



# ▼ Welcome IB Diploma Class of 2028!

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# IB Orientation Session Outline



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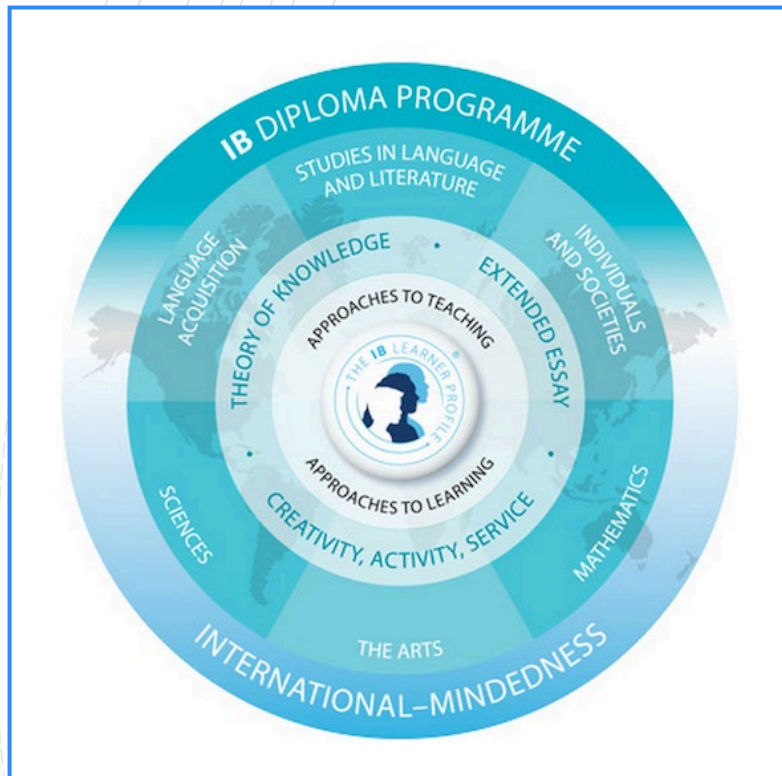
Programme Essentials



Q&A

# Your IB Schedule:

## What does the Diploma Programme curriculum contain?



The curriculum contains 6 subject groups and a core of 3 parts.

- three subjects at higher level (240 hours each).
- three subjects at standard level (150 hours each).
- all three parts of the core: TOK, Extended Essay, CAS.

**The IB Learner Profile** and the **core** are central to the philosophy of the Diploma Program.

- **Students have a full schedule of IB subjects in Grade 11 and Grade 12.**
- **There is no room for any electives other than IB Art (instead of 2<sup>nd</sup> Science or Humanities course).**
- **First school day in September there will be a mandatory, one-hour placement test based on Pre-Calculus 11 for all Math HL applicants.**

# Your IB Schedule

## Checking Your Schedule

- Surrey students will be able to check their schedules in MyEd by Aug 31.
- Out of district students will receive email invitations to the MyEd Portal.
- All students must ensure their schedules are complete.
  - 10 courses total: 4 subjects - 1<sup>st</sup> semester; 4 subjects - 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. French B 11/Spanish B 11 - 1<sup>st</sup> semester and French B 12/Spanish B 12 - 2<sup>nd</sup> semester; one block - TOK
  - 6 subjects - 3 HL and 3 SL + CAS and EE
  - Note: Self-taught students will have 1 block each semester in gr. 11.
- If you notice any issues, please email me as soon as possible.

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## **Course Selection and Changes**

- Your course selection was entered for next year based on the information you provided in your application package and changes you requested.
- You will be able to email to request course changes if necessary from now until July, and again in the last week of August.
- However, accommodating course changes once the schedule is built is not always possible as classes are often full.

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# Your IB Schedule

## **Changing Levels**

- Most, but not all, subjects are available at both higher and standard levels.
- English, History, and Biology classes are mixed SL and HL in Grade 11 year.
- Students may switch from SL to HL and vice versa between Grade 11 and 12 where both levels are offered in a given subject. However, it is only possible to switch from IB Math HL to SL.



