

# Welcome to IB Parent Night!



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## Why IB?

- An enriched approach to education that challenges students to immerse themselves in their learning
- Preparation for academic life after high school
- IB DP goes beyond academic learning, develops well-rounded students with creative and critical thinking skills, ethical decision-making and a passion for inquiry and learning.

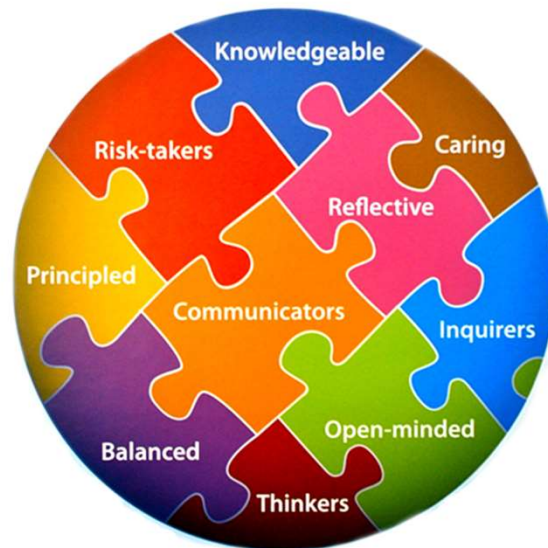
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- Community building – students and teachers spend their time constructively supporting each other and continuously learning - a “School within a School”
- Today’s world is increasingly global, and IB places developing an international perspective at its core
- Students are encouraged and expected to be active and engaged citizens - both locally and globally.

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## Why IB?



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## Structure of the Program

- 2 year long diploma (Grade 11 and 12)
- Students will study 6 subjects, 5 of them will be over 2 years
  - French or Spanish will be completed and assessed in the first year
- In addition to the 6 subjects, students will complete an Extended Essay, Theory of Knowledge and CAS (known as The Core).

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## Subjects

Your child has chosen 6 subjects they would like to study in IB.

IB breaks its subjects up into 6 main subject groups:

- Group 1: Studies in Language and Literature
- Group 2: Language Acquisition
- Group 3: Individuals and Societies
- Group 4: Sciences
- Group 5: Mathematics
- Group 6: Arts (currently not offered)

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Group 1 – Studies in Language and Literature	Group 2 – Language Acquisition	Group 3 – Individuals and Societies	Group 4 – Sciences	Group 5 – Mathematics
Mandatory	1 Class Mandatory	1 Class Mandatory	1 Class Mandatory	Mandatory
<b>English (SL or HL)</b>	<b>French (SL)</b>	<b>Global Politics (SL or HL)</b>	<b>Biology (SL or HL)</b>	<b>Analysis &amp; Approaches (SL or HL)</b>
	<b>Spanish (SL)</b>	<b>History (SL or HL)</b>	<b>Chemistry (HL)</b>	
		<b>Psychology (HL or SL)</b>	<b>Physics (HL)</b>	
			<b>Computer Science (HL)</b>	

- Sixth class is chosen from Group 3 or 4
- Students need 3 Higher Level (HL) and 3 Standard Level (SL) courses

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## SL vs. HL

- Higher Level (HL) courses require more instructional hours and cover more topics than Standard Level (SL) courses.
- HL courses are university transfer credit level courses (depending on the grade and admission requirements of each university).
- SL courses give graduation credit and IB Diploma credit
- The curriculum covered is not necessarily harder in HL classes

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## The Core: Extended Essay (EE)

- Independent, self-directed research ending with a 4,000-word paper in a subject of their choice
- Topic chosen must be from one of the courses being taken
- Practical preparation for undergraduate research
- Students typically start the EE around halfway through their first year and finish it around halfway through their second year.
- Additional “points” for final Diploma, must complete

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**Extended essay**

**CHOOSE A TOPIC AREA**  
It's a relatively broad topic. Pick something you're interested in.

**CHOOSE AN IS SUBJECT**  
It's all the research materials you'll use.

**FORMULATE A PRECISE RESEARCH QUESTION**  
Research with the intention of answering a question.

**PLAN**  
Research with the intention of answering a question. Plan your research. Identify the key sources. Research and read. Plan your research. Identify the key sources. Research and read.

**COLLECT RESOURCES**  
Search for a wide range of resources. Read the abstracts. Read the abstracts. Read the abstracts.

**WRITE**  
Plan your research. Identify the key sources. Research and read. Write the essay. Write the essay. Write the essay.

**SUBMIT THE ESSAY**  
Write the essay. Write the essay. Write the essay.

Be original — think for myself.

