

IB Diploma program



International Baccalaureate

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WHAT is the IB diploma program?

- A rigorous two-year program for 11th and 12th graders.
- Students take all their classes at the IB level, which carries a 1.2 weight (like AP) and is eligible for college placement or credit.
- In addition to individual course credits, students who successfully complete the program can achieve an IB Diploma, which is an international qualification.

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EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA **July 2014 –**
May 2015

M.S. Ed in Secondary Education—Social Studies, 3.95 GPA

Additional Certification Area: English 7-12 **January 2015**

Praxis II—English Content Knowledge

Praxis II—Social Studies Content Knowledge

College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA **September 2007 – May 2011**

B.A. in American Studies, 3.75 GPA

Concentration—History

Harrilton High School, Rosemont, PA September 2004 – June 2007

International Baccalaureate (“IB”) Diploma

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant IB Diploma Coordinator, Central High School September 2016 –
Present

- Coordinate IB admissions and subsequent course selections.

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Thank you!

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Subject : Thank you!**To** : Hockfield, Aviva <ahockfield@philasd.org>

Ms. Snyder,

I hope all is well! Thank you for the environment you have made through the IB program. I know that both my classmates and I are so grateful for all of the support that this program provides to us, and truly do not know what we would do without it. Every one of the teachers truly cares about us and conversations over the past few days have really conveyed that. Our classes have, and continue to be, so beneficial and eye-opening. I just wanted to make sure that you know how appreciative we are of both you and this program. Thank you so much!

Best,

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knowledge you gain.

What classes will they take?

- The Six Academic Areas
- Group 1: Studies in Language and Literature ("English")
- Group 2: Language Acquisition ("World Language") (3 difficulty levels)
- Group 3: Individuals and Societies ("Social Studies")
- Group 4: Mathematics (3 difficulty levels)
- Group 5: Sciences
- Group 6: The Arts
- Students are required to choose one subject from each of Groups 1-5, and a sixth class from any group.
- Three classes are taken "Higher Level" (2-years) and three are taken at "Standard Level" (1-year); all are rigorous and carry the 1.2 weight.

IB Course Offerings

Group 1: Studies in Literature

- IB English HL (required)

Group 2: Language Acquisition

- French HL/SL
- Italian SL
- Latin SL
- Mandarin SL
- Spanish HL/SL

**HL language students have an extra spot in their schedule for a non-IB elective

Group 3: Individuals and Societies

- History HL (required)
- Psychology HL/SL
- Philosophy HL/SL
- Global Politics SL
- Astronomy SL

Group 4: Sciences

- Biology HL/SL
- Chemistry SL
- Environmental Systems and Society SL
- Physics SL

Group 5: Mathematics

- Mathematics Analysis and Approaches HL (2 years/ comparable to AP Calculus AB/BC)
- Mathematics Analysis and Approaches SL (pre-calc, some calc)
- Mathematics Applications and Interpretations SL (1 year stat and pre-calc)

Group 6: The Arts

- IB Visual Arts HL
- IB Music SL

Mandatory Class= Theory of Knowledge

- Class that teaches you how to think and learn and integrates all of your other classes together.

282 Applicants

282 Applications will be released after we return from Winter Break and will be due on **Friday, February 2nd.**

60 students will be admitted from the accepted student list and the waitlist.

Applicants are assessed on 4 qualities:

1. Grades and rigor of classes (9th and 10th grade)
2. Attendance
3. 2 teachers references
4. 1-page personal statement (IB learner profile)

AP and IB: What's the same?

- Both are rigorous, college-preparatory courses
- Both culminate in assessment by a body outside the school, resulting in a score
- Both offer the opportunity to earn college credit/placement based on that score
- Both carry a 1.2 weight at Central
- The colleges I spoke to (Harvard, Penn, Swarthmore, Drexel, University of Chicago and Boston University) say they view AP courses and IB courses as equivalent

Difference in Mission

College Board Mission Statement:

- “The College Board’s mission is to connect students to college success and opportunity...committed to excellence and equity in education.”

IB Mission Statement:

- “The IB aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect...who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.”

Differences in Assessment

AP score:

- Based on one test on one day

IB score:

- Based on multiple tests over 2 days
- AND At least one project that the student works on over time
- Language A and B courses also include oral assessment

I'm interested!

- Great!
- Join this Google Classroom: **gw2ugdt**
- Contact me with questions and/or comments at

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