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Magnolia West High School IB Parent's Night



The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme



What is it?

- It is an international, cross-curriculum program that aims to help students become independent critical thinkers.
- Encompasses **Junior and Senior Year**
- Simply put, it is one of the best college preparatory programs in the world.



Quick Facts about IB

- Founded in 1968
- Around 4,000 schools
- Over 147 countries
- Over 1,239,000 students
- About 830 schools in U.S.
- Less than 60 public high schools in Texas have IB



The IB Diploma Core

- Completion of Six IB subjects
 - English
 - Foreign Language
 - Science
 - Social Studies
 - Math
 - Fine Arts/Alternate
- Most courses last 2 years.



The IB Diploma Core

- Complete a course called Theory of Knowledge (TOK). This is a course that helps students with critical thinking skills.



The IB Diploma Core

- Complete the Extended Essay. This is a 4,000 word essay that the students work on with a mentor teacher.



The IB Diploma Core

- Complete CAS (Creativity, Action, Service). This is the community service portion of the program.



IB Classes – HL and SL

- Most IB courses are taught at two levels, higher level and standard level.
- Diploma students must have, at a minimum 3 HL and 3 SL courses.
- All higher level courses are two years in duration. Standard level courses typically are one year in duration but some are two.
- Though rigorous, standard level class requirements are not as strenuous as the higher level course.



To Earn the IB Diploma

- Complete Extended Essay, TOK, and CAS
- Complete Required IB Courses
- Accumulate 24 points total on six exams (scored on a 1-7 scale) including bonus points from EE and TOK



Assessment

- Some of the assessment is carried out within the school by teachers. Internally assessed coursework is moderated by the IB through requested samples of student work graded by teachers.
- External examinations form the basis of approximately 70% of the final assessment. External assessments are graded by international moderators.



Prerequisite Courses

To enter the Diploma Programme, it is mandatory students have passed all of their EOC tests. It is recommended students complete the following courses by the end of their sophomore year:

- Math: Algebra 1, PAP Geometry and PAP Algebra 2
- English: PAP English 1 and PAP English 2
- Science: PAP Biology and PAP Chemistry
- History : AP Human Geography and AP World History
- Spanish: Spanish 1, Spanish 2, and Spanish 3



IB Classes

- IB Diploma Programme students must choose one subject from groups 1-5. Students may then choose an arts subject from group 6, or a second subject from groups 1 to 5.

The Groups are as follows:

- Group 1- English
- Group 2- Foreign Language
- Group 3- Social Science
- Group 4-Science
- Group 5-Math
- Group 6- Art

- **Group 1**
- English HL

- **Group 2**
- Spanish SL

- **Group 3**
- History HL
- Psychology SL

- **Group 4**
- Biology SL/HL
- Physics SL

- **Group 5**
- Math HL
- Math Studies SL

- **Group 6**
- Visual Arts SL
- Film SL



Sample Schedule

- 8th
Algebra 1
Spanish 1

- 9th
English 1 PAP
Spanish 2
Human AP
Biology PAP
Geometry PAP
Health
Elective

- 10th
English 2 PAP
Spanish 3
World AP
Chemistry PAP
Algebra 2 PAP
Speech
Elective

- 11th
• Lang/Lit HL
• Spanish SL(Test May)
• History HL
• Biology HL
• Math SL
• Government and TOK
• Elective

- 12th
Lang /Lit HL(Test May)
Film SL(Test May)
History HL(Test May)
Biology HL(Test May)
Math SL (Test May)
TOK and Government
Elective



Admission Officers' Opinions

“IB is well known to us as **excellent preparation**. Success in an IB **programme correlates well with success at Harvard**. We are pleased to see the credential of the IB Diploma Programme on the transcript.”

*Marlyn McGrath Lewis, Assistant Dean of Admissions,
Harvard University, USA*

“The IB is a **first-rate programme**, one we are familiar with, and it **prepares students well** for a university like ours.”

Fred Hargadon, Director of Undergraduate Admissions, Princeton University



Students who earn the Diploma:

- *Higher acceptance rate into college (+22%)*
- *Higher acceptance rate into IVY league institutions (3-13%)*
- *More likely to attend college*
- *Earn higher GPAs while attending*
- *Have a higher graduation rate*



IB Acceptance Rates

University or College	IB students acceptance rate	Total population acceptance rate	IB students vs total population
Cornell University	31%	18%	+13%
Duke University	28%	16%	+12%
University of Pennsylvania	24%	14%	+10%
Yale University	18%	7%	+11%
University of Central Florida	90%	47%	+43%
Boston University	70%	58%	+12%
University of California - Los Angeles	48%	23%	+25%
University of Virginia	64%	32%	+32%
UNC Chapel Hill	63%	32%	+31%
Princeton University	16%	8%	+8%

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IB Acceptance Rates

University or college	IB students acceptance rate	Total population acceptance rate	IB students vs total population
University of Florida	82%	42%	+40%
Florida State University	92%	60%	+32%
Brown University	18%	9%	+9%
Stanford University	15%	7%	+8%
Columbia University	13%	9%	+4%
University of California - Berkeley	58%	26%	+32%
Harvard University	10%	7%	+3%
New York University	57%	30%	+27%
University of Michigan - Ann Arbor	71%	51%	+20%
University of Miami	72%	30%	+42%

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University Recognition of the IB Diploma

- Texas Universities will award a diploma graduate a minimum of 24 hours of credit (this is state law).
- If you include room and board, the IB Diploma will save you around \$17,582*.
 - *(\$21,978/30hrs=\$732 per hour*24hrs=\$17,582).
 - *This number will vary depending on the university chosen.



Graduation Plan

- House Bill 5-Has changed graduation plans.
- Most IB Diploma students will graduate under the Multidisciplinary plan.
- A student who is able to obtain a 5th credit in Math or Science will be able to graduate under the STEM plan.



AP and IB

- IB and AP receive the same weighted GPA points (dual credit courses do not).
- Students are encouraged to take AP classes and IB classes.
- Students are encouraged to take both the AP and IB tests.
- If a student does not receive the full IB Diploma, he/she can still receive college credit for individual classes taken.



Is IB right for your student?

- IB is not right for everyone.
- IB does attract certain types of students, however:
 - Those willing to think critically
 - Those willing to explore different ideas and cultures
 - Those highly motivated and self-driven
 - Those that like to be challenged



How will the IB Diploma Programme help your student?

- Time management
- Critical thinking
- Worldly perspective
- Community awareness
- Enhanced writing skills
- Independent research skills
- Better prepared for the rigors of college



Applying for the Program

- Applications are available on the Magnolia West High School website or you may pick one up from your counselor.
- After submitting your application, the IB coordinator (Jeremy Day) will be in contact with you.



Magnolia West High School is in the Candidacy Phase

- Two year approval process
- Authorization visit Fall 2015
- Receive authorization Spring 2016
- Start classes Fall 2016



Further Information

- IB website: www.ibo.org
- Magnolia West High Schools Website- The IB Diploma Programme.
- Those who desire a more in-depth understanding are encouraged to set up a meeting with the IB Diploma Coordinator.
- This slide show can also be found at the MWHS IB website.



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