## Understanding the Core Requirements

There are three core requirements of the IB Diploma Programme Curriculum:

- Extended Essay (EE)
- Theory of Knowledge (TOK)
- Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS)

## Understanding the Core Requirements: Extended Essay

### **The Extended Essay (EE)**

- 4,000 words
- Offers the opportunity to investigate a research question of individual interest
- Familiarizes students with the independent research and writing skills expected at university
- A one-year process beginning in February of Grade 11 and concluding the following January.
- Full guide and timeline available on our website at:  
<https://www.surreyschools.ca/semiahmoo/ib-core-requirements>



# Understanding the Core Requirements: Theory of Knowledge

## **Theory of Knowledge (TOK)**

- An interdisciplinary exploration of the nature of knowledge across disciplines.
- Encourages appreciation of other cultural perspectives.

## Understanding the Core Requirements: Theory of Knowledge

- TOK develops students' critical thinking skills which impacts all subject areas.
- One semester course scheduled in Gr. 11 followed by a supervisory process in Gr. 12.
- **Grading in TOK**
  - The TOK Presentation in Gr. 11 accounts for 33% of the IB TOK final grade.
  - The TOK essay in Gr. 12 – 66%.
  - Both components are externally assessed.
- Students must pass TOK and the Extended Essay to receive an IB diploma. If a student receives a grade of E (Elementary) for either, the diploma is not awarded.



## Understanding the Core Requirements: Creativity, Activity, and Service

### **Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS)**

- Values education outside the classroom by encouraging students to be involved in artistic pursuits, physical activity and community service.
- A two-year journey coordinated by Ms. Harrison, Mr. Yeung.

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Service

- CAS begins in September of Gr. 11 with submission of activities and reflections on Managebac on-going until April of Gr. 12.
  - Activities you are involved in now do not count for CAS hours in Gr. 11. However, you can continue being involved in what you do in Gr. 10.
- CAS coordinators guide you, check in on your progress, provide feedback on your submitted activities, and hold multiple individual meetings with you over your two years in the programme.
- Students must complete CAS to receive their IB Diploma.

## Thriving in CAS

- It is a good idea to start thinking now what you'd like to do. Find ways to volunteer. Set goals and write them down.
- CAS is not about the number of hours but about meeting the learning outcomes of the course and completing your CAS project.
- All 3 strands of CAS must be ongoing for the 18 month duration of the programme.

# Assessment in IB

## **Grading of Courses**

Diploma Programme assessment includes both final examinations and internal assessments (IAs).

- IAs are marked by subject teacher using IB criteria, and externally moderated by the IB.
- Final Examinations are externally marked by IB certified and trained examiners.

# Assessment in IB

- IB assessment is rigorous, consistent and differentiating of student ability.
- Students are marked on TREND of achievement using IB rubrics.
- The diploma is graded over 45 points
- Marks awarded for each course range from 1 (lowest) to 7 (highest). Each mark corresponds to a percentage on the BC report card.
- Further information on Diploma assessment is available on [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)

## Awarding the Diploma

- Candidate's total points must be **24** or higher.
- Must submit all IB required assignments in **all courses**.
- A minimum grade of D or higher must be awarded in both **theory of knowledge** and the **extended essay**.
- Students must achieve **12** or more points in their HL subjects and **not score less than 3** in any one course.
- Candidates must achieve **9** or more points in their SL courses with **no score lower than 2**.

**If requirements are not met the Diploma cannot be granted.**

## Awarding the Diploma

- The diploma pass rate is broadly consistent from year to year at Semiahmoo.
- Average scores at our school are significantly higher than the world average.
  - **Ex. May 2025 – 35 points (world – 30)**

# Awarding the Diploma

Universities grant credits for HL and some SL IB courses for 1<sup>st</sup> year.

## **Example: UBC**

- Bio HL – min. IB grade 6 – 8 credits
- Chem HL – min. IB grade 6 – 4 credits
- Physics HL – min. IB grade 6 – 6 credits
- Math HL – min. IB grade 6 – 6 credits
- Geography – min. grade 6 – 6 credits
- History – min. grade 5 – 6 credits
- TOK – IB grade A or B – 6 credits for Philosophy
- Visual Arts HL – min IB grade 5 – 6 credits
- And many more.
  - Full list at: <https://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/applied/first-year-credit/>

# Programme Essentials

For IB Students

# Preparing for the Programme: Grade 10 Courses

ALL grade 10 academic courses must be completed prior to joining the IB.

The course planning page of the application package clearly states the courses that must be completed to meet the graduation requirements of BC schools.

If you are missing any courses, you must sign up for summer school or online to complete them by September so there won't be any disappointments later.

**Ex. You must complete Pre-Calculus 11 before taking Math Higher Level.**

# Exam Fees

Students pay \$200 per IB Examinable course.

