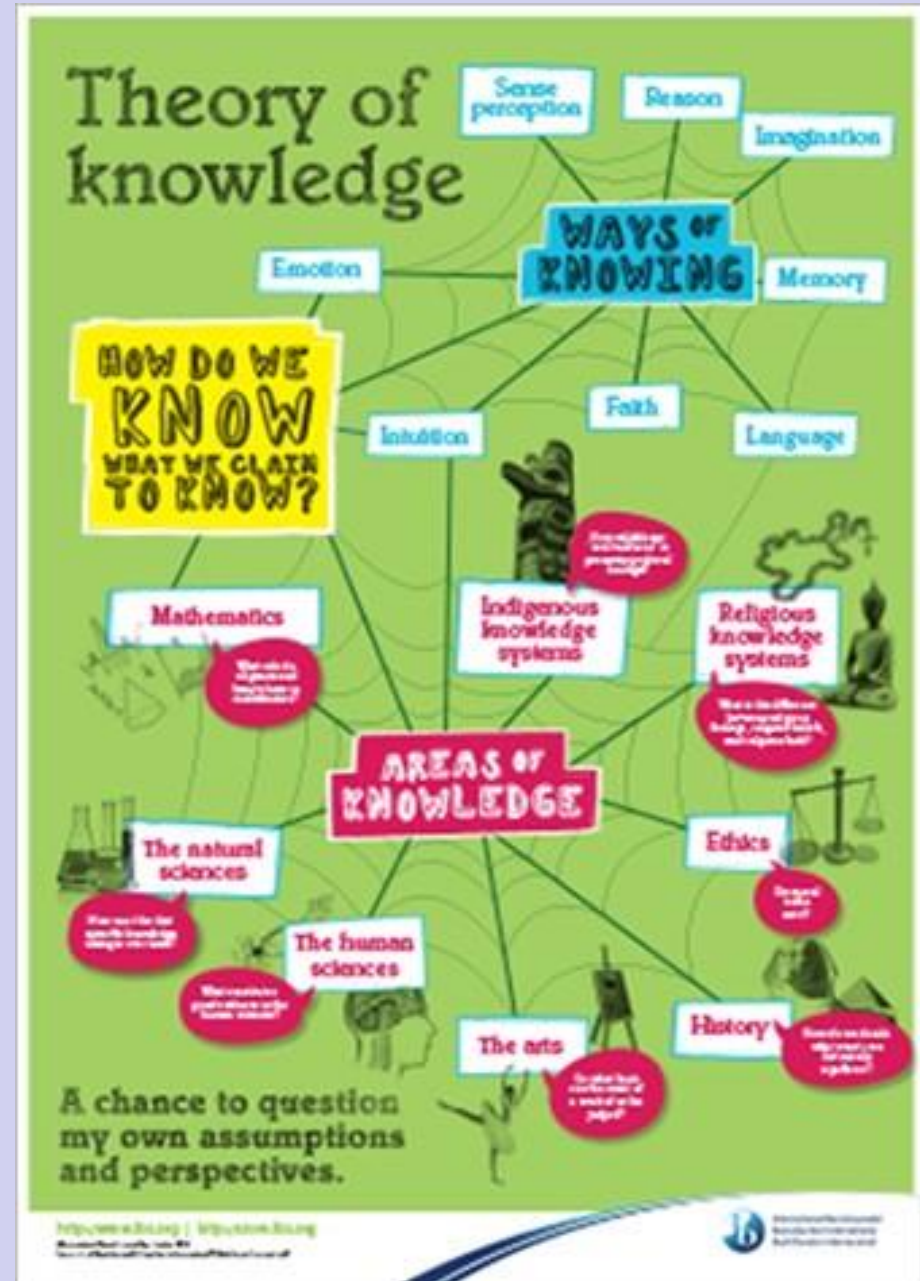
intuition

- Not about new knowledge acquisition, but rather, the consideration of knowledge issues

TOK

Core of the program

- *How do we know what we know?*
- *How is knowledge produced?*
- *What is the difference between belief and knowledge?*
- *How do the eight ways of knowing work together?*
- *What degree of certainty or obstacles to certainty do we have in a given subject?*
- *How can we overcome some of this uncertainty to declare knowledge?*



Exam Registration

- Begins next week for seniors and juniors
- 11 graders are *anticipated* candidates
- 12th graders are *diploma* candidates
- Students will select exams and level (where applicable)
- Registration verification will be mailed home
- Parents must sign registration by 10/29



Fines after **November 12**

Exams

Exams are always in May

May 3-20, 2022

**Exam dates are irrefutable, unchangeable, and
non-negotiable**

SL or HL?

- SL—150 minimum hours; HL—240 hours. HL adds more concepts, greater depth, increased rigor on IAs and exams
- IB sets the rule: 3 SL, 3 HL
- By fall of your senior year you must have made your final decision of SL vs. HL (Science, Language, History, Theatre)

Diploma Requirements

- TOK, CAS, Extended Essay
- Internal assessments
- Exams
 - Must have at least 3 Higher Level and 3 SL courses
 - The Maths and Psychology ONLY offered as SL
 - Visual Arts and English are ONLY offered as HL
 - Year 5 of French or Spanish is highly recommended as SL
 - Other courses offer a choice
 - » Language (year 6) – SL or HL
 - » Sciences – SL or HL
 - » Theatre—SL or HL
 - » History—SL or HL



Achieving the Diploma—24 points

- Scores based on 1-7
 - Must have completed CAS with all supporting documentation
 - Earned at least a D in both TOK and EE
 - 12 of the 24 points must be in HL subjects
 - 9 of the 24 points must be in SL subjects
 - No grade 1 in any subject
 - No more than two grades of 2 (SL or HL)
 - No more than three grades of 3 (SL or HL)
 - completed and turned in all IA components
 - Not found guilty of malpractice
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- Total of 42 points possible with 6 subjects; 45 including 3 “floating” points from TOK & EE

College Credit and IB Scores

- IB Scores released **July 6**
- Scores sent electronically to colleges based on student request
- Colleges grant credit differently. See their websites.
- All Virginia state institutions **MUST** grant credit for SL exams as they would AP exams due to VA legislation

QUESTIONS?



Thank you for attending!