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- **How is it scored?**
- Criteria A: Focus and Method
- Criteria B: Knowledge and Understanding
- Criteria C: Critical Thinking
- Criteria D: Presentation
- Criteria E: Engagement
- **How is it Assessed?**
- out of 36 points on an A-E scale:  
A=Excellent & E=Elementary

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## The Core: Theory of Knowledge

- A mandatory subject focusing on the nature of knowledge.
- Explores how we know what we know - the nature of knowledge across disciplines
- Some compare it to a 'philosophy' class, but really it is a broader subject that focuses on different areas of knowledge, ways of knowing, and cultural perspectives.
- It demonstrates the ways in which the student can apply their knowledge with greater awareness and credibility
- Course and exhibition completed in the first year, TOK essay completed in the second year.

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## The Core: Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS)

- Throughout their time in the IB, your child must show that they are engaging in out-of-school activities that fit one of the three categories.

### **CREATIVITY**

Experiences that encompass original thinking, including artistic activities and other learning and teaching experiences.

### **ACTIVITY**

Experiences that contribute to a healthy lifestyle through participation in individual/team sports, as well as any other activity which focuses on physical exertion.

### **SERVICE**

Experiences that involve interactions with individuals or groups, which provide benefits to the community. These experiences should not only involve contributions to others, but also with others, while developing a deep commitment.

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## Assessment in IB



- IB Diploma has a maximum of 45 points - each course is marked on a scale of 1(low) - 7 (high)
- 42 points are determined through the 6 subject area courses and 3 additional points through the Core (TOK and EE)
- Minimum 24 points are needed for the Diploma to be awarded, 12 of which must be from HL classes

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## Assessment in IB

- Exams are in April/May of Gr. 12 year (except Language Exams, they will take place in April/May of Gr. 11)
- Final marks are released in early July of Grade 12, after all IB Final Exams are externally marked

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IB SL Course Conversion Scale			UBC	SFU
7	96%	A		 SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY ENGAGING THE WORLD
6	90%	A		
5	86%	A		
4	76%	B		
3	70%	C+		

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IB HL Course Conversion Scale			UBC	SFU
7	98%	A		 SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY ENGAGING THE WORLD
6	96%	A		
5	90%	A		
4	86%	A		
3	76%	B		

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## IB Fees

- Students enrolled in the full Diploma:
  - ~\$600 per year (totalling \$1200)
- For students taking Certificate courses only:
  - \$183 per course
- For families, the cost for IB can be offset by tuition fees saved at post-secondary

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## So, where does IB get Students?

- IB is recognized in almost 150 countries and 2,000 universities around the world - **each institution has its own admissions policy as it relates to IB applicants - you need to do your research**
- Some universities offer scholarships and/or grant first year credit for courses completed through the IB - every post-secondary is different and sets their own rules

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## So, where does IB get Students?

- 2022 UBC/UofT study shows that, when compared to Dogwood and French Immersion students, IB students:
  - are more likely to complete their degrees
  - have a higher GPA throughout their undergraduate program
  - are more likely to participate in co-op programs
  - are more likely to enter STEM fields
- Results of this and other studies found here:
- <https://www.ibo.org/research/outcomes-research/diploma-studies/>



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## Applying

- Applications for the 2024 – 2026 cohort will open on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 8 am and close on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 8 am.
- Late application will be waitlisted
- Only students who have filled out and submitted the application package will be considered for our program

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## Acceptance into our full program...

- Full diploma students will be notified by email by February 7<sup>th</sup> if they are accepted into the program.
- Applicants have 1 weeks to respond with their formal acceptance of the offer.

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## Certificate (Course) Applicants

- ONLY JH students can apply for IB courses as part of the Certificate program.
- Students can choose 1 – 3 HL courses
- Can also take either French B SL or Spanish B SL

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Course Selection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are 3 pathways to choose from in our program:</li> </ul>	<b>Pathway 1</b> <b>Natural Sciences</b> Engineering, Physics, Math, Astronomy, Computer Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three courses must be SL and three courses must be HL</li> </ul>
		English SL	
		French SL <input type="checkbox"/> or Spanish SL <input type="checkbox"/>	
		<b>Choose one:</b> History SL <input type="checkbox"/> Global Politics SL <input type="checkbox"/>	
		<b>Choose two:</b> Chemistry HL <input type="checkbox"/> Physics HL <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science HL <input type="checkbox"/>	
		Math HL	
		Theory of Knowledge (TOK), Extended Essay (EE), Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS)	

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Course Selection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are 3 pathways to choose from in our program:</li> </ul>	<b>Pathway 2</b> <b>Life Sciences</b> Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Sciences, Pre-Medicine, Pre-Dentistry, Pharmacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three courses must be SL and three courses must be HL</li> </ul>
		English SL <input type="checkbox"/> or English HL <input type="checkbox"/>	
		French SL <input type="checkbox"/> or Spanish SL <input type="checkbox"/>	
		<b>Choose one:</b> History SL <input type="checkbox"/> HL <input type="checkbox"/> Global Politics SL <input type="checkbox"/> HL <input type="checkbox"/>	
		Biology HL and Chemistry HL	
		Math HL <input type="checkbox"/> or Math SL <input type="checkbox"/>	
		Theory of Knowledge (TOK), Extended Essay (EE), Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS)	