- Fees are due in November of the examination year
  - In gr. 11 students will pay \$200 for their French or Spanish exam.
  - In gr. 12 - \$1000 for their remaining 5 exams.
- Language A: Literature - Self-Taught students take all 6 exams in grade 12 and pay all fees in that year.
- If there is any change in fees, students and parents will be promptly notified.

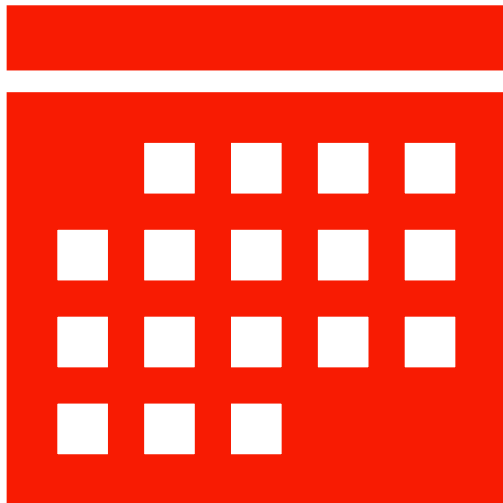
# Exam Fees

## **Refunds and other programme costs**

- After November 15<sup>th</sup> exam fees are partially refundable. If a student withdraws after this date the IB will charge us a fine. This amount will be deducted from the refund of the exam registration fee.
- After January 15<sup>th</sup>, no refund is possible.
- IB textbooks, supporting materials, labs, (everything that is necessary for students' learning) are covered by district funding.



# Student Calendar



- A calendar of assignments, major tests, field trips, deadlines etc. is posted on the website in September.
- IB deadlines are strict, and we must meet them.
- IB classes go at a much faster pace.
- There are days/weeks when students will have formal IB assessments and **must** be present. For example:
  - May Exams
  - English, French, and Spanish Orals
- **Before you book any holidays, please contact me and teachers.**

# ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

- As a university credit awarding body, IB has very high standards for authentication of student work. All students must carefully adhere to these standards to stay registered in IB courses and write IB exams.
- The IB and Semiahmoo Academic Integrity Policies are always available on our website. Please read them thoroughly in preparation for September.

# ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

- Unexcused absences during major assessments are not allowed as they confer an unfair advantage to students in contravention of the academic integrity policy.
- If a student is absent on the day of a major assessment (ex. Labs, TOK essays, IAs etc.) they must provide a note from a doctor/dentist or any other official/professional explaining their absence.

# ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

## **Online Harassment**

There is zero-tolerance for any form of online harassment or cyber-bullying between students.

Consequences include:

- Disclosure of events or withdrawal of reference letters for university applications.
- Expulsion from the programme.

# Withdrawal

**If you change your mind at any point or are unable to attend, please contact me as soon as possible and state you are withdrawing from IB.**

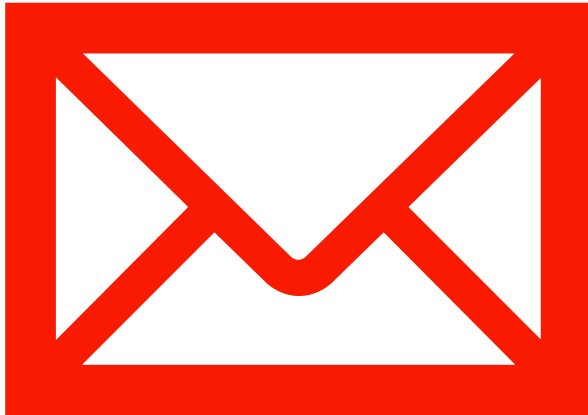
**With your notification, space can be provided to another qualified, waitlisted candidate in a timely manner.**

## Out of catchment students

**As a district programme we accept out-of-catchment students.**

**If a student drops the IB Diploma they must go back to their catchment school.**

# E-mails



- Check your email regularly.
- We must have students' and parents' correct email addresses as this is the most efficient way for me to communicate with you.
- Please email me with any questions about IB. I respond to emails faster than to phone calls.
- Download the Thunderbird Times app for school communications.

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# Questions and Answers

Thank you for joining us this evening. I wish you all the best as you prepare to join us in September!

Any questions in the meantime, contact me at:  
[loh\\_v@surreyschools.ca](mailto:loh_v@surreyschools.ca)