

# Johnston Heights Secondary School

International Baccalaureate (IB)  
Diploma Programme

## What is an IB education?

An education that provides students with a holistic, international, and inquiry-based education. It emphasizes developing globally-minded, well-rounded individuals who can thrive in a complex and interconnected world. An education that is:

### Student-Centered Learning

- Focus on inquiry, curiosity, and active engagement in learning.
- Encourages students to think critically, ask questions, and explore real-world issues.

### Global-Mindedness

- Promotes understanding and appreciation of diverse cultures and perspectives.
- Develops students as internationally-minded individuals.

### Holistic Development

- Nurtures students' intellectual, emotional, personal, and social growth.
- Encourages creativity, service, and reflection.

### Rigorous Curriculum

- Challenges students academically with an emphasis on depth of understanding and breadth of knowledge.

## Past IB DP Student Testimonials

Completing the IB Diploma Program has greatly improved my transition into first year university. In first-year engineering, students can expect to take 6 or 7 courses in their first semester, which is a difficult transition to make, even with IB. However, IB teaches you how to better manage your time as a student with a heavy academic and extracurricular load. Making mistakes earlier in your journey as a learner when you are surrounded with instructors who are concerned about your success is one of the main ways IB teaches you how to better manage your time. IB also provides you with background knowledge in a lot of first year topics which also smoothens the transition as it will not be your first time encountering those concepts. Overall, the IB DP is a great program for any student who wants to pursue a degree in university. It flattens the learning curve slightly by equipping you with soft skills such as time management and concepts you will not learn in the regular BC curriculum.

Ali Hassona, UBC Student, Faculty of Applied Science (Grad 2024)

## Past IB DP Student Testimonials

Completing the IB Diploma has been incredibly helpful for me in my first year. I'm currently at UBC in the Faculty of Science, aiming to major in Computer Science. The IB program gave me course credits for all my first-year math, chemistry, and physics courses, as well as a significant number of Philosophy credits through TOK. This has made my first-year workload much lighter and given me more time to focus on achieving a higher GPA for my specialization. It's also prepared me well for the university workload by developing my time management, critical thinking, and independent study skills. All in all, IB has made the transition to university much easier and more manageable.

Gurnek Sandhu, UBC Student, Faculty of Science (Grad 2024)

### How to Apply

Download the PDF application from our website

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/johnht/page/177052/2024-2026-ib-diploma-programme-applications>



# Admission Requirements



The criteria for admittance into the JHs IB Diploma program are:

- Surrey School District Student
- Fully completed application
- On track for successful completion of Grade 10 by June 2025
- Grade 9 final report card and attendance record
- Grade 10 Semester 1 report card (when available)
- A demonstration of passion and growth in learning.

## Fees for the IB DP Program

- The cost is \$190 per exam, we collect the fee on behalf of the IB Program
- There is a one time \$200 activity fee we collect to pay for activities during the program. The fee goes towards camping, SFU/UBC fieldtrips and an DP hoodie.

# IB DP Courses Offered



The curriculum is organized into the following components:

- Five Subject Groups (below)  
Students choose one subject from each of the five groups, ensuring a broad and balanced education. A sixth course is chosen from either Individuals & Society or Experimental Sciences. Three courses are at **Higher Level (HL)**, three are at **Standard Level (SL)**.

Language & Literature

- SL and HL

Language acquisition

- French B SL
- Spanish B SL

Individuals & Societies

- Global Politics SL and HL
- History SL and HL
- Psychology HL

Experimental Sciences

- Biology SL and HL
- Chemistry SL and HL
- Computer Science HL
- Physics HL

Mathematics

- Analysis and Approaches SL and HL

# The Core Courses



Mandatory components of the DP Program.

**Extended essay (EE) requires students to engage in independent research** through an in-depth study of a question relating to one of the DP subjects they are studying. The world studies EE option allows students to focus on a topic of global significance, which they examine through the lens of at least two DP subjects.

**Theory of knowledge (TOK) develops a coherent approach to learning** that unifies the academic disciplines. In this course on critical thinking, students inquire into the nature of knowing and deepen their understanding of knowledge as a human construction.

**Creativity, activity, service (CAS) emphasizes helping students to develop their own identities.** CAS complements a challenging academic programme in a holistic way, providing opportunities for self-determination, collaboration, accomplishment and enjoyment. It involves students in a range of activities alongside their academic studies.

(The Diploma Programme: Preparing students for success in higher education and to be active participants in a global society)