

IB Diploma Program

To enter the IB Diploma Program in grade 11, a student must meet the following prerequisites: English 9; English 10; Geometry; Algebra II or Algebra II/Trig; Biology; Chemistry and/or Physics; World History; Civics and Economics; and Level III of French, German, Latin, or Spanish.

Students earning the IB Diploma must successfully complete examinations in six (6) courses as well as Theory of Knowledge, the Extended Essay, and 150 hours of Creativity, Action and Service.

In grades 11 & 12, diploma students are required to take one subject from each of the six subject groups listed below plus the course, Theory of Knowledge (TOK), in 11th grade. An exception is made if the student takes a one-year IB elective or completes the IB math or Language B requirement 11th grade. These students may take fewer than 6 IB courses in 12th grade.

- * Concentrated Studies students take any three (or more) of the IB courses listed below and the exams.
- * Diploma students may test in more than six IB courses. They must choose which six courses will count toward their IB diploma in November of their senior year. The others count as extra IB certificates.
- * Diploma students must register for at least three (and not more than four) higher and three standard level courses. Students who take four high level courses take two standard level courses.
- * Diploma students may typically take one non IB elective during their junior year.
- * The one-year IB electives (6th subject) that will apply toward the diploma are IB Computer Studies (SL), IB Economics (SL), IB Environmental Systems (SL), IB Psychology (SL), and IB Philosophy (SL).
- * After meeting IB diploma requirements, IB students may also take non-IB electives from regular Myers Park offerings, including AP courses.
- * Students who will sit for the IB Math Methods or IB Math Studies exam at the end of their junior year are encouraged to ask their math teacher for his or her recommendation. For these students, the typical choices are AP Statistics and AP Calculus AB.

The six groups of subjects: (Diploma students choose at least one from each area plus TOK)

- (1.) **Language A** - IB English 11 & 12 are required higher level courses.
- (2.) **Language B**- IB French 5, IB German 5 and IB Spanish 5 are offered at the standard level. IB French 6, IB German 6 and IB Spanish 6 are offered at the higher level. IB Latin is offered only at the standard level.
- (3.) **Individuals and Societies**- IB History of the Americas (11th) and IB International History (12th) are required higher level courses.
- (4.) **Experimental Sciences**- IB Biology, IB Chemistry and IB Physics are two-year courses offered at either the higher or standard level. IB Environmental Systems is a standard level course. Because of the similarities between IB Biology and IB Environmental Systems, students may not offer both courses toward the diploma. Either course may be taken as an extra certificate.
- (5.) **Mathematics**- IB Math Studies and IB Math Methods are standard level courses. IB Math Higher Level is offered only at the higher level.
- (6.) **The Arts or an IB elective** from groups 2-5
 - Group 2- IB French SL or HL, German SL or HL, Latin SL, Spanish SL or HL
 - Group 3- IB Business and Management HL, IB Economics SL, IB Philosophy SL, IB Psychology SL or HL, IB Technology HL
 - Group 4- IB Biology SL or HL, IB Chemistry SL or HL, IB Environmental Systems SL, IB Physics SL or HL
 - Group 5- IB Computer Studies SL
 - Group 6- IB Art SL or HL, IB Theatre SL or HL