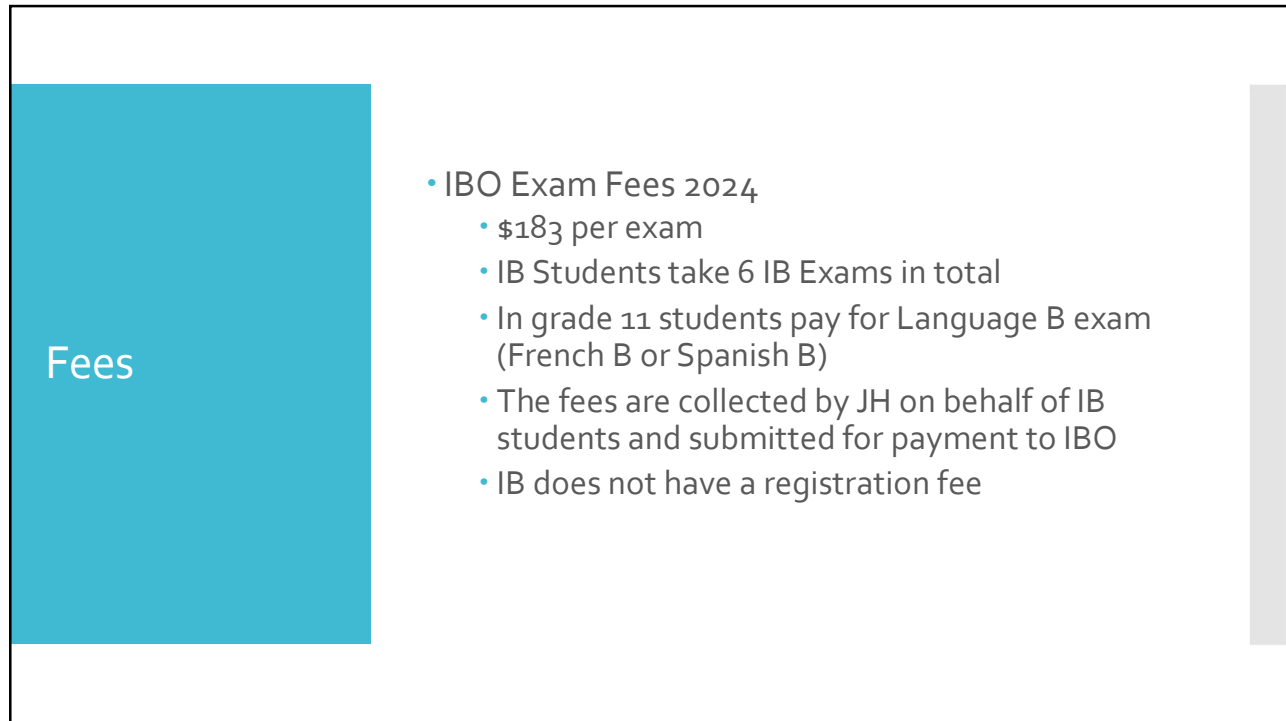
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Course Selection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are 3 pathways to choose from in our program:</li> </ul>	<b>Pathway 3</b> <b>Humanities</b> English, Fine Arts, History, Languages, Pre-Law, Business, Journalism, Political Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three courses must be SL and three courses must be HL</li> </ul>
		English HL	
		French SL <input type="checkbox"/> or Spanish SL <input type="checkbox"/>	
		<b>Choose two:</b> History HL <input type="checkbox"/> Global Politics HL <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology HL <input type="checkbox"/>	
		Biology SL	
		Math SL	
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Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Out-of-catchment students who drop the full IB Diploma Programme must return to their catchment school.</li> </ul>
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Fees

- IBO Exam Fees 2024
  - \$183 per exam
  - IB Students take 6 IB Exams in total
  - In grade 11 students pay for Language B exam (French B or Spanish B)
  - The fees are collected by JH on behalf of IB students and submitted for payment to IBO
  - IB does not have a registration fee

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JH DP Fees

- A fee of \$200 to pay for IB activities

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## Activities of our IB Program

- IB Bootcamp
  - In the Summer, here at JH!
  - Purpose: To help students get a head start in French/ Spanish and Math
  - Starts: Early July and runs for 3 weeks.
  - It's absolutely free!!

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## Activities of our IB Program

- Camping!
  - ~third week in September
  - Place to be determined
- Why camp?
  - Team building
  - CAS
  - Indigenous ways of learning/knowing
- Visiting Universities
  - SFU and UBC in the Spring of year 